

**Protocol of the general assembly 2019 of the Swiss Sociological Association SSA  
11. September 2019, from 12.40 to 13.45 (at the SSA congress “The future of work” at  
University of Neuchâtel)**

**Members present during the meeting:** Rainer Diaz-Bone (SSA board member, president), Ben Jann (SSA board member, vice president/treasurer), Jörg Rössel (SSA board member), Muriel Surdez (SSA board member), Christian Suter (SSA board member), Peter Farago (revisor), Peter Voll (revisor), Philip Balsiger, Sandro Cattacin, Milena Chimienti, Franziska Dörig, Florian Elliker, Jacques-Antoine Gauthier, Regula Julia Leemann, Nicky Le Feuvre, Christoph Maeder, Mihaela Nedelcu, David Pichonnaz, Marlyne Sahakian, Sebastian Schief, Leen Vandecasteele, Sébastien Vincent

**AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of agenda
2. Protocol of last general assembly
3. Report
  - a. President
  - b. Events
4. Accounting 2018 and budget 2020
5. Discharge of SSA board
6. Change of statutes
7. Election of SSA board and president
8. Report of Swiss Journal of Sociology
9. Report of Seismo Publisher
10. Varia

**1. Acceptance of agenda**

Unanimously agreed.

**2. Minutes of last GA**

Unanimously agreed.

**3. Report**

a. President

*Secretary:* the management and hosting of the SSA secretariat by the publisher *Seismo* is now effective in many regards. The SSA board welcomes this news with satisfaction as it is anticipated that a permanent secretariat will limit financial costs and avoid the loss of information due to the change of secretariat related to the turnover of presidency. Also, the production of the newsletter for events is done by Seismo.

*SSA-archive:*

The taskforce for archives has started its work: its first task is to assess what does exist and a decision on what should be gathered has been made. Seismo host a part of the SSA-archive at the moment on what is stored but the aim is to put in place later a systematic storage by an institution specialized in such matter.

b. Events: Rainer Diaz-Bone informs about application grant from ASHS are sent to the applicants. It is the “8. Schweizer Methodenfestival” and the conferences “heterogeneity and inequality”, “Visuality, language and knowledge”.

#### **4. Accounting 2018 and budget 2020**

##### *Accounting 2018*

Last time the accounting was done by Catherine Marin. It will be from now on done by Seismo. Peter Voll and Peter Farago have accepted to act as the SSA account auditors until 2020. See file with their confirmation of correctness for accounting in 2018 in the invitation. The assembly and the SSA thank them for their investment.

The president presents the state of the finance and highlights that the SSA spends more money than it gets. A discussion is raised on which strategy should be adopted to decrease the deficit either by increasing the registration fee or by decreasing spending? The SSA board decided on reducing the costs for the journal.

Main income of SSA is due to membership fees. The SSA currently counts round about 500 members and 20 institutional members. This number of memberships seems to be stable overtime. Some additional costs are anticipated with the relocation of the archive.

*Budget planning 2020:* see document in the invitation.

Deficit anticipated because of time delay (money received one year later).

The Journal represents the main cost. The SSA board aims to reduce this cost.

#### **5. Discharge of SSA board:** agreed with unanimity

#### **6. Changes of the statutes: two proposed changes**

Discussion on:

- To which number should we limit the board
- The possibility to have substitute who will attend the meeting without voting.

Decisions:

- To dismiss the idea of an additional board: agreed with one rejection
- To dismiss the limitation of the number of members in the board (so far limited to 8 members): agreed with five abstentions

#### **7. SSA board 2020-2021:**

Regula Julia Leemann and Christoph Maeder accepted to proceed the election. The following composition of SSA board for 2020-2021 is agreed by the majority.

In favor: 14

Rejection: 0

Abstention: 1 and members to be elected as SSA member

1. Felix Bühlmann (Lausanne), journal editor
2. Milena Chimienti (Geneva)
3. Rainer Diaz-Bone (Lucerne), president
4. Oliver Nachtwey (Basel), treasurer
5. Jörg Rössel (Zurich)
6. Marlyne Sahakian (Geneva)
7. Muriel Surdez (Fribourg)
8. Christian Suter (Neuchâtel)
9. Leen Vandecasteele (Lausanne)

Thanks to former members: the president thanks Ben Jann, who has contributed as vice-president and treasurer and will end his engagement in the SSA board at the end of 2019.

## **8. Report of the Swiss Journal of Sociology**

Felix Bühlmann will finish his responsibility as main editor of the Journal at the end of 2020. The board is grateful to him for the work he has invested. The SSA board will have to elect the new chief editor who will have the task to deal the becoming of the Journal as an entirely E-Journal. More detailed information should be provided in the first SSA-bulletin of 2020.

## **9. Report of Seismo**

Franziska Dörig (director of Seismo publisher) informs the assembly about Seismo state. Seismo was created 30 years ago which as celebrated on Monday 9 Sept. The administrative board has not changed. Sociology is still the main discipline. Religious studies has risen an interest on Seismo after a presentation at University of Lucerne. Two anthologies are in production. Hopefully, Seismo will publish the anthology of the 2019 SSA congress on “The future of work”. Open Access is funded so far by SNF but new funding need to be found. Printed version should continue despite open access. Currently Seismo has collaborations with two small editors and such collaboration provide useful support.

## **10. Varia**

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