



One Step Ahead ry
Autumn Annual General Meeting
Groudon, Leppäsuonkatu 11, 1st floor
15.11.2022

Time: 18.00

Mode of the meeting: Hybrid

Attendees:

Name	Present through sections
Jamie Lee	1-10
Aparna Shakkarwar	1-10
Naike Gorr	1-10
Laura Ramula	1-10
Tommi Mäki	1-10
Samantha Potts	1-10
Elena Liikanen	1-10
Actual Members	
Cin Liu (Nini)	1-10
Iina hyypä	1-10
Beñat Etxeberria Illarregi	1-10
Alex Shapero	1-10
Marta Rodriguez Molína	1-10
Asiyeh Younesi Asl	1 – 7
Seda Altunbay	1 – 7
Cristina Valle de Vicente	1-10
Jorina Sendel	1-10
Ana Esther Camargo	1-10
Xiaoge zhao	1-10
Pablo Flores	1-10
Emilia Scheffer	1-10
Natalia Stalchenko	1-7
Sini member	5-10
Ayu Maghfurroh	1-7
Birgitta Mölder	5-10
Afsheen Ahmed	1-10

Non-members	

1§. Opening the board meeting

Proposal: The chairperson shall open the meeting.

Decision: The chairperson opened the meeting at 18.11

2§. Selecting the Chair, Secretary, 2 Vote Counters and 2 Examiners of the Minutes

Decision:

Chair: Jamie

Vote counters: Aparna, Sam

Examiners of minutes: Naike and Laura

3§. Declaring the meeting legal

A meeting of the board is legal when it has been called in the way decided by the board and when at least half of the board members are present, including the chairperson, or if the chairperson is unavailable, the vice-chairperson.

Proposal: Adopt the agenda as it is presented.

Decision: According to the proposal.

4§. Approving the agenda

Decision: The agenda is approved.

5§. Election of the 2023 Board

Jamie explains that there are some positions that need to be filled for the board to exist. Jamie initiates a conversation where the Chair's role was discussed.

Seda explains it is difficult to figure out how to lead the association if people are not provided information on how to do it.

Aparna adds the point that the old board helps out with the transition and the new board is not left alone to figure out everything.

Seda tells she considers running as a chair based on the discussion.

Alex says he considers it too.

Natalia adds to the description of the position of the chair that they are the person who signs off the organizations and is the responsible person. Events are created together. Natalia highlights the main responsibility to be the lead of the association

Christina explains that not knowing what a certain role entails is the reason why some people are scared of dedicating themselves to a role

Elena asks whether giving out examples would help – this was agreed on.

Laura explains that outside her role she got to organize “sitsit” and how she was managing her position as a social media manager.

Sam explains how filling in templates is a big part of her role.

Ana asks whether the board has meetings where we sit together and plan ahead or just go with the flow.

Jamie explains about Tahlo application that is an action plan with strategy for the entire year – then we get allocated funding for the whole year.

Natalia continues from what Jamie explained: there are two main meetings, meeting to write the application, one more meeting for writing up the summary of the year. You already have the templates. There is no necessity to have other meetings than these.

Aparna explains that the 2022 board had a meeting every two to three weeks

Jamie shows examples of the action plan

Elena explains her tasks as the secretary

Christina asks if the vice chair could be a secretary

Aparna suggests it would be too much work for one person

Natalia and Laura gave examples of how the tasks could be divided to different roles

Seda point out that the decision making power should be diluted.

Jamie and Aparna explain: having two roles would not mean the person would have more votes

Tommi adds that vice chair does not need to exist at all, you need secretary, treasurer and chair – rest you can decide. He further reassures the future board about money decisions as we all are responsible for money, the previous board would be assisting with this.

Cin asks whether you do this role if you cannot speak Finnish

Tommi explains we can choose a bank that uses English

Natalia adds that she has made instructions for transfers in English

Jamie explains of past trouble of them not answering if we speak English – might need assistance with calls.

Tommi adds that it’s also possible to change banks

Aparna adds that OP for example has English service

Naike explains her role as the Events Manager

Christina asks Naïke what she you wishes had been different during her role.

Naïke explains that she wishes she had had the connections established already and more knowledge of the websites with free venues

Christina continues by asking about Naïke's workload

Naïke answers that having more people work on events would have been good.

Aparna highlights the fact that Naïke did many events, the new board can decide the amount of events as they wish

Benat asks how everything works from beginning to an end --- to a ready event

Jamie reminds that OSA does not need to be an events based association, there could be initiatives outside university or blog for example.

