

Annual General Meeting EXARC 2023

Held online, by e-mail: 1 - 19 April 2023

Votes by: Channa Cohen Stuart (NL), Marion Fjelde Larsen, Lofotr (NO), Éva Halbrucker (BE), Svenja Fabian (NL), Ursina Zweifel, Zug Museum (CH), Aija Héloïse Pince (LV), Neil Peterson (CA), Yuri Gabrov, Moscow Ethnographic Society (RU), Maura Stefani, Livelet (IT), Annemarie Pothaar (NL), Roeland Paardekooper (DK), Silje Bentsen (NO)

Opening

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2023 took place by email.

Peter Inker, EXARC Chair, announced the Online Annual General Meeting on March 11, 2023, sending notes and documents to all EXARC members explaining the AGM would start 3 weeks later on April 1, 2023.

Members of EXARC were requested to send their comments and questions before April 4. The replies were noted and suggested decisions were put up for voting in an email to all members, dated April 5, 2023. 12 Members voted until April 19, 2023. This led to decisions. The full process is reported in these minutes.

It is established that the AGM can take decisions. It is verified that the meeting was called early enough. The agenda of the meeting follows the usual agenda. No new points were brought forward to be included in the agenda.

1. Annual and Financial Report of the Previous Year

We refer to the document with the short report of 2022

<https://exarc.net/sites/default/files/EXARC-Year-Report-in-words-2022-v2.pdf>

Please see also the report from our accountant for more details on the finances of 2022:

<https://exarc.net/sites/default/files/23412889-ABAB-Definitief-financieel-verslag-2022-signed.pdf>

2. Auditors' Report on the Previous Year's Finances

The auditors are Anita Radini & Andrea Mariani. Please see their statement:

<https://exarc.net/sites/default/files/2023-03-09-Auditors-statement-EXARC-2022-ARadini.pdf>

Please Note: Andrea Mariani has been severely ill over a longer period and was not able to check the books.

There were no remarks on the annual and financial reports of the previous year (2022).

DECISION 1: Following the auditor's report on the previous year's finances, the suggestion is to accept the account of 2022 and release the Board. This means that Caroline Jeffra and Thit Birk Petersen will hereby leave the EXARC Board. We thank them for their work for EXARC. This decision was accepted by all who voted.

3. Appointing new Board Members

The full board can be found here: <https://exarc.net/about-us/board>

Caroline Jeffra spent three years on the board and three years as Auditor and will leave now.

That counts as well for Thit Birk Petersen who was on the board for the past two years. We thank both for their commitment.

Annemarie Pothaar has finished her term but would like to go for re-election. Her commitment over the past few years was huge, and we would like to call on her expertise in the years to come.

DECISION 2: The suggestion is to re-elect Annemarie Pothaar into the EXARC Board.
This decision was accepted by all who voted.

4. **Appointing new Auditors**

Anita Radini will continue her work as auditor. Andrea Mariani has completed his time as auditor and we found Silje Evjenth Bentsen as a candidate to replace him.

DECISION 3: The suggestion is to elect Silje Evjenth Bentsen as second auditor.
This decision was accepted by all who voted.

5. **Presentation of the Plan and the Budget for the Forthcoming Year**

We refer to the PDF of the PowerPoint about the 2023 Prospect and Financial Plan:

<https://exarc.net/sites/default/files/2023-EXARC-prospects-v2.pdf>

DECISION 4: The suggestion is that the AGM accepts both the plan and the budget for the forthcoming year.

This decision was accepted by all who voted.

6. **Amendment of the Bylaws**

The Board suggests adding the following paragraph to the bylaws, under the rules for the Annual General Meeting. It now says: "6.2.3 *Vacant position(s) on the Board as well as a call for candidates for these positions will be clearly addressed in the convocation for the meeting of members.*"

Suggestion is to add the following: "... *following upon this, all members in good standing can apply as candidate until at least seven days before the start of the meeting of members. These candidates will then be presented to the full membership before the start of the meeting.*"

By adding this line, the full membership will be informed on all candidates, and everybody can choose to exercise their right to vote.

DECISION 5: The suggestion is that the AGM accepts the suggestion.

This decision was accepted by all who voted.

7. **Any Other Business**

Apart from positive feedback about our work as the team, we have not received anything from our members. There were no new points brought in for any other business.

8. **Closing**

Peter Inker closed the Annual General Meeting on April 19, 2023.