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Minutes of the Members' Assembly 2021

Present are: Janine Dahinden, Annelise Erismann, Nathalie Amstutz, Leandra Bias, Lilian Fankhauser, Brigitte Studer, Katrin Meyer, Clotilde Faas, Kristina Schulz, Dominique Grisard, Matthias Luterbach, Fleur Weibel, Doris Wastl-Walter, Christa Binswanger, Bettina Dennerlein, Michèle Amacker, Andrea Zimmermann, Karine Duplan, Marion Schulze, Sabine Kradolfer, Seraina Wepfer, Martine Schaer (minutes).

These minutes were approved at the members' assembly on November 4, 2022.

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1. Welcome

The President, Janine Dahinden, welcomes the attending members to the 2021 Members' Assembly of the SAGS.

2. Approval of the agenda

The meeting agenda at hand is approved.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2020 members' assembly

The minutes of the 2020 Members' Assembly are approved.

4. Report on our activities in 2020 and review of our activities in 2021

Janine mentions the 2020 activity report and points out to the following with regard to 2021:

The board members represent 7 Swiss institutions, which allows the board to have an overview of what is going on in gender studies in Switzerland. Anne Lavanchy replaces Helene Martin, who was elected to the board last year but had to resign from this function.

The association currently comprises 288 members.

Nathalie Amstutz leaves the vice-presidency. Dominique Grisard replaces her in this capacity. Dominique will be in charge of chairing the editorial board for the series "Gender issues", as well as the jury committee for the Brigitte Schnegg prize in 2023.

Nathalie was very pleased to work as a vice-president and is happy to continue as a board member.

Series "Gender issues":

Janine mentions that the series had been established by Lorena Parini. The SAGS took over the editorial direction in 2020.

Since then, a first book has been published: *Zeitdiagnose Männlichkeiten Schweiz*, ed. by the working group Transformation von Männlichkeiten (Transformen). More info is available here: <https://www.seismoverlag.ch/en/daten/zeitdiagnose-mannlichkeiten-schweiz/>.

Congratulations to Matthias Luterbach and his colleagues. Matthias adds that the book vernissage will take place on November 18 in Basel and that they would be happy to see members from the SAGS joining them on this occasion.

Janine mentions two other books that are quite advanced in the process of being published in the series:

- *Violent Times, Rising Resistance: An Interdisciplinary Gender Perspective*, ed. By Dominique Grisard, Annelise Erismann and Janine Dahinden. This book follows the SAGS conference 2019.
- *Domesticités globalisées – Perspectives philippines* by Julien Debonneville, based on his PhD-thesis.

It is really nice to work with Seismo, the collaboration with them is smooth and pleasant.

There are more books in the pipeline, in different languages. But it is important to spread the word: Manuscript are welcome!

Roundtable 2021:

Last year, the SAGS organized the public roundtable "*Shared Memories of Equality Movements – an intergenerational Dialogue*". Due to the pandemic, this event was held online. It was the occasion of very nice discussions including Serena Dankwa, Ella Hautier, Elisabeth Joris, and Patricia Schulz, moderated by Dominique Grisard. The recording is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2mYNhHVHc0&feature=youtu.be>.

The Brigitte Schnegg prize 2021:

The process comprised a two-step evaluation. Twelve submissions were received and a short list of 5 candidates was established, whose work was then each read by two members of the jury.

The jury members were Nathalie Amstutz, Lilian Fankhauser, Andrea Maihofer, Katharina Pelzelmayer, Doris Wastl-Walter. Janine Dahinden chaired the jury, and at a later stage stepped out (due to a conflict of interest), handing the chair over to Doris Wastl-Walter.

The award ceremony will take place later today, after the members' assembly.

Working groups:

There are currently two working groups:

- "Affects, feelings and emotion"
- "Transformation of masculinities (Transformen)", that edited their book in the series "Gender issues"

A call has been issued for the creation of new working groups and there will be some space during the conference in November to exchange and create new working groups.

Moreover, both current working groups are welcoming new members.

To Leandra Bias's question about what working group do, Janine answers that it is really flexible and up to them to decide.

Matthias adds that over the last period of time, their working group has put all their energy into the publication of the book. They are now discussing about how to redefine their group and activities.

Christa Binswanger explains that their working group has been mostly about giving feedback to each other. She adds that this and last years, it has been a bit more difficult due to the covid situation, but they have an upcoming meeting to make plans for the future.

Upcoming SAGS conference

Katrin Meyer presents the upcoming conference.

The conference organizers are Dominique Grisard, Sabine Kradolfer, Lea Kung, Katharina Pelzelmayer, Andrea Maihofer, and her). They developed the concept for this conference which aims at opening up the question of democracy and gender.

