

Berne, 7th of November 2019

Minutes of the Members Assembly 2019

Present are: Claudia d'Andrea, Dominique Grisard, Katharina Pelzelmayr, Martine Schaer, Lea Küng, Marylène Lieber, Annelise Erismann, Fleur Weibel, Nathalie Amstutz, Janine Dahinden, Matthias Luterbach and Sarah Schneider (secretary).

Entitled to vote: 10; Absolute majority: 6 votes

Minutes: Sarah Schneider

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1. Welcome and introduction
2. Approval of the meeting agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Members Assembly
4. Report on our activities in 2018
5. Review of our activities in 2019
6. Report of the cashier on our annual accounts 2018
7. Report of the auditors on our annual accounts 2018
8. Vote on our annual accounts 2018
9. Budget 2020: Presentation and vote
10. Outlook on our Activities in 2020
11. Miscellaneous

1. Welcome and Introduction

President Janine Dahinden welcomes the attending members to the 2019 General Assembly of the Swiss Association for Gender Studies SGGF/SSEG.

2. Approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting agenda at hand is approved.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Members Assembly 2017

The Minutes of the General Members Assembly 2018 are unanimously approved.

4. Report on our activities in 2018

Janine Dahinden presents the progress report of 2018. The report mentions the March 2018 conference in St. Gallen „Zeitdiagnose Männlichkeiten“ that was organized by the work group TransforMen in cooperation with the SGGF/SSEG. During the 2018 members assembly on November 9 the SGGF/SSEG held a panel discussion in Berne with the title „(Feminist) identity politics today - potentials and dilemmas“.

The SGGF/SSEG had 232 members by December 31, 2018.

5. Review of our activities in 2019

Janine Dahinden reviews our activities in 2019 and points out that the SGGF/SSEG has 15 board members, is representing 7 Universities, two language regions and a wide range of disciplines and positions.

In 2019, the SGGF/SSEG clearly defined its goals for the coming years:

- Promoting gender studies and their long-term institutionalization at Swiss universities and in research
- Representing the interests of gender studies at universities, in decision-making bodies at universities, in other research institutions, in education politics
- Promoting exchange and cooperation between academics in the field of gender studies (both locally and internationally)
- Offering expert knowledge for the public
- Representing Switzerland in international scientific societies and research organizations in the field of gender studies

During the first board meeting of 2019, the following strategies to reach our goals were defined:

- Visibility
- Networking
- Institutionalization/anchorage of Gender Studies
- Collaborations between the language regions

Since 2019, the SGGF/SSEG can be found on Facebook and Twitter (links on our website) and will regularly be sending a newsletter to the members.

On September 12/13, the SGGF/SSEG held a conference in Berne with the Title “Violent Times, Rising Protest” that was a big success. There were 23 panels, 88 presentations and two keynotes by prof. Dr. Jack Halberstram and Dr Noémi Michel. A report can be found on our website.

The 2019 Brigitte Schnegg Prize is awarded after the Members Assembly. 15 works were submitted and evaluated in a two-step procedure. The winner is Dr iur Nula Frei with her work „Menschenhandel und Asyl – Die Umsetzung der völkerrechtlichen Verpflichtungen zum Opferschutz im schweizerischen Asylverfahren“. Furthermore, the jury chose to award an honorable mention to Mathilde Schnegg for her work „Les Politiques Suisses de Contraception: Le fédéralisme à l’épreuve du genre“.

The SGGF/SSEG had 276 members by November 1, 2019.

6. Report of the cashier on our annual accounts 2018

Cashier Matthias Luterbach presents the accounts for 2018. In 2018, a profit of 7759.42 CHF was recorded. Thus, the total assets amount to 16690.08 CHF (as of 31.12.2018).

7. Report of the auditors on our annual accounts 2018

Both auditors report no discrepancies in the annual accounts for 2018 and sign off on it.

8. Vote on our annual accounts 2018

The General Members Assembly discharges the board of its responsibility and approves the annual accounts for 2018.

9. Budget 2020: Presentation and vote

Matthias Luterbach presents the budget for 2020. The budget is unanimously approved by the Members Assembly.

10. Outlook on our Activities in 2020

Janine Dahinden presents the prospective activities for 2020. The main focus for the SGGF/SSEG is to keep working on the main goals (see: 5. Review of our activities in 2019). At the date of the upcoming Members Assembly, a workshop will be held that will focus on the Swiss women's suffrage movement.

11. Miscellaneous

Fabienne Amlinger will not run as a controller in the upcoming elections during the Members Assembly 2020.

Janine Dahinden mentions, that in 2020 the SGGF/SSEG will welcome Martine Schaer as a new secretary and thanks Sarah Schneiter for her work. The office/secretariat will move to Neuchâtel effective January 1, 2020.

The date for the next General Members Assembly will be November 5, 2020. Further details will be communicated via our newsletter and social media accounts.

Janine Dahinden closes the Members Assembly and thanks all attendants.