

Minutes of the 7th General Assembly of the BME Club held on the 10th March, 2016 at Murtenstrasse 50, ARTORG Center, Bern.

1. Welcome by the president

The president Dr. Prabitha Urwyler opened the meeting of the 7th General Assembly and welcomed the participants. 20 members of the BME Club attended the General Assembly at the ARTORG Center.

2. Election of the day's chairman

Dr. Nicolas Gerber was elected unanimously as the chairman of the General Assembly.

3. Election of the protocol recorder

PD Dr. Dobrila Nestic was elected unanimously as the protocol recorder.

4. Approval of the minutes of the last assembly

The minutes of the 6th General Assembly were unanimously approved.

5. Activity report of last year

The chairman presented the activities of the last year which included: the bowling evening, the annual Grand Prix Bern, Poster and Abstract award on the BME day, Alumni BBQ, Welcome Freshers Apéro, annual visit of a company – Medartis in Basel, Alumni BBQ, Student orientation event, hiking – a new event introduced in 2015, visit to MEDICA 2015 and the regular Stammtisch with the "Happy hour" for the first round of drinks. The activity report was approved unanimously.

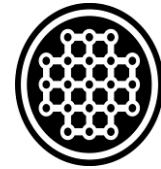
DISCUSSION regarding the number of participants – only 10 people went to Medartis, fewer and fewer numbers come to Stammtisch. How to mobilize the students with other social networks available? Medica trip was however a success, as is GP Bern., and Alumni BBQ is a highlight each year. Hiking trip will be offered to families next year.

6. Approval of new club members

The membership count as per March 1 2016 is 269 with 131 regular (77 dual members with SSBE) and 138 student members. 35 new members (18 regular-6 dual, and 17 students). 3 members resigned in the last year (Move to a new country). Due to the upcoming change in structure of the membership and payment, the board decided to retain members who have also not paid last year. New club members were approved unanimously.

7. Financial report

The treasurer Carlos Ciller was not present for the financial report. The President had to control the accounts and the outcome was presented. The income comprised membership fees: 3'500CHF, Trip to Medica payments: 5'400CHF and sponsorship for GP Bern by CCMT:



549.50 CHF. Total expenses amounted to 9'483.95CHF. The assets of the BME Club at the end of 2015 amount to 12'469.31CHF. The internal auditors, Patrick Roth (via email) and Lutz Nolte (via email), confirmed the financial report of the BME Club. The financial report was approved unanimously.

8. Budget 2016

Prabitha presented the budget for 2016. The budget amounts to 3'500.00CHF. Stefan Weber (CCMT) kindly offered to sponsor the Grand Prix; BME club will continue to sponsor abstract/poster awards on the BME day, the first drink at Stammtisch, hiking and 2 travel awards. The budget - balanced between the anticipated income (membership fees) and expenses - was approved by all attendees with no dissentients.

9. Election of the office bearers of the executive committee

One founder member stepped down: Julia Spyra (secretary). We cordially thanked her for her valuable contribution. Andrea Nienhaus was elected as a successor.

The office bearers of the executive committee for 2015 consists of:

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| President: | Prabitha Urwyler |
| Vice President: | Tom de Bruyne |
| Secretary: | Andrea Nienhaus |
| Treasurer: | Carlos Ciller |
| Webmaster: | Tobias Imfeld |
| Internal Auditors: | Lutz Nolte, Patrick Roth |

They were approved unanimously.

10. Election of new Representatives:

- new master student representative

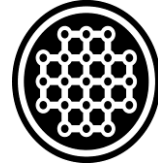
The candidate for Master student representative presented himself – Hector Alvarez - and the attendees approved his candidature for the new student representative with no dissentient.

11. Election of the representatives of the executive committee

The representatives of the executive committee are:

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| Faculty: | Dobriila Nestic |
| PR/Newsletter: | Christian Güder |
| Master Student: | Hector Alvarez |
| PhD Student: | Juan Anso |
| Alumni: | Fatih Toy |

The new office bearers of the executive committee were approved unanimously.



12. Varia

a. Travel award

The club sponsored one travel award in 2015. It was given to Stepjan Gerber, who wrote an article on the MEDICA. The award was handed over by the President. We decided to change Student Travel award to 2x400CHF Travel Grants for master and PhD students attending conferences preferably abroad. The criteria include:

- academic members, BME club member for one year, have not received the grant in the past 3 years, reasons and motivation letter must be provided in an A4 page format, an article/report has to be written after the conference to be published in the newsletter

Applications should be sent to info@bmeclub.ch. The evaluation Committee consists of: Dobrila Nestic, Stephan Weber and Philippe Zysset. There will be two application deadlines – March 31 and September 31. It will be announced in the coming Newsletter.

b. Collaboration with Alumni UniBE

Christian presented the cooperation with Alumni UniBE. Under the UniBE umbrella, as members we would have the following benefits:

Membership administration, including billing (appreciated as less burden for the treasurer), communication platform to reach for members, online portal, @alumni.unibe.ch lifelong email address, UniBE events, cultural events, further education offers, foreign language trainings, discount to health plan, insurances, car rental, computer hardware. Two packages were proposed:

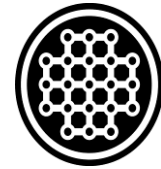
1. 1st proposition:
 - a. BME club 30CHF,
 - b. BME club+Alumni UniBE 60CHF,
 - c. all inclusive 80CHF;
2. To include automatically Alumni UniBe:
 - a. BME club 60CHF
 - b. BME+SSBE for 80CHF.

The second proposition was accepted with 13:3 votes.

The language issue was raised – currently all membership benefits of the Alumni UniBe are provided exclusively in German. Prabitha will ask if they plan to have the portal in another language (English or French).

c. Trip to MEDICA

Trip to MEDICA was a success. There was a complaint that the participants arrived tired after an overnight ride on the bus and a proposition was made for 2017 – have an extra day (too late for 2016 as youth hostel is fully booked). Mobilizing students for the MEDICA trip may prove difficult as new students start after the deadline for youth hostel reservation



d. Trip to CERN or PSI

More members voted for CERN: 11:5. Tom explained that if we go as a "University" group, there are many more dates available. He will look into it as we agreed that we DO represent University of Bern.

e. Change of BME club Statutory regulation

Write an amendment regarding the end of membership for those who did not pay: 2 years of no membership contribution leads to a letter stating that the membership has been cancelled.

f. Website

Stefan Weber commented that the website could benefit from improvement. He proposed Wordpress, and the decision was taken to encourage Tobias to speak with Stephan.

13. Events planned for 2015

- a. Stammtisch with Happy Hour: April 5 (at Artorg), September 13, November 8
- b. Grand Prix Bern will take place on the 14th of May
- c. BME day is on the 27th of May
- d. The Alumni BBQ Event will be on August 19th
- e. Welcome for the new students will be in September
- f. Hiking will take place in October
- g. Orientation event for new students is planned for November
- h. Trip to Medica 15-18 November
- i. Visit to CERN will be announced in due time

14. Close

The day's chairman thanked the BME club sponsors: ThinkNEO, CCMT, ARTORG and Medartis. He also thanked Prabitha for doing a great job in organizing this event and wished all participants a good year until the next General Assembly.

The Protocol Recorder

Dobriła Nesić

The Day's Chairman

Nicolas Gerber