



## Utrikespolitiska Föreningen Göteborg

### Protokoll Årsmöte Hösten 2020

*The Society of International Affairs Gothenburg*

*Protocol Annual Meeting Autumn 2020*

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Date: September 2nd 2020

Time: 16:00-20:00 (*actual adjourning of the meeting 22.09*)

Location: Online through Zoom

Participants:

Aria Nakhaei, Emma Sjöberg, Humaira K. Peroz Safi, Nathanaël Fritz, Seija Veijalainen, Matilda Ilander, Sofie Holmström, Joel Palaszewski Rydén, Ken Mogeckwu, Sara Raziullah, Sandra Daniel, Muammar Huq, Marko Stankovic, Saleh Jaber, Salomon Rutikanga-Masaka, Adelisa Beculic, Monika Larsson, Dennis Fonseca Karlsson.

Johanna Ingemansson joined at 17:06.

### Protokoll för årsmöte

#### *Protocol for the Annual Meeting*

#### §1. Mötets öppnande

##### *Opening of the Annual Meeting*

The meeting is opened at 16:23.

#### §2. Val av mötesordförande för årsmötet

##### *Election of President for the Annual Meeting*

*The Meeting is proposed*

to elect Aria Nakhaei as the Meeting President.

*The Meeting decides*

to elect Aria Nakhaei as the Meeting President.

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§3. Val av sekreterare för årsmötet

*Election of Secretary for the Annual Meeting*

*The Meeting is proposed*

to elect Seija Veijalainen as the Meeting Secretary.

*The Meeting decides*

to elect Seija Veijalainen as the Meeting Secretary.

§4. Val av två justerare, tillika rösträknare

*Election of two adjusters, also serving as vote counters*

*The Meeting is proposed*

to elect Emma Sjöberg and Sofie Holmström as adjusters and vote counters.

*The Meeting decides*

to elect Emma Sjöberg and Sofie Holmström as adjusters and vote counters.

§5. Godkännande av dagordning

*Approval of the agenda*

*The meeting is proposed*

To approve the Agenda with the proposed changes of adding a new paragraph, §12 *Setting of authorized signatories*, and moving §8 *Processing of received motions and proposals* to after §12.

*The Meeting decides*

To approve the proposed changes to the Agenda.

§6. Fråga om årsmötets korrekta utlysande

*Question of the Annual Meeting's proper proclamation*

Humaira states that the summoning and documents were presented in accordance with the by-laws. The meeting approves the Annual Meeting's proper proclamation.



§7. Upprättande av röstlängd samt kontroll av eventuella fullmakter

*Establishment of electoral register and control of any powers of attorney*

*The Meeting is proposed*

to approve the electoral roll of 13 (out of the total 19) attendees, who have been registered as members of the Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg no less than 5 weeks on the day of the meeting and also to control any powers of attorney.

*The Meeting decides*

to approve the electoral roll of the 13 attendees, who have been registered as members of the Society of International Affairs in Gothenburg no less than 5 weeks on the day of the meeting and also confirm that no power of attorney has been registered.

§8. Fastställande av medlemsavgift

*Determination of membership fee*

The board suggests to keep the membership fee at 0 SEK.

Matilda Ilander asks for how long the membership fee has been at 0 SEK. The current president of the association, Humaira Peroz, and the chair of the meeting, Aria Nakhaei, informs about the recent history of the membership fee and the relevance of attracting young members under the age of 26, since this qualifies the association for one of the main grants issued by Myndigheten för ungdoms- och civilsamhällesfrågor (MUCF). Seija adds that the membership fee does not benefit the finances of the association nearly as much as the MUCF grant and she argues that qualifying for the grant is easier without a fee.

*The meeting is proposed*

To set the membership fee at 0 SEK.

*The meeting decides*

To set the membership fee at 0 SEK.

*Johanna Ingemansson joins the meeting at 17:06. This does not affect the electoral roll that thus still consists of 13 participants with voting rights.*



§9. Behandling av verksamhetsberättelse, verksamhetsplan, bokslut och revision  
*Processing of annual report, operational plan, financial statements and audit*

Humaira presents the annual report that has been shared with the meeting participants together with the invitations.

Joel presents the financial report, which is included in the annual report available to the members.

Aria presents the internal audit. He states that the work has been transparent and in line with the by-laws and he therefore recommends freedom of liability for the resigning board.

The financial auditor, Anne Engström, is not present but Humaira screenshares the letter from the Financial auditor in which Anne as well recommends freedom of liability for the resigning board.

Salomon Rutikanga-Masaka asks regarding the availability of the annual report. Humaira responds that the current Annual report and Operational plan are drafts that will be published and soon available for all members. The drafts have been published in the shared folder and made available to the attendees before the meeting.

Humaira suggests that she presents the operational plan after the next agenda point, the question of freedom from liability for the resigning board, since the operational plan regards the future work of the new board and the freedom from liability for the resigning board is directly connected to the previously presented annual report and audits.

*The meeting is proposed*

to move the presentation of the operational plan after agenda point §10.

