

2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

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Meeting no.	12
Meeting date	2022-09-17
Place	Dreifelden, Germany
Present	P. Arora, W. Egger, T. Hála, H. Hagen, T. Hoekwater, J. Kula, M. Miklavec, H. Ramm, W. Schuster, M. Sundquist, remotely: M. Farinella
Guests	Paulo Ney de Souza, Götz Schnell

1. Opening

Opening of the meeting: 09:30 by the president Pavneet Arora.

2. Agenda

- Opening
- Appointment of a session secretary
- List of presence
- Adoption of the agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the 2021 members' meeting
- Annual report on the activities of the Group during 2021-2022 – secretary
- Financial report on the period from 01-09-2021 to 31-08-2022 (academic year) – treasurer
- Budget for 2022-2023 (academic year) – treasurer
- Board elections
Last year, we forgot to re-elect Henning Hraban Ramm and Alan Braslau. This year, Pavneet Arora is up for re-election as president and Arthur Rosendahl as secretary.
- ConTExT meeting 2023
- Thanking this year's organiser
- Any other business
- Closing

3. Appointment of a session secretary

Willi Egger takes care of the minutes of today's general assembly.

4. List of presence

The session secretary takes note of the present members. The only member following the meeting online is M. Farinella.

5. Adoption of the agenda

No changes to the agenda are necessary.

6. Minutes of the membermeeting 2021

The minutes of last year's general assembly are projected and partly read aloud to the audience.

Remarks:

- The figures of remotely voting members concerning the voting for the charges for remotely present people is reversed. Instead of 7/5 it should be 5/7.
- The signature of the minutes should be 'session secretary'.

Beyond the remarks the assembly accepts the minutes of last year's members meeting.

7. Annual report on the activities of the Group during 2021-2022 – secretary

- There is no report of the secretary available.
- The missing HDMI-cable is back.
- Reviewing the last year's activities as presented orally by the treasurer, it appears that we can say that the activities during the 2021--2022 period were no different from previous periods.

8. Financial report on the period from 01-09-2021 to 31-08-2022 (academic year) – treasurer

- The number of members is still growing slowly. We now have 57 members.
- Jean-Michel Hufflen did not react to mails nor did he pay the fees for consecutive years. This is the reason, that his membership is canceled by the treasurer.
- For the current period, one corporate member had to become a normal member due to the consequences of the pandemic.
- The equity is about 700 Euro less than last year. This is due to the losses incurred by last year's meeting.
- The treasurer has made up a neat presentation of the figures for the period. Willi proposes to show the actual bank account balance. Indeed the mentioned amount in the treasurer's report is present on the account.
- The assembly unanimously accepts the report of the treasurer.

9. Budget for 2022-2023 (academic year) – treasurer

The treasurer has prepared a budget for the coming period. This again includes losses due to the small number of participants of this year's meeting. However Hraban, the organiser, reports that we will actually be able to break even provided that Dante e.V. and the NTG will pay the promised supports.

The budget is corrected on the fly. It is expected that we will have no losses and most probably will gain some money next year.

The adapted budget is accepted by the assembly unanimously.

10. Board elections

- Re-elections for 2021
Last year we made a mistake not re-electing Alan Braslau and Henning Hraban Ramm as board members. Both of them were asked personally by the treasurer during the conference whether they are prepared to remain on the board. Both reacted positively. Both members are retroactively re-elected unanimously.
- Acquiring more members for the board
The board is rather small and we need more members. During the assembly Massimiliano Farinella, Jano Kula and Mojca Miklavc offer to join the board. All three members are elected unanimously.
- Elections for 2022
 - Pavneet Arora is re-elected unanimously for a second period of three years.
 - Arthur Rosendahl is re-elected (his third period in the board) by the assembly with one vote against.

11. Next ConT_EXt meeting

Jano Kula will be the organiser of the 17th ConT_EXt-meeting in 2023. It will again take place in Sibřina, Czech Republic from 10 to 16 September.

12. Thanking this year's organiser

The president thanks Henning Hraban Ramm for the excellent organisation of this meeting and the audience gives Hraban a strong applause.

13. Any other business

- Willi asks the assembly to honour the preparation of the proceedings of last year's meeting with an applause.
- Hraban mentions the help of Taco Hoekwater and Clyde Johnston (Estonia) producing the latest issue of the ConT_EXt-group magazine.
- Promotion of ConT_EXt-meeting
 - Jano asks how this year's meeting was promoted. The meeting was announced directly after the 15th meeting. The meeting was repeatedly men-

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tioned on the mailing list. Admittedly this might have been not intensive enough. Also on the T_EX-calendar the meeting was announced. Pavneet suggests to start registration for the forthcoming meeting as early as on 1st of January.

Hans and Taco suggest keeping the early-bird registration. The assembly agrees on this approach.

- The board should be more pronouncedly present and show more activity throughout the year. A suggestion is made to produce newsletters on a regular basis.
- Internet connection and broadcasting
The location of this year's meeting provides a rather weak internet connection, which made it partially impossible to broadcast sessions for online participants. During the conference it was discovered that using mobile phones for connecting to the internet is a reasonable solution to this problem. The conclusion is that provided that we have enough participants with well equipped data-pools, we will be able to broadcast for online participants even when the local internet connection fails.
- Presence on social media
One aspect of being more present in public would be the use of social media platforms. Twitter is considered to be the channel to use. Paulo Ney de Souza suggests that retweeting the messages inside the board will have already effect in spreading and establishing a growing followers group. Paulo Ney de Souza reports that TUG produces YouTube presentations with professional equipment and that these are seen by a considerable number of people. TUG is able to do this because they were able to raise funds, e.g. they got a substantial amount from Google.
- Jano asks why on the mailing list we have a Cc: field. Taco explains that it has to be done this way because of Google mail recipients. Google is overly strict about e-mail it receives from mailing-list servers.

14. Closing

The meeting is closed at 10:55