

# Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of Wikimedia CH

Saturday, 15 March 2008 Buffet de la Gare, Lausanne

Attendance register (26 attendants):

Nom/Name	Prénom/Vorname	Lieu/Ort	Membre/Mitglied
Ben Abdallah	Mourad	Genève	
Bimmler	Michael	Küsnacht	X
Cassina	Mauro	Lugano-Cureggia	X
Emsenhuber	Alexandre	St-Blaise	
Engelhart	Emmanuel	Zürich	X
Geay	Emmanuel	Genève	
Hosang	Gion	Chur	X
Kenel	Patrick	Fribourg	X
Ludwig	Wolf	Neuchâtel	X
Marjanovic	Petar	Walenstadt	X
Mongenot	Marc	Bière	X
Péron	Ludovic	Fribourg	
Ray	Nicolas	Nyon	X
Rousseva	Laurence	Saillon	
Schertzer	Fanny	Fribourg	
Schneider	Manuel	Steinen (D)	X
Schütz	Frédéric	Ecublens	X
Schwab	Heidi	Busswil	X
Schwab	Robin	Zürich	X
Seidl	Christian	Zürich	X
Spring	Yannick	Reconvilier	X
Stöcklin	Nando	Vordemwald	X
Studer	Jürg	Zürich	X
Thurner	Rupert	Zürich	X
Valdelli	Ilario	Lugano	X
Wilde	Annette	Kaiserslautern (D)	
			<b>Total: 19</b>

## 1. Introduction

President Michael Bimmler opens the assembly at 14:20. He proposes English as principal language but declares that anybody is free to give a statement in German or French. Petar Marjanovic becomes nominated as vote counter, Patrick Kenel takes the minutes.

The Agenda as well as the minutes of the General Assembly on the 24 June 2007 are approved.

## 2. Reports

### 2.1 Annual general report of the board

Michael reads the Annual Report that has been handed to everybody. It summarizes the main activities of the past year, the two projects of the current year and features a Press Review. Michael ends the report by expressing his gratitude to all persons involved for a truly outstanding year 2007.

## **2.2 Annual financial report of the board**

Robin, the new treasurer, presents the annual financial report and the budget. After the balance, he passes to the rendering of accounts. There appears to have been a significant increase of donations, the biggest income item. The surplus of income will be given to the free reserves. Wikimedia CH recently introduced the accounting standard Swiss GAAP FER. After a short performance report, Robin presents the budget 2008, to which he mostly adapted last year's figures.

## **2.3 Report and recommendation of the auditors**

Patrick who checked the book-keeping together with Jürg Studer reads his report. He recommends to approve the annual financial report and to discharge the committee.

## **3. Discharges and approval of the reports**

Before heading to the first vote, the president asks the attending non-members to raise their hands and to possibly pass the membership formalities. Nobody shows interest, so the number of members entitled to vote remains at 19. The discharges for the board and the auditors are approved of one voice, but with two abstentions as well as was the annual report.

## **4. Change of bylaws**

### **Article 10, Clause 3**

The board proposes to replace the distribution of minutes by a regular newsletter which informs about important decisions. The motion passes unanimously.

### **Article 10, Clause 4**

Christian Seidl submitted a motion in order to abolish the board's „indirect financial referendum“ against any costs that exceed the budget. He declares that his proposition is due to the growth of the association. The motion passes unanimously, with one abstention.

## **5. Elections**

### **5.1 Elections to the board**

Christian Seidl does not run for another term. With two abstentions, the remaining current board is re-elected in globo for another one-year term.

### **5.2 Election of the president**

There have been two candidates for the presidency: Michael Bimmler and Rupert Thurner. Robin proposes the following procedure: presentation of the candidates, discussion in their absence, secret vote.

**Michael Bimmler**, president since last year, is soon going to finish high school and wants to continue his work with the current board. Answering a question

by Emmanuel Engelhart, he says that, beside his function as advisor of the Chapters Committee of the WM Foundation, he will have enough time for board matters.

**Rupert Thurner** is working at the IT Department of a bank and has already committed himself to more income for the association. He is in favour of a rotation system for the presidency and would like to represent our interests at chapter meetings.

The election result is: 5 abstentions, 12 votes for Michael, 2 for Rupert. Michael is thus re-elected as president.

### **5.3 Election of the auditors**

The two auditors are re-elected for another one-year term unanimously, with two abstentions.

## **6. Decision on the membership fee**

Without any discussion, the membership fees are left as they are.

## **7. Varia**

### **Usage of Creative Commons licences**

Petar Marjanovic complains that in the German-language Wikipedia one can only use German CC licences even if international licences exist. Concerning relevance criteria, Switzerland gets equally discriminated by German users. He would like to see things changing there, for example through a „clause for minor states“. He further urges more advertising booths.

In the discussion, Nicolas Ray says that the same problem would appear also in the French-language Wikipedia. Manuel Schneider thinks that the criteria have been taken by the community and that the association can just make advertisements to find more contributors. He would like to use separate advertising material. For this, files from Wikimedia Germany could be adapted but he's unable to do that himself. For that purpose, a work group analogous to last year's web team is formed. Its composition: Petar, Fanny Schertzer and Wolf Ludwig.

### **Wikimedia Germany and Wikimedia Austria**

Another discussion point that has been announced by Petar deals with the relationship to Wikimedia Germany and the recently established Wikimedia Austria. He asks if the board would be interested in organizing a meeting with these two chapters. Rupert would like to combine this with the planned Dutch meeting in May.

Manuel however proposes a summer event for both chapter members and other WP users from these three countries. Nicolas would like to invite Francophones as well. Robin is convinced that the board will give its support if Petar or Manuel present a concrete project for such an event. By creating a wiki page, Wikimedia CH could easily offer a neutral platform for the event and sponsor a part of the costs for the individual participants. At the end of this discussion, Michael says that a wiki should be created first as well as waiting for the reaction of other chapters.

## **Points that haven't figured on the agenda**

Robin explains the new electronic payment system at Postfinance. After registration, one will receive bills for the membership or for t-shirts electronically instead on a paying-in slip.

In order to facilitate acquaintances over the language divides, Ilario Valdelli proposes that everyone is going to present himself shortly for 20 seconds.

The assembly closes at 16:10. It is followed by snacks and drinks.