*The meeting decides*

to move the presentation of the operational plan after agenda point §10.



#### §10. Fråga om ansvarsfrihet för avgående styrelse

##### *Question of freedom from liability of the resigning board*

A majority votes in favor of granting the resigning board freedom from liability.

After the resigning board is relieved of their responsibilities through the freedom of liability, Humaira presents the operational plan for the operational year of 2020-2021.

Matilda asks what the suggested member goal is based on, if it is a number that has been discussed internally.

Monika comments that the operational plan sounds good and exciting for the new board.

Marko wants to know more about the committee cooperation for the lecture committee. Humaira responds that cooperation can provide the association with good speakers. We aspire to create good partnerships so that, for example, if a lecture is cancelled, it is easier to find a replacement on short notice.

Dennis wants to know more about the relationship with SAIA and the knowledge fund. Humaira shares her experience from when another UF board she was a part of needed experience to grow. The knowledge fund helps sister associations exchange knowledge and learn from each other.

In Humaira's opinion, the association has improved regarding the communication with SAIA and the association needs to make use of the knowledge.

Aria argues for the Forum Syd grant as an opportunity that can be used for cooperation between associations.

Seija adds the importance of good communication with SAIA and encourages members to really participate in the opportunities presented by them. For example joining the Almedalen week or leadership training.

*The meeting's president, Aria, suggests a 10 minutes break.*

*The meeting is resumed at 18:45.*

#### §11. Val av ny styrelse, valberedning och revisor för verksamhetsår 2020/21

##### *Election of new board, election committee and auditor for operational year 2020/21*

*The meeting's president, Aria, needs to leave the meeting and Humaira takes the chair as the president of the meeting at 18:48.*

Since the Nomination Committee is not present, Humaira presents the nominees. After the presentation, the candidate is given the opportunity to present themselves for three minutes and after potential questions from the attendees the candidate is placed in a waiting room on Zoom.



#### 11.1 Val av Ordförande

##### *Election of the President*

Nominee: Matilda Ilander.

Matilda Ilander is elected by a majority vote.

*Deborah Samine leaves the meeting at 19:10, which changes the electoral roll to 12 participants with voting rights.*

#### 11.2 Val av Vice Ordförande

##### *Election of Vice President*

Nominee: Dennis Fonseca Karlsson.

Dennis Fonseca Karlsson is elected by a majority vote.

#### 11.3 Val av Föreningssekreterare

##### *Election of Secretary*

Nominee: Muammar Huq.

Muammar Huq is elected by a majority vote.

#### 11.4 Val av Föreningskassör

##### *Election of Treasurer*

Nominee: Joel Palaszewski Rydén.

Joel Palaszewski Rydén is elected by a majority vote.

*§ 11.10 Election of Editor in Chief of Utblick Magazine is moved up on the agenda, due to the candidate having to leave the meeting shortly.*

#### §11.5 Val av Redaktör för Utblick Magazine

##### *Election of Editor-in-Chief for Utblick Magazine*

Nominee: Sara Raziullah.

Sara Raziullah is elected by a majority vote.

*Sara and Johanna leave the meeting at 20:13. The electoral roll is still 12 participants with voting rights.*



11.6 Val av Representant för UFS (Utrikespolitiska Förbundet Sverige)

*Election of SAIA (Swedish Association of International Affairs) Representative*

Ken Moge kwu nominates himself for the position of SAIA Representative but withdraws his nomination shortly thereafter.

Humaira Peroz nominates herself for the position of SAIA Representative.

Humaira Peroz is elected as SAIA Representative by a majority vote.

11.7 Val av Ansvariga för Föreläsningskommittén

*Election of Heads of Lecture Committee*

Nominee: Sandra Daniel.

Sandra Daniel is elected by a majority vote.

Nominee: Marko Stankovic.

Marko Stankovic is elected by a majority vote.

11.8 Val av Ansvarig för PR-kommittén

*Election of Head of PR Committee*

Nominee: Adelisa Beculic.

Adelisa Beculic is elected by a majority vote.

*§11.11 Election of Head of Radio Utblick is moved up on the agenda due to the candidate having to leave the meeting shortly.*

11.9 Val av Radio Utblick ansvarig

*Election of Head of Radio Utblick*

Nominee: Salomon Rutikanga-Masaka.

Salomon Rutikanga-Masaka is elected by a majority vote.

11.10 Val av Ansvarig för Resekommittén

*Election of Head of Travel Committee*

No floor nominations.

The meeting decides to leave the position vacant.

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#### 11.11 Val av Ansvariga för Sociala kommittén

##### *Election of Heads of Social Activity Committee*

Nominee: Johanna Ingemansson (not present at the time of voting).

Johanna Ingemansson is elected by a majority vote.

*Adelisa Beculic leaves the meeting at 21:08. This does not affect the electoral roll which is still 12 participants with voting rights.*

Nominee: Ecem Yavuz (not present at the time of voting).

Ecem Yavuz is elected by a majority vote.

