

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Members of the NIAS Fellows Association 2021

Date of Meeting: 10 December 2021, 16.00 – 17.00 CET

Location: Online (Zoom)

Attendance List:

Philip Spinhoven, Jan Willem Duyvendak, Theo Kuipers, Jacob Thaisen, Roxane Farmanfarmaian, Ana Maria Gomez Lopez, Emmanuel Berger, Kahliya Ronde, Jacqueline Klooster, Lukas Verburgt

Paul van den Broek, Michiel Westenbergh

Dindy van Maanen, Fabian Kraemer, Merel Aalders, Arvydas Gueogis, Joe Bauman, Trinetze Zegevich, Antje Wiener, Alan Cienki, Gereon Wolters, Jos Hooghuis, Ionna Iordanou, Ingrid van Biezen, Martijn Berger, Tomasz Zarycki, Dick van der Kooij, Jan Zielonka, Cynthia Pyle, Mikhail Konashov, Maria van Daalen, Malaia Evguenia, Elisja Schulte

Agenda

1. Opening
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4. The determination that the current directors of the Association remain the directors of the Association after the Establishment
5. The authorization of each director of the Association and each civil law notary, junior civil law notary and notarial employee working at Schut Van de Ven Notariskantoor B.V. to execute the Deed
6. Financial Report 2020
7. Appointment of a New Auditing Committee
8. Report by the Golestan Foundation
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10. This year at the NFA. Report by Philip Spinhoven
11. This year at NIAS. Report by Jan Willem Duyvendak
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1. Opening; Chairman and Secretary

Philip Spinhoven opens the meeting and is appointed Chairman of the meeting and Kahliya Ronde is appointed Secretary of the meeting. Philip Spinhoven asks everyone to write their 'real' name as their Zoom name, announces that the meeting will be recorded, and encourages everyone to use the Zoom chat function at any moment while only interacting to respond or raise questions at specific moments.

2. Minutes of the last General Meeting in 2019

No questions or comments.

3. The establishment of the Association's articles of association according to the draft of the Deed

Philip Spinhoven states that all managing directors of the NIAS Fellows Association (NFA) (the "Association") advise to vote in favour of the proposals which have been mentioned in the agenda for this meeting. Philip Spinhoven updates the membership on the draft of the deed and its approval.

- New start of the NFA. During the last General Meeting, there was a discussion about the content of the articles of the association and the bylaws. The comments have been taken into account in the notarial deed of establishment and its bylaws that have been sent around before the meeting.
- The Chairman proposes to convert the Association, now an informal association (informele vereniging), into a formal association (formele vereniging). For this purpose, a notarial deed of establishment of the articles of association of the Association drawn up by Schut van de Ven Notariskantoor B.V. at Amsterdam, with number 2018S14542HD.OMZ (the "Deed") has to be executed (the "Establishment"). The said motion was tabled and the Chairman concludes that the proposed Establishment has been adopted unanimously. The membership brings in no further questions or comments.

4. The determination that the current directors of the Association remain the directors of the Association after the Establishment

Philip Spinhoven presents the current and previous members of the board.

- Philip Spinhoven is chair, Roxane Farmanfarman as Secretary and Emmanuel Berger as treasurer for the second year of term. Also, Ana Maria Gomez Lopez, Theo Kuipers, and Jacob Thaisen as members of the board as well as staff representatives Jan Willem Duyvendak (Director of NIAS) and Kahliya Ronde. 2021/2022 affiliate members Lukas Verburgt and Jacqueline Klooster replace 2019/21 affiliate members Sabah Mofidi and Laura Bisailon. Fabian Kramer was on the board last year. Everyone agrees this is the current composition of the board. Philip Spinhoven thanks everyone's collaboration on the board in the last year.
- The Chairman proposes that the current managing directors of the Association remain the managing directors of the Association after the Establishment (the "Management"). The said motion was tabled and the Chairman concludes that the proposed Management has been adopted unanimously.