Three keynote speakers will give talks focusing on the topic from different angles: Hoda Elsadda, Nanyala Njabola, Andrea Maihofer.

The conference comprises different panels. Many members of the SAGS are part of the panels.

The roundtable "Act! Politik, Protest, Performance" addresses the question of how we can think different ways of participating/protesting/having a dissent attitude. The roundtable, as well as Andrea Maihofer's keynote are in German. Both events will have English subtitles.

Furthermore, there is also the possibility to meet existing working groups and create new ones, on Saturday at lunchtime. And on Saturday morning, there is a time slot to "meet the SAGS", including coffee and croissants, and providing an occasion to exchange.

The art on the program is from a Ukrainian artist.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the conference. A covid-certificate is required to attend the conference.

Communication

Annelise Erismann and Fleur Weibel are in charge of PR work and communication, in collaboration with Martine Schaer.

Annelise say a few words about the Bulletin SSEG-SGGF, which has published three times a year in German and French since 2020.

In 2021, they also prepared an insert in the journal "FemWiss".

We increased our numbers on twitter and Facebook and did a few advertising activities on Facebook. Last year, it was for the roundtable. This year, it was for the Brigitte Schnegg prize and now for the conference, in order to reach out beyond our usual network.

Annelise invites members who are willing to participate in the PR work to write an email to her or Fleur. It would be nice to have more eyes, hands and ideas.

5. Cashier's report on our annual accounts 2020

Matthias, Cashier of the SAGS, presents the accounts for 2020.

In 2020, the membership amount was quite high and reached almost 15'000.- Our expenses were 7000.- for the administration and a few small items. Last year, we had the roundtable for which we received 5000.- from the SAGW and put ourselves 2000.-

It was a successful year and we did a provision for the conference 2021.

The win at the end of the year is of about 4000.- and we finished the year 2020 with a capital of more than 25'000 CHF.

6. Auditors' report on our annual accounts 2020

The reports of auditors Kristina Schulz and Beatrice Ziegler do not mention any discrepancies in the annual accounts for 2020 and sign off on it.

7. Vote on our annual accounts 2020

As there are no questions from the assembly, Janine launches online and on-site voting. With 21 yes and 1 abstention (Kristina who has audited the annual accounts 2020), the members' assembly approves the annual accounts for 2020.

8. Presentation of our budget 2022

Matthias presents the budget for 2022, which involves a small risk, but we have a solid capital. The budget 2022 includes a raise for the secretariat (11'500 from the SAGS). The money for the Brigitte Schnegg prize has been doubled (now 2000.-, meaning 1000.- each year since the prize is every two years), and there is now money budgeted for the working groups (3x 500.-). The board has approved this budget earlier today.

9. Vote on our budget 2022

Janine launches online and on-site voting. The budget is unanimously approved by the Members' Assembly.

10. Outlook on our activities in 2022

Roundtable 2022

Bettina Dennerlein is in charge of organizing the roundtable 2022 together with Sébastien Chauvin. They are planning to have people from different backgrounds, well informed and/or activists in ecofeminism. It will be an online-only format. The date is not yet clear. They will find a time slot that works for everyone across the planet. The members will be kept informed about the date and other aspects.

11. Change in the Vice-Presidency

This point has been addressed earlier, see point 4 above.

12. Miscellaneous

Janine asks members if they have any inputs with regard to topical issues that the SAGS could be involved with, or with regard to the recent call for the PNR 80 – Covid-19 and society. Do members have ideas for the submission of projects?

Leandra asks about international politics and the possibility of becoming a member of CCPR.

Janine answers that in her view the primary aim of the SAGS is to connect the different language regions of Switzerland, and that our efforts are very much invested into this direction. Nathalie adds that it is good idea in principle and mentions that the SAGS is part of KEG, as mentioned by Michèle during the board meeting. Yet we have limited resources and are struggling with our networking. Annelise adds that we are also members of RINGS. Bettina says that any initiative at internationalization is most welcome.

With regards to the point about project submission, Christa mentions that it is a concern that there is little coordination about solutions with regard to covid in universities.

Janine adds that the task force asked us for a review, but they do not seem to publish papers from the social sciences currently. Yet, it is striking how much inequalities have increased in the context of covid. If there are ideas, even if only embryonal, they are welcome. The call has been open, submissions are due on January 24.

Michèle say that they do not know yet if they submit something or not, but they would like to.

Janine closes the Members' Assembly and thanks all attendants.

The date for the next Members' Assembly is Friday November 4, 2022 at 16:30.