

Half-Yearly General Member's Meeting 2019/2020

Date: 06/02/2020

Location: REC B1.02

Time: 15:10



1. Opening

The chair Dewi opens the meeting.

Dewi: I want to welcome all of you to our semi-annual General Members' Meeting.

After our individual presentations of how the year has been going so far, we will look at the realization and the budget. The budget needs to be approved (or not) by the Kasko.

Finally, we will have the installation of the application committee

2. Individual presentations and evaluations

Dewi, Chair

The main role I had was maintaining communication, both internal (within the board) and external with all the other association. Without good and clear communication, a board doesn't function very well. At first, communication was very rocky and could have been better but with time this became easier. We also went on a weekend away in The Hague and visited Madurodam together. We bonded as friends and board members.

I am part of the fv FMG board and I'm the secretary in the committee. I have also been part of the BoCo committee. We want people from all the associations to know each other and get along with each other therefore the committee plans nice initiatives to bring everyone together.

Finally I have also taken part in the LOS (National Sociology Congress) with Ilse. I do my best to attend all the meetings but sometimes it clashes with my schedule.

- Internationalization

It has not been always easy to mix international and Dutch students together and make international students feel welcome in the associations

Having a board member who is international helps a lot already. But the main struggle is the language spoken. When your main language is Dutch it is hard to switch to English all the time. We do however make sure that all of our events are accessible for international students.

- Evaluations

In our board it is important to evaluate our performances and to hear the opinions and feedback of other board members. It is a nice way to learn more about yourself and the way we work. We did it at the beginning of the year (in October) and then in the middle of the year and we plan to do it at the end of the year as well.

This year I also want to evaluate the committees and how the members experience being in the committees and what could be better.

Any questions?

A: No.

Ilaria, Secretary

- Internationalization

We are focusing a lot on internationalization. It helps that we have an international board member. We speak English at the events, which helps to create the right environment. I am personally trying to get closer to some international members and show them that the association is welcoming. However, I still recognize that there are still many issues but we are working on it.

- Communication and inclusion

The board speaks English as much as they can which makes me feel included. Sometimes they speak Dutch, but I don't mind too much. I do feel welcome, also with the other boards.

- Main tasks

As secretary I manage emails and also take minutes. One of my main tasks has been promotion. One of our issues is that we want members to come to our events but sometimes it is hard to reach them. Our main channel was Facebook but a lot of people don't use this social network anymore. We have moved to Instagram which has a bigger reach now and we try to make it more fun and interactive. Moreover, I update the website as much as I can, posting vacancies and pictures and we are trying to get a webshop up. In addition, I also send out the monthly newsletter which not a lot of people read, but I still puts in a lot of effort for it.

Finally, I make designs for social media and events, which was initially the task of the promotion committee, but it is logically easier if I do it myself.

- Improvements

What can be improved is the involvement of members and the feedback we receive. We are trying to ask members what they want but they don't really tell us so we're trying to come up with different and fun events for this year. In the beginning of the year the communication was a lot harder because we didn't know how to do it yet but now we have grown quite a lot.

- Study trip

I have been enjoying coordinating the study trip committee so far. I really like the members of the committee who are all working very hard and we are actually announcing the location of the trip today. We are trying to make the trip even cheaper and hope this will attract members!

- Fv-FMG congress

I have also been part of the organization of the annual interdisciplinary congress which will take place in March. We are not doing much for this right now, but my role in the committee is that of the secretary and I have been helping with general organizational aspects and promotion.

Q: how is the contact with the website makers?

A: we don't have much contact with them since we know there were a lot of issues last year.

Charlotte, Coordinator of Committees

I will reflect on what I did the past year and how the committees were. At first, it was very hard to get committee members so for some committees we started quite late with the work.

- Party committee

We have organized one event so far: the Meme Party with 4 other associations. The communication and collaboration with the other associations was not great and it didn't go well. The event was amazing but the ticket sale went quite badly.

The party committee has not done much so far, not because they don't want to but they really couldn't.

- External activities

It has organized the Christmas Dinner. We had to lower the number of people that could come. But we sold out last minute. People from the staff came as well. It was a very nice event.

