

Minutes of the General Assembly of the BME Club of 13th May, 2011 at Kursraum 1, Kinderklinik, Inselspital, Bern.

1. Welcome by the president

The president Prabitha Urwyler opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. 24 members of the BME club attended the General Assembly.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda of the second General Assembly was approved unanimously.

3. Election of the day's chairman

Tobias Nef was elected unanimously as the chairman of the General Assembly.

4. Election of the protocol recorder

Christoph Reutlinger was elected unanimously as the protocol recorder.

5. Approval of the minutes of the last assembly

The minutes of the first General Assembly were approved. Patrick Roth suggested that for future General Assemblies, the minutes should be sent to the members of the BME Club 10 days in advance. The president agreed to send it out along with the GA invitation and agenda i.e 21 days in advance.

6. Activity report

Prabitha Urwyler presented the activities of the last year. For the new master students a welcome event was organized, which was very well received and will be repeated this year. A trip to the MEDICA in Düsseldorf was arranged, which was attended by 30 students and club members. A visit to the MEDICA will be offered this year as well. Furthermore, the morning talks, organized by the Medical Cluster, can now be attended by the BME Club members. The [activity report](#) (enclosed/attached) was approved unanimously.

7. Approval of new club members

The BME Club currently has 174 members of which 87 are students. The membership of 21 new regular and 17 new student members was approved with a large majority.

8. Financial report and budget 2011/2012

The treasurer Christian Güder presented the financial report. The assets of the BME Club are 10.624,75 CHF. The internal auditors, Patrick Roth and Lutz Nolte, confirmed the financial situation of the BME Club. The financial report was approved by the majority of the members.

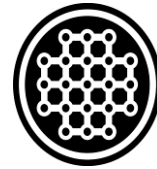
9. Election of the executive members

Tom de Bruyne was elected for the position of the vice-president. The rest of the office bearers continue in their positions and were approved by the majority of the members.

Biomedical Engineering Club

Stauffacherstrasse 78, 3014 Bern

www.bmeclub.ch



The **office bearers of the executive committee** consists of:

President: Prabhitha Urwyler
Vice President: Tom de Bruyne
Secretary: Julia Spyra
Treasurer: Christian Güder
Webmaster: Frank Langlotz
Internal Auditors: Lutz Nolte, Patrick Roth

Master and PhD students will be represented by a single representative in the new board.

Katharina Skwara and Lilibeth Salas, both second year master student, were nominated for the position of the student representative. The general assembly voted in favour of Lilibeth Salas for the student representative position. The other representatives continue in their position and were approved by the majority of the members.

The **representatives of the executive committee** are:

Faculty: Dobrila Nestic
Industry: Rudolf Sidler
Student: Lilibeth Salas
Alumni: Lukas Boesch

10. Miscellaneous

a) Cooperate membership:

Patrick Roth mentioned that the suggested idea of CHF 750.- for a collective membership may not be attractive for all companies. The figures need to be fine tuned for Large (> 500 employees) and small companies (<50). Lutz Nolte suggested to set up a task force in order to develop a strategy concerning cooperate members. The following members agreed to participate: Patrick Roth, Lutz Nolte, Dobrila Nestic, Prabhitha Urwyler, Rudolf Sider, Tom de Bruyne and Christoph Reutlinger.

b) Constitutional amendments:

The attendants of the General Assembly were asked, if the constitution of the BME Club should be adapted, as the positions of the former Master Student representative and PhD Student representative are now combined to a single student representative. It was decided not to change the constitution.

c) Lecturer award:

Lilibeth Salas will contact the medical faculty to find out how they organize the lecturer's award. Lutz Nolte pointed out, that this has to be solely organized by the student representative without any support of the lecturers.

d) Company Visit:

The BME Club's company visit will be open to its members with registrations based on first come first serve. The number of participants for such visits will be limited to 35. The visit will take place in anywhere between September to December. RMS foundation has shown interest for this year's visit.

e) Alumni meet:

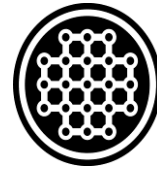
An email invitation will be sent to all alumni of the Master course to join the alumni meet of the BMEClub.

"Those were good times, the years in Bern." - Albert Einstein

Biomedical Engineering Club

Stauffacherstrasse 78, 3014 Bern

www.bmeclub.ch



f) Alumni MedFak:

Lilibeth Salas will contact the medical faculty to find out how they organize the lecturer's award. Lutz Nolte pointed out, that this has to be solely organized by the student representative without any support of the lecturers.

g) Pins:

The proposed donor momento task from last year was not undertaken as the club decided to have the BMEClub pins for its members. The logo designed for the pin is accepted as the new logo of the BMEClub. Thanks to Christian Gueder for the design. The pins were appreciated and applauded by the memers present. Thanks to Lukas Bösch for organizing the pins right in time for the BME Day. Julia Spyra metioned that some new members signed up on spot at the BME Day to have the attractive BMEClub pins.

h) Next General Assembly:

The next General Assembly will take place at the day of the upcoming Biomedical Engineering Day on May 25, 2012. It will be scheduled after the last session and before the apero.

The Protocol Recorder

Christoph Reutlinger

The President

Prabitha Urwyler