5. The authorization of each director of the Association and each civil law notary, junior civil law notary and notarial employee working at Schut Van de Ven Notariskantoor B.V. to execute the Deed

The Chairman proposes to authorize each managing director of the Association and each civil law notary, junior civil law notary and notarial employee working at Schut van de Ven Notariskantoor B.V. to execute the Deed (the "Authorization"). The said motion was tabled and the Chairman concludes that the proposed Authorization has been adopted unanimously.

6. Financial Report 2020

The auditing committee is not present but Emmanuel Berger presents the 2020 financial report:

- Summary of financial situation: The 2018-2020 NFA Financial Results table is presented. The main income comes from the membership fees. 23 fellows in previous years while last year only had 15 fellows. At least 15 fellows a year to be members should allow for us to participate in NFA payments. The Dutch bank requires NIAS to pay about 200€ in fees per year so we will try to find another bank in order to reduce this amount. In 2021, NIAS will be paying the cost of the notary and the 2019 NFA Day (which is about 4,000€). Therefore, currently there are 11,000€ in the bank.
- The two auditors had agreed with the financial results. Anne Baker and Johanna Soderstrom have given written agreement to Emmanuel as they are not present in the meeting.
- Question: In the membership fees, what mix of the fellows that join each year tend to be from the current group versus others that have been in the past? The fellows might be more open to becoming members only after their fellowship is completed.
Answer: Only current fellows, not prior, are included in the financial report. We are aiming to make the NFA more attractive to new fellows from previous years.

7. Appointment of a New Auditing Committee

Philip Spinhoven thanks members Ghazwan Yaghi (archeologist) ghazwan.yaghi@nias.knaw.nl and Britta Schilling (cultural historian) britta.schilling@nias.knaw.nl to serve as part of the auditing committee for next year. Both are full-year fellows this year at NIAS.

8. Report by the Golestan Foundation

The Golestan Foundation will elect a new board, so Paul van den Broek and Peter M Westenberg give the previous year's Golestan report.

- Michiel Westenberg gives the financial report:
 - 2020 Net results (costs deducted for the income) is 17,100€. The capital is worth 100,070,000€. A 30% of income is invested, which this year made a profit of 10,000€ (from which 7,500€ is deducted by the bank and the accountant that makes the annual report costs 1000€). There is little profit but "We didn't lose money because we didn't spend much money". There was no Golestan fellow (60-70,000€ per year for a full fellow). The net results on the investments were not good. The net results on interests that were not invested was low too because the interest rates are so low, while cost (8,000€) stayed the same. There is a big expenditure coming (re-constructing the Persian rose garden in the courtyard that was moved in the NIAS move to Amsterdam) which will cost about 65,000€ (or perhaps 40 to 50,000€). The net capital in 2013 was about the same amount as now. To appoint a fellow is an expenditure, not an investment. The revenue for investment is better for 2021 (will be approximately 55,000€) so it should be possible to spend the money on a new fellow and the Persian rose garden.
 - Question: Will 2021 have the same amount that the bank takes or is that proportional to the year's results (55,000€)?
Answer: Unfortunately not. Although we have tried to negotiate with the bank but they produce the same amount of work independently of the results.
- Paul van den Broek reports on other Golestan Foundation activities:

- Although a fellow was selected, the person, due to complications from Covid, was not able to participate so there is no Golestan fellow this year. The Persian rose garden is still in progress to be moved and installed in Amsterdam, we are pushing for it to be installed as quick as possible although there are some complications (there are other costs associated with it to the Foundation).
- In order to make the most of the money that the Foundation has, we have entered into a new form of fellowship (at the initiative of NIAS) that is a combination of the Golestan Foundation and the Lorentz Center. This is done to 'join forces' in the administration of the foundation as well as the selection procedures. Paul van den Broek and Peter M Westenberg will leave the board after having served for so many years. Paul states that they will make sure the information that the new board might need will be conveyed.
- Roxane and Philip thank Paul and Michiel for the collaboration over the years.
- Question: is the rose garden going to be at Trippenhuys? Answer: Yes.

8. Election of new Golestan Board members

Philip Spinhoven: The collaboration with the Lorentz Center will unite NIAS, the Lorentz Center and the Golestan Foundation. Three candidates for board membership have been proposed prior to the meeting: Joe Bauman, Luc Coffeng, Franjo Weissing.

