



to the members of EYP Switzerland, to the Auditors,

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 7th of April 2018, 15:00

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## Agenda

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1. Greeting and selection of the ballot counters
2. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting 2017
3. Presentation of the Annual Report
4. Report on the Regional Sessions 2017
5. Report on the National Selection Conference Lausanne 2017
6. Report on the International Forum Basel 2018
7. Presentation of the Annual Account
8. Auditors' Report and Approval of the Annual Account
9. Proposed Revision of Statutes
10. Discharge of the Board 2017
11. Election of the Board 2018.  
Positions:
  - a. President
  - b. Communication
  - c. External Affairs
  - d. Finances and Membership
  - e. International Coordination
  - f. National Coordination
  - g. National Events & Alumni Coordination
  - h. Regional Coordination
  - i. Vice-president (in addition to another portfolio)
12. Election of the Auditors 2018
13. Outlook on events 2018



- a. National Events
  - b. NSC Luzern 2018
14. Approval of the Budget 2018
15. Miscellaneous
16. Adjournment

## Attendance

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Present Board Members are	Anna Zellweger, Manon Schürch, Patricia Azevedo, Eléonore Bleeker, Andong Hu, Lars Kieni, and Yannick Weber.
Absent Board Members are	Nisso Käser is excused.
Present Auditors are	Lukas Bock and Felix Kurer.
Recorder	Lars Kieni

## Minutes

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### 1. Greeting and selection of the ballot counters

Anna Zellweger welcomes everybody and opens the Annual General Meeting 2017 at 15:10. She introduces the current Board of EYP Switzerland and reads out the agenda. There are 46 eligible members present and 24 valid proxys. There is a debate on the feasibility of proxy voting.

Mario Anderhub and Moritz Bondeli volunteer as ballot counters. The assembly approves the ballot counters with 46 votes in favour and thereby unanimously.

The ballot counters note that there are 46 members of EYP Switzerland present at the Annual General Meeting 2018, as well as 24 proxys, which means we have a total of 70 votes.

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting 2017

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting 2017 are approved by 67 members, with 3 abstentions.

### 3. Presentation of the Annual Report

Lars Kieni presents the Annual Report. It was sent to the members alongside with the invitation to the AGM.



#### **4. Report on the Regional Sessions 2017**

Manon Schürch reports that all four Regional Sessions in Basel, Bern, Geneva and Aarau have been successful. More than 300 new delegates have been reached. Manon congratulates the organisers for their success and thanks them for their work.

#### **5. Report on the National Selection Conference Lausanne 2017**

Matthias Masini, the Head-organiser of the session, gives an overview on the session. There have been 120 delegates, the session was well-funded and we received good feedback on it.

#### **6. Report on the International Forum Basel 2018**

As the forum is still ongoing, this is not an official report. Anna highlights the programme that has happened so far.

#### **7. Presentation of the Annual Account**

Andong Hu presents the annual accounting 2017. Our main source of income was the participation fees and we ended up with a profit of over CHF 25'000.-. The income was much higher than expected as the NSC Lausanne 2017 was very well funded.

#### **8. Auditors' Report and Approval of the Annual Account**

Lukas Bock and Felix Kurer present themselves and their role.

Last year, they have given 15 recommendations to the board on how to improve its working processes. Of these 15 recommendations, 1 was achieved, 5 were partly achieved and 9 were not achieved. Still, they report that they board mostly did its duties in accordance with the statutes. Financially, there was a lot of money lost due to not claimed participation fees for sessions abroad. There was a major effort by Anna, Manon and Mallorie to mitigate the damage.

There was a negligence of the treasurer, but due to a big effort by other board members, the annual accounting is complete and correct. In line with this, the auditors recommend to discharge all board members except for the treasurer. His discharge should then happen at the next AGM or EGM.

There is a request to revisit the auditing system of our organisation in order to include more checks and balances, seeing as the treasurer is also auditing all the sessions. Another request raised is to professionalise the accounting, either by better educating the treasurer or by tasking an external actor to do it. If we keep growing and having more and bigger events, we need to clarify how we can ensure a sound accounting while still remaining a voluntary-based youth organisation.



Anna thanks the auditors for their correctness and for their diligent way of working.

**The annual account 2017 is accepted with 57 in favour, 4 against, and 6 abstentions.**

## 9. Revision of the Statutes

Anna explains that Tanguy Ciccone has proposed 6 changes to our statutes. Proposals to change our statutes have to reach a 2/3 majority to be accepted. With 70 people being able to vote, the 2/3 majority is 47. The proposed changes have been sent to our members in German and French with the second invitation to the AGM.

Art. 21: Tanguy proposes that upon request by 5 members, the board would be obliged to conduct the voting at an upcoming AGM/EGM in secret

The auditors don't really see this as a problem which needs fixing. On behalf of the board, Yannick recommends the members to vote against. Furthermore, he explains that it is already common practice that we have secret voting if already one member asks for it. Tanguy explains that a practice is less binding than a binding condition in the statutes, asking the members to vote in favour.

**With 20 in favour, 43 against and 7 abstentions, this proposal is rejected.**

Art. 6 : This proposal suggests, amongst others, to exempt Head-organisers of the membership fee in the year their session takes place.

The auditors and the board recommend the voters to vote against; Tanguy recommends the members to vote in favour.

**With 2 in favour, 50 against, and 16 abstentions, this proposal is rejected.**

Art. 24: This proposal would like to delete one sentence from that clause for clarity reasons.

The auditors and the board give no recommendation, Tanguy recommends the members to vote in favour.

