

Decision memorandum

Swissphotonics General Assembly 2021

Basel, 28th of October 2021

This meeting minutes are based on the presentation of Christoph Harder & Christian Bosshard and will contain the decisions made by the General Assembly.

Meeting Location and Time:

University of Basel, Biozentrum, 28th of October 2021, 11:00-12:00

Attendance:

24 people in presence + 13 people by Zoom attended the GA.

Distribution:

Board, Swissphotonics Webpage

1. Agenda of the GA 2021:

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| 1. Welcome, Agenda | | |
| 2. Election of the scrutineers and scribe | Election | |
| 3. Minutes of the GA of December 14, 2020 (online) | Approval | |
| 4. Activity report for Year 2021 | Information / Discussion | |
| 5. Annual accounts 2020 | Information / Approval | |
| 6. Status Accounts 2021 | Information | |
| 7. Acceptance of audit report | Approval | |
| 8. Budget 2022 | Discussion / Approval | |
| 9. Bylaws | Discussion / Approval | |
| 10. Discharge of the board members | Discussion / Approval | |
| 11. (Re)election of the board members | Discussion / Approval | |
| 12. Future of Swissphotonics | Discussion / Approval | |
| 13. Motions/amendments of the members
(to be sent in before October 14, 2021) | Discussion/ | Approval |
| 14. Varia | | |

2. Election of the scrutineers and scribe:

Scrutineers/Stimmzähler in presence: Jürgen Söchtig, GMP

- Vote: Approval: 67.6%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 32.4%

Scrutineers/Stimmzähler in presence: Pierre-Yves Fonjollaz, EPFL

- Vote: Approval: 67.6%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 32.4%

Scrutineers/Stimmzähler at Zoom: Olivia Müller

- Vote: Approval: 100%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 0%

Scribe/Protokollführer in presence: Josef Stirnimann

- Vote: Approval: 75.7%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 24.3%

3. Minutes of the GA of December 14, 2020:

- Vote: Approval: 81.1%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 18.9%

4. Activity report for Year 2020

Christian Bosshard presented the recommendations from the advisory board, the output of Swissphotonics as a NTN in 2020 and the cooperation with brother organisations. 10 new industrial members joined Swissphotonics in 2021. The number of research members decreased slightly. New Activities: Weekly photonic lunch chats on Tuesday noon and Yoga sessions on Thursday morning.

Swissphotonics is involved in 3 european projects and member in 8 organisations.

There is not yet an award for a master thesis at ETHZ but it's planned. In principal also an award for an UAS master thesis would be possible if it could be financed.

5. Annual accounts 2020

Christoph Harder showed the annual accounts from 2020

6. Status Accounts 2021

The status accounts 2021 was presented by Christoph Harder.

7. Acceptance of audit report

The annual accounts 2020 were audited by Price Waterhouse, Excent and by the auditor of the association, Prof. Wegener (obtained 20220520) and found to be ok. No comments by the plenum

- Vote: Approval: 73%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 27%

8. Budget 2022

Vote for enhanced membership fee

- Vote: Approval: 16%, Disapproval: 48.6%, Abstention: 35%

Vote for Budget 2022

- Vote: Approval: 73%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 27%

Comments:

Paid workshops viable? We want free workshops to bring in more people and also to allow zoom participants.

Should this be voted on with all members? No. The GA resolution is sufficient.

9. Bylaws

Major changes are:

- Translated to English
- Rename: Verein Schweizer Laser und Photonik Netz -> Swissphotonics
- Update goals of Swissphotonics
- Remove limit of number of board members

The new bylaws were reviewed by E. Blum & Co. AG

Vote for the changes in the bylaws

- Vote: Approval: 75.7%, Disapproval: 2.7%, Abstention: 21.6%

10. Discharge of the board members

Due to the correct bookkeeping in the association year 2020 the board was discharged and the whole board was re-elected by the following result:

- Vote: Approval: 100%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 0%

11. (Re)election of the board members

Departure from the Executive Board:

- Gabriel Dumitru &
- Kurt Weingarten, who will change in the advisory board.

Departure from Advisory board: Thomas Hessler, who will change to the board

Their extensive, for Swissphotonics significant achievements were well thanked with applause.

New members in the board:

- Vote for Claudia Hössbacher: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%
- Vote for Kirsten Moselund: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%
- Vote for Thomas Hessler: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%
- Vote for Ronald Holtz: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%

New members of Advisory Board:

- Vote for Reinhard Völkel: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%
- Vote for Sandra Jenatsch: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%
- Vote for Kurt Weingarten: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%
- Vote for Gian-Luca Bona: Approval: 81%, Disapproval: 0%, Abstention: 19%

Welcome all on the boards!

12. Future of Swissphotonics

With the many activities already carried out and the new ones planned, the networking events, eight academic labs and many workshops, Swissphotonics will continue to shape the photonics scene in Switzerland and represent its interests in Swiss and European organizations.

13. Motions/amendments of the members

No motions were submitted in time (close was October 14, 2021)

14. Varia

No comments from the audience

Signatures for the protocol



Dr. Christoph Harder President Swissphotonics



Dr. Christian Bosshard
Board member, CEO Swissphotonics