No questions or comments. The membership elects the new Golestan board members.

9. This year at the NFA. Report by Philip Spinhoven

- There are 19 new NFA members this year, no membership cancellations. The NFA set up the NIAS Alumni Stay in 2018. The alumni stay makes it possible for NFA members to come back to Amsterdam for 2 or 3 weeks in the summer. 5 fellows returned to NIAS as alumnus as it is a great way to stay connected with colleagues met at the institute and return to the Netherlands.
- New to last year was an online Black Heritage Tours in Amsterdam before the NIAS Annual Lecture, a digital museum visit with former fellows – that will aim to mimic the interaction with the fellows in the past. David Mitchell presented a story about 'Connectedness' at NIAS for its 50 year anniversary. NFA members receive on-request publications like the 'NIAS 50 years intellectual haven' history booklet and 'Food for Thought' publications. There will be new initiatives to promote previous fellows to meet current and other previous fellows through lunches and events, both online and physically. If covid-measures allow for it, NFA-members will also be invited to return to the institute during "Alumni Table" lunches as well as online year group reunion meetings. Hopefully there will be an NFA physical meeting around June 2022 (NFA Day with lecture by Naomi Ellemers). Presents for the NIAS 50 year anniversary will be given at this next physical meeting (the quote 'play is the highest form of research' Albert Einstein will be hung on the dining hall wall at NIAS next year after being selected by the board). An international network of advanced studies will also be promoted further.

10. This year at NIAS. Report by Jan Willem Duyvendak

- Jan Willem Duyvendak thanks the NFA board and congratulates the board on formalising the Lorentz -Golestan relation in this merger. He thanks Golestan representatives Paul and Michiel.
- NIAS 50th anniversary included physical and online events around the theme of 'belonging', also the theme of our first international conference (which will continue in

2023 and 2025). The opening of the academic year had more emphasis on the theme of threats against academic freedom.

- Two books were published ('50 years of academic freedom at NIAS' and 'Thuis'). A reunion was held to reconnect former cohorts with NIAS and each other.
- The character of an institute of advanced studies is built on collective learning and community, which is not easy to provide online. Collective events are only online now while foreign fellows can enjoy individual experiences on site in Amsterdam. Thanks the fellows and staff for their commitment.
- NIAS tries to be more inclusive and diverse than in the past so the aim for the next couple of years is to have 1/3 Dutch fellows, 1/3 western fellows and 1/3 non-western fellows. This requires a larger budget so we are in negotiation with the Dutch Royal Academy and are looking for more financial support (particularly for global south fellows that require more funding).
- The Persian rose garden will hopefully materialize in the coming year (Golestan is at least paying 50,000€ while the royal academy is being pushed to add 20,000€).

11. Other business, questions

No questions or comments.

12. Closing

There being no further business, upon motion made and carried, the meeting was closed. Philip Spinhoven thanks the attendees.

Dated: 25/04/2022

Secretary:

Kahliya Ronde

Chairman

Philip Spinhoven

Signature



Signature



New members in 2021:

19 new members (online fellowships making it more difficult to reach out to fellows)

Van Rooij	Iris	20/01/2021	2020-21
Colvin	Chris	20/03/2021	2018-19
Prowse	Tracy	20/03/2021	2017-18
Manickam	Sandra	20/06/2021	2020-21
Handmaker	Jeff	20/06/2021	2020-21
De Schaepdrijver	Sophie	21/06/2021	2020-21
Van Biezen	Ingrid	22/06/2021	2020-21
Sharma	Avi	23/06/2021	2020-21
Schatz	Andrea	23/06/2021	2020-21
Klooster	Jacqueline	04/10/2021	2021-22
Blonk	Roland	11/10/2021	2020-21
Smelik	Anneke	10/11/2021	2018-19
Spiller	Henry	10/11/2021	2019-20
Schulz	Petra	07/12/2021	2021/22
Van Hout	Angeliek	19/11/2021	2021/22
Yaghi	Ghazwan	11/11/2021	2021/22
Coffeng	Luc	11/11/2021	2021/22
Mehan	Asma	11/11/2021	2021/22
Willmetts	Simon	11/12/2021	2020/21