*§11.16 Election of Auditor is moved up on the agenda due to the lack of nominations for the other positions.*

#### 11.12 Val av Lekmannarevisor

##### *Election of Auditor*

Nominee: Monika Larsson

Monika Larsson is elected by a majority vote.

*Sandra Daniel leaves the meeting at 20:31. This does not affect the electoral roll which is still 12 participants with voting rights.*

#### 11.13 Val av Valberedningskommitté

##### *Election of Nomination Committee*

Floor nominations: Nathanaël Fritz and Sofie Holmström nominate themselves for the Nomination Committee

Nathanaël Fritz is elected by a majority vote.

Humaira informs the meeting that Sofie cannot nominate herself as she is one of the vote counters of the meeting. She can, however, apply for the position in a future by-election organized by the new board.

#### 11.14 Val av Ansvarig för MUN (Model United Nations)

##### *Election of Head of MUN Committee*

No floor nominations.

The meeting decides to leave the position vacant.

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11.15 Val av UF Ungdomsambassadör  
*Election of UF Youth Ambassador*

No floor nominations.  
The meeting decides to leave the position vacant.

11.16 Val av Auktoriserad Revisor  
*Election of Financial Auditor*

No floor nominations.  
The meeting decides to leave the position vacant.

§12. Fastställande av firmatecknare  
*Setting of the authorized signatories*

*The Meeting is proposed*

To set Matilda Ilander (President), Dennis Fonseca Karlsson (Vice President) and Joel Palaszewski Rydén (Treasurer) as authorized signatories.

*The Meeting decides*

To set Matilda Ilander (President), Dennis Fonseca Karlsson (Vice President) and Joel Palaszewski Rydén (Treasurer) as authorized signatories.

§13. Behandling av inkomna motioner och propositioner  
*Processing received motions and proposals*

**1. Motion for addition to the by-laws regarding extraction from the criminal records registry.**

Seija Veijalainen, the author of the motion, presents the background to the proposed addition to the by-laws and informs that this is the first occasion that the motion will be processed. For the motion to be adopted to the by-laws, it would have to be voted for at two separate annual meetings or extraordinary annual meetings.

The proposed addition to the by-laws reads as follows:

*§ 8.12 The Board is responsible for ensuring that any head of a committee or project manager who, according to his or her work description, is responsible for youth activities involving children under the age of 18 or has this group as the primary target audience, hands in a sealed extraction from the criminal records registry to the President at the beginning of the board term.*



Salomon Rutikanga-Masaka asks regarding the issue of consent for the candidate to submit the extraction from the criminal records registry. Seija answers that the process is not dependent on consent, meaning that a candidate with responsibility for people under the age of 18 would be deemed unsuitable for the position if the candidate would not consent to the submission. In case this happens, the issue is for the board to decide whether that board member should remain on the board, with reference to §4.4 in the by-laws.

*The meeting is proposed*

To either approve or disapprove the addition about extraction from the criminal records registry to the by-laws.

*The meeting decides*

To approve the addition about extraction from the criminal records registry to the by-laws.

**2. Motion for the division of the Annual Meeting to form two separate meetings**

Humaira Peroz, the author of the motion, presents the background to the proposal. The motion is proposed to form one Annual Meeting and one Electoral Meeting, in contrast to the current form where elections are part of the Annual Meeting. This is the first occasion for this motion to be processed. For the motion to be adopted to the by-laws, it would have to be voted for at two separate annual meetings or extraordinary annual meetings.

*The full length of the proposed change can be read in the submitted motion.*

Seija Veijalainen adds that it makes sense to have the freedom of liability point in the fall, since the old board is then obligated to have proper handovers. The summer can be considered a transition period.

Marko Stankovic poses a question regarding if enough people will attend the Annual Meeting. Humaira thinks that the number of attendees most likely will not be an issue, as long as the president of the association can attend.

*The meeting is proposed*

To either approve or disapprove the separation of the current form of the Annual Meeting into one Annual Meeting and one Electoral Meeting.

*The meeting decides*

To approve the separation of the current form of the Annual Meeting into one Annual Meeting and one Electoral Meeting.



#### §14. Övriga frågor

##### *Other issues*

Seija Veijalainen brings up the lack of translation of the by-laws that has been an issue for the past couple of years. Until this year's translation, the last Swedish version of the by-laws was from 2016. It is important for the new board to remember to always require translations of motions so that both versions can be updated.

Nathanaël Fritz raises an issue regarding the possibility for Sofie to apply to the Nomination Committee. Humaira Peroz clarifies that Sofie can apply to the Nomination Committee later when the new board organizes a by-election for the vacant positions and that the fact that she cannot nominate herself while serving as one of the meeting's vote counters is just a formality.

*Ken Moge kwu leaves the meeting at 22:06.*

#### §15. Mötets avslutande

##### *Adjourning of the meeting*

The meeting is adjourned at 22:09.

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Aria Nakhaei, Meeting President

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Humaira Peroz Safi, Meeting President

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Seija Veijalainen, Secretary

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Sofie Holmström, Adjuster/vote counter

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Emma Sjöberg, Adjuster/vote counter

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