Naïke explains that student advocacy work is something that the program seems to need, something to consider for the future board

Christina wonders if OSA can do more things while not affecting the amount of events – maybe they could redesign the way OSAs events work – volunteers for example

Aparna gives out the example of the Educathon board where volunteers were helping out

Laura gives out another example about sitsit organised together with another student organisations as we wanted to do all these events at the same time of the year

Naïke adds that its also possible to just inform OSA members of events held by other associations.

Pablo suggests that applications for board should be done first and then thinking about the positions would make sense.

Tommi says he is excited to see that there are so many great ideas for how the future board can function.

An unofficial discussion starts between the potential members of the new board – to figure out which positions they would each like to apply for

After 10 minutes Jamie asks which position people would like to run for

Nini would like to run for students advocate

Alex would like to run for Chair

Afsheen would like to run for editor in Chief

Seda would like to run for Chair

Christina would like to run for Chair

Jorina would like to run for Chair

Ana would like to run for Vice-Chair or Events

Aparna suggests that maybe vice chair can be a second events manager, as she didn't see always view herself too necessary as the Vice-Chair

Laura suggests maybe they can be combined too

Beñat suggests we should we vote on these positions

Jamie: that would be a good idea, anyone wants to apply for treasurer?

Nini, and Ilna expressed their interest

Tommi reassures people by telling how he's not sure how he could do anything wrong, if budgeting isn't your skill yet, its something that will help you wherever

Ilna asks if it's possible to have two treasurers

Aparna thinks it's not necessary, because there is more work in other roles.

No one is interested in Social Media Manager, so Laura suggests maybe events and social media could combined and shared between two people.

Beñat wonders if the role of Events Manager would get even tougher

Naike explains that probably not with two people doing it together

Christina asks if there can only be 8 people who can belong to the board

Aparna says yes, but there can also be officials

Christina asks if the officials can vote

Aparna explains that it depends on how OSA does things, are the meetings open, and that generally all members can vote in meetings.

Jamie moves on to selecting Chair from the people who want to apply so that the people can apply for another position

5.1. Election of the 2023 Chairperson

Alex, Seda, Christina and Jorina run for the chair

Alex got the majority of the votes in an anonymous vote by 11 votes

Alex won by 11 votes

Decision: Alex is elected as the Chairperson

5.2. Election of the 2023 Vice-Chairperson

Jamie suggests one vice chair and 2 events managers to accommodate OSAs needs

Ana runs for Vice chair (with the idea that she will be helping out with events with Jorina and Christina)

Unanimous vote

Decision: Ana elected as the Vice-Chairperson

5.3. Election of the 2023 Secretary

Pablo runs for secretary

Unanimous vote

Decision: Pablo elected as the Secretary

5.4. Election of the 2023 Treasurer

lina runs for treasurer

Unanimous vote

Decision: lina elected as the Treasurer

5.5. Election of the 2023 Events Manager(s)

Jorina and Christina run for the role together as per the discussion earlier

Both were chosen unanimously

Decision: Jorina and Christina were elected as the Event Managers

5.6. Election of the 2023 Social Media Manager

Nobody ran for this role

5.7. Election of the 2023 Editor in Chief

Afsheen runs for Editor in Chief

Unanimous vote

Decision: Afsheen elected as the Editor in Chief

5.8. Election of the 2023 Student's Advocate

Nini runs for Student Advocate

Unanimous vote

Decision: Nini elected as the Student's Advocate

6§. Election of Operations Inspectors for 2023

Tommi and Ayu elected as operations inspectors for 2023

7§. Annual Plan and Budget Plan for 2023

Motion: Vote to postpone

Vote was unanimous

Decision: Voted to postpone

7.1§ Proposal to postpone this section of the agenda for the Spring General Meeting

Motion: Vote to postpone

Vote was unanimous

Decision: Voted to postpone

7.2§ Suggestions from the 2022 Board

All the members of the 2022 board gave their suggestions and congratulations to the new board

8§. Other business

Nothing to discuss

9§ Next meeting

To be decided in WhatsApp

10§ Closing of the meeting

The chairperson closes the meeting. 19.59

Helsinki, Monday 15.11.2022

Chairperson: *Jamie Lee*

Examiner of minutes 1: *Laura Rymusa*

Examiner of minutes 2: *Naiko Gorr*

Secretary: *Elena Liikanen*