- Borrel committee

At first there were 2 committee members but suddenly I had none because they just went MIA. The Halloween borrel went great with Kwak.

The New Year's borrel was quite a mess. The communication was bad because it was planned over the vacation. The questions for the pub quiz were made in Dutch so I had to translate them last minute.

Food and snacks were not as planned. In general, the event was less than planned, and less exciting than what people expected.

- Promotion committee:

The promotion schedule should be clearer.

The communication for the valentine's borrel is already better and we have a clear plan.

The promotion committee is working on a member sweater. For the member sweater, we wanted to have a design by the end of December but now we finally have it. It's a great design made by one of our members.

We also have ideas for goodies.

The committees have improved in terms of the schedule and communication. It is however hard to improve because you have to deal with a lot of people.

Q: Questions?

A: No.

Ilse, Treasurer

I have been the treasurer of SEC this past year. I enjoyed it but we had some issues along the way.

We got a new conscribo account. Last year it was quite messy. It was hard for the cash audit committee to check if everything was alright.

The budget has changed a bit from the first GMM. First, the profit from the booksale was lower than expected. We cut some costs during the introduction weekend and board

transfer. Besides that, the subsidy this year is higher than planned so we still need to decide what to do with the extra money.

Beside the treasure-related tasks, I am also the chair and coordinator of the academic activities committee. We have had some problems along the way. The first The Other Perspective event had to be canceled because we had problems with the speakers. But we rescheduled it for another date.

The committee also planned an Alumni event. We haven't evaluated that yet but it was a big success.

One of the goals: improvement for communication. The main plan was to make a group chat with both committees from SEC and Kwak. So far the collaboration has worked better than last year. But at the beginning of the year I didn't have members on the committee so Kwak had to make most of the work-

- National sociology Congress (LOS):

We decided to do the congress once every two years. There will not be a congress this year. We will make a master guide for all the sociology students but it might be more work than anticipated. It might not happen. The plan is to set a foundation for the congress of next year: theme, location.

Q: how is it going with the acquisition?

A: I'll get to that in a minute

3. Budget and realizations

Ilse goes through the budget and shows the realizations so far.

Realizations:

- The Booksale and member contribution is less than planned budget from the beginning of the year. We don't expect to hit the mark so we will have less money
- Acquisition: 0 euros so far. We contacted a few companies but we start quite late. So far no financial success.

Dewi: we had contact with TentamenTraining but they don't any training for sociology but just for Statistics. Our successors can contact them next year and get a discount and collaboration.

- Academic Activities:

The first event, the movie night, went very well. There is a lot of money left, around 200 euros. I still need to pay one bill. We are planning to spend the rest of the money to plan another movie night.

The alumni Event is not updated yet, but there is some money left that we haven't spent on it. For the study trip we only made a down payment so far.

We will have quite a lot of money left. But Ilse is not going to force spending money if we don't need to.

- Parties and Activities:

There is still some money left for theme borrels.

With the December dinner we stayed within budget.

With the first party we made a profit of 10 euros.

Finally we still have some money left for some association room events.

The rest of the events hasn't happened yet.

We stayed in budget so far so we should be fine even if the income is lower.

- Association costs

We spent some money for the webshop and transaction costs. The accounting program costs more than planned.

We went a bit over budget for the board sweaters but we will pay it ourselves. Don't worry.

There is also some money left from the constitutionborrel (CoBo).

I might take money from the buffer for the things in red but maybe not.

Q: Questions on the realization?

A: No.

4. Vote round for the realizations

Raise your hand if you want to vote the realization in.

By 100%, the realizations are now approved.

5. Installation of the application committee (SOCO)

The application committee is in charge of finding the successor board members for the year 2020-21. The committee is made up of one external member, one old board member and two current board members:

- Dewi & Ilse
- Tanisha, old chair of SEC. Unfortunately, she couldn't be here today.
- Lenrine (study coordinator from Comenius)

Dewi: we now need to vote in the application committee.

By 100%, the application committee is now installed.

6. Any other business & Questions

Dewi: Does anyone have any questions?

A: No.

7. Closing 15:42

Dewi: thank you all for coming!