**With 24 votes in favour, 17 against, and 25 abstentions, this proposal is rejected.**

Art. 26: This proposal would like to delete one sentence from that clause for clarity reasons.

The auditors and the board give no recommendation as there would be no change if approved. Tanguy is in favour.

**With 23 votes in favour, 8 against, and 34 abstentions, this proposal fails.**

Art. 31: Tanguy proposes to write in our statutes that our accounting has to be done in English.

The auditors explain that it is already practice to do the accounting in English; they don't give a recommendation; the Board joins their stance. Tanguy recommends to vote in favour as he discovered Italian words in our accounting of 2016 which could have been a problem when approaching sponsors.

**With 26 votes in favour, 8 against, and 28 abstentions, this proposal fails.**



Art. 35: Tanguy proposes to have our statutes be equally legally binding in German, English, French and Italian.

The auditors recommend to vote against for practicality reasons. The board urges the members to vote against as well as this would cause a lot of uncertainty, seeing as we don't even have English and Italian translations yet. Tanguy recommends to vote in favour for egalitarian reasons.

**With 12 votes in favour, 39 against, and 12 abstentions, this proposal is rejected.**

**Thus, all proposals have failed.**

## 10. Discharge of the Board 2017

In line with the recommendation of the auditors, the AGM discharges the Board 2017 with the exception of the treasurer, Andong Hu. There are 47 votes in favour, 0 against, and 12 abstentions.

**The Board of EYP Switzerland 2017 is therefore discharged with the exception of Andong Hu.**

## 11. Election of the Board 2018

After a short break, we resume the AGM. There are now 45 voters and 23 members represented by proxy. Anna Zellweger explains that we have split up one portfolio onto two new portfolios: Regional Coordination, and National Events & Alumni Coordination.

### 11.1. President

There are two candidates running for this position: Patricia Azevedo and Matthias Masini. The two candidates present themselves. There are several questions on their plans should they be elected. The voting takes place in secret.

There were 68 votes cast, There are 37 votes for Patricia, 24 for Matthias and 7 abstentions. Thus, Patricia is elected President of EYP Switzerland.

### 11.2. Communication

Jan Rufin, the only candidate for this position, presents himself. There are 60 votes in favour, 0 against, and 7 abstentions. Thus, Jan is elected Board Member on Communication.

### 11.3. External Affairs

For this position, there are two candidates: Aurel Gautschi and Nisso Käser who is unfortunately absent. Aurel introduces himself and outlines his vision. The voting takes



place in secret. There were 42 votes for Aurel, 21 for Nisso, 3 abstentions and 2 invalid votes. Thus, Aurel is elected Board Member on External Affairs.

#### **11.4. Finances & Membership**

For this position, there is one candidate: Mallorie Ashton-Lomax. She has already worked together with the auditors in the context of our annual account 2017. With 59 votes and 6 abstentions, Mallorie is elected Board Member on Finances & Membership.

#### **11.5. International Coordination**

For this position, there are two candidates: Mahaut Estier and Tanguy Ciccone. They present themselves and outline their visions. The voting takes place in secret. There were 68 votes. 41 votes were cast for Mahaut, 22 for Tanguy and 5 have abstained. Thus, Mahaut is elected International Coordinator.

#### **11.6. National Coordination**

There are two candidates for this position: Jana Bühler and Nicolas Zazzali. They present themselves. The voting takes place in secret. There have been 65 votes; Jana received 50 votes, Nicolas received 11 votes and there were 4 abstentions. Therefore, Jana is elected National Coordinator.

#### **11.7. National Events & Alumni Coordination**

There is only one candidate for this position: Camille Bertholet. She presents herself and lays out her plans. With 59 votes and 2 abstentions, Camille is elected Board Member on National Events & Alumni Coordination.

#### **11.8. National Events & Regional Structure**

The only candidate for this position is Eléonore Bleeker. She presents herself and outlines her ideas. With 6 abstentions and 64 votes in favour, Eléonore is elected Board Member on National Events.

#### **11.9. Vice-president**

There is only one candidate for Vice-president of EYP Switzerland, Eléonore Bleeker. With 53 votes in favour and 7 abstentions, Eléonore is elected Vice-president.



**The Board of EYP Switzerland for 2018 thus looks as follows:**

President: Patricia Azevedo  
Vice-president & Regional Coordination: Eléonore Bleeker  
Communication: Jan Ruflin  
External Affairs: Aurel Gautschi  
Finances & Membership: Mallorie Ashton-Lomax  
International Coordination: Mahaut Estier  
National Coordination: Jana Bühler  
National Events and Alumni Coordination: Camille Bertholet

**12. Election of the Auditors 2018**

The current auditors Lukas Bock and Felix Kurer are not running for another term. Gioia Bomatter and Lucius Miller volunteer to be the new auditors of EYP Switzerland.

**They are elected with 48 in favour and 12 abstentions.**

**13. Outlook on the activities 2018**

**14.1. National Events**

Eléonore announces that there will be Brunch on the occasion of Europe Day on 5 May. Further planned events are the summer barbecue and an Alumni Event during the NSC Luzern 2018.

**14.2. NSC Luzern 2018**

Sophie Ratcliff, one of the Head-organisers of Luzern 2018 gives an overview on the session and reminds everybody that the call for organisers is still open.

**14. Outlook on the budget of 2018**

Andong presents the budget for 2018

**The AGM approves the budget with 48 in favour, 2 against, 9 abstentions.**

**15. Miscellaneous**

Anna expresses her gratitude to all present alumni for being present and being involved in our organisation.



## 16. Adjournement

The meeting is adjourned at 19:55.

The Recorder

The President

Lars Kieni

Anna Zellweger

*13 April 2018, Basel*