**LXXIII National Council Meeting**

**Tilburg, April 28th- 29th, 2018,**

**ELSA the Netherlands**

**Minutes of Final Plenary**

### **Abbreviations of names**

**EtD:** Eva te Dorsthorst, *President*

**ZC:** Żaneta Chrostowska, *Secretary General*

**AA:** Amo Amoh, *Treasurer*

**RC:** Roy Colen, *Director for Marketing*

**N/A:** Maddy Geraets, *Vice President for Academic Activities*

**MG:** Maddy Geerarts, *Director for Moot Court Competitions*

**TR:** Tessa Robijn, *Vice President for Seminars and Conferences*

**HH:** Horatiu Hudin, *Vice President for Student Trainee Exchange Programme*

**HOC:** *Head of the Organising Committee*

**FINAL PLENARY**

Sunday, April 29th, 2018

 **Opening of the Final Plenary**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands

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1. **EtD** opens the Final Plenary session

 **Announcements**

 Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands

1. None

 **Financial Overview NCM Leiden**

 Gilles van Toor, Treasurer ELSA Leiden 2017/2018

1. **EtD** gives the floor to Djuanti Tamsma to present the Financial Overview of NCM Leiden
2. Comments:
* Gilles van Toor: Budget was a loss
* Elsa Leiden: It was due to promise of the hotel to cancel but they didn’t actually allow cancellations.We booked for 70 people, there is a loss of 420 euros.
* ELSA Nijmegen: We should pay the money since ELSA Leiden has worked so hard to create a good NCM.
* ELSA Rotterdam: First option is that everyone pays a share, the second is that we get money from a partner of ELSA the Netherlands. The third option was to cover the whole partnership income to manage the costs.
* AA: About the last option, Bierens is working with us but it is a trial, based on that they will decide if they will work with us or not.
* HH: We were supposed to receive money from Bierens for this quarter of the year, but they were uncertain about it, since they cannot afford to pay as a firm for something that did not happen. So, now we’re working on the event and then Bierens will pay them. I did not want to push them with their payment since they are still establishing a strong bond. Now, we have an agreement, since things are going well.
* EtD: This is not a discussion about all the options, but how to divide the money.
* ELSA Amsterdam: Can we manage it with the EDF money?
* EtD: We don’t have the money in the account, and we don’t have the concrete money to fix it. As of right now, there is just a loss that we need to fix.
* ELSA Leiden: How about when we have the money from Bierens we have the discussion again?
* ELSA Tilburg: The Bierens money is nice but this could have happened to any board so if you’re going to use ELSA NL’s very limited funds, then what’s going to happen next time that this happens? So, lets share the costs as Leon suggested.
* ELSA Amsterdam: We want to help but it is what we discussed, so we want to know the options. But if there’s no money then we will share.
* ELSA Rotterdam: Options 2 and 3 are off?
* EtD: I still believe in the contract but for accountability purposes it is necessary to share the costs since we cannot spend money that we don’t have. So, we should choose for the easiest option.
* ELSA Tilburg: Only at the end of NCM 3 will people get money back if money is needed from any NCM.
* EtD: Consider it for next year.
* ELSA Rotterdam: So, ELSA Leiden explained why they made a loss. But it’s still not clear to me what went wrong. Did people not sign up?
* ELSA Leiden: I made a reservation with the hotel, Zaneta said there would be 70 people. The Hotel refused cancellations.
* ZC: The 70 people is the basic amount that we do, normally its around 70 people, since 8 local groups with 7 people + internationals, 70 is the middle ground of the participants that should be present at the NCM.
* ELSA Maastricht: Active members can also be invited.
* EtD: Anything else to the presentation?
* Gilles van Toor: Yes, if anybody is willing to chip in its 46 euros per NL group.
* EtD: Its 420 euros meaning that its 47 euros per group, what we vote upon is that every group, by decision by council will make sure that they transfer before 1 month has passed to compensate for the loss made on NCM 2.
* ELSA Nijmegen: Can we transfer it to the national board and then to ELSA Leiden?
* AA: Yes fine.
* EtD: Voting procedure starts

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| **Proposal** | **Proposed by** | **Total Votes** | **Vote** | **Result** |
| Local Groups to contribute for the loss of NCM Leiden | ELSA Leiden | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |

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* ELSA Leiden: I’d like to say thank you.

 **Presentation of the budget for 2018/2019**

 Amo Amoh, Treasurer of ELSA the Netherlands 2017/2018

1. **EtD** gives the floor to **AA** to present the budget for 2018/2019
2. **AA** presents the budget for 2018/2019

 **Voting on budget for 2018/2019**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands

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| Budget for 2018/2019 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |

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1. Comments:
* EtD: Any questions? No, then we vote

 **Proposals National Board 2017/18**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands

1. **EtD** calls for the vote on the proposals

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| No 2 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |
| No 3 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |
| No 4 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |
| No 5 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |
| No 6 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |
| No 7 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |
| No 8 | National Board | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |

 **Presentation of candidate(s) of NCM I 2018/2019 host**

Ismael van Rees, President of ELSA Rotterdam 2017/2018

1. **EtD** gives the floor to **Ismael van Rees** to present their candidacy for NCM I 2018/2019 host.
2. Comments:
* Ismael van Rees: 40.50 per night for sleeping, 19-21 October, Workshops &amp; plenaries Erasmus University college. Total costs:81 euros for sleeping, rest is unknown.
* ELSA Nijmegen: Is it including towels?
* ELSA Rotterdam: We don’t know
* ELSA Leiden: Costs money but not a lot
* ELSA Leiden: After first NCM this year we discussed continuing with NCM 3 for 3 days. First NCM is not in the city but in the countryside.
* ZC: First NCM should be focused on teambuilding but the farm format is not regulated.
* ELSA Leiden: Drinks should be included in the budget according to statutes.
* ZC: Accommodations, social program, food and beverages shall be supplied.
* ELSA Leiden: What is the social program?
* Ismael van Rees: We don’t know
* ELSA Leiden: Where are we budgeting for the social program? Because if it’s not included it will cost us a lot more money.
* ELSA Rotterdam: We will clarify everything later.
* RC: Should we follow the farm format?
* Ismael van Rees: I don’t think we will.
* ELSA Tilburg: How is dinner and breakfast included?
* Ismael van Rees: Because it is included
* ELSA Leiden: Leiden has exams the week after, we don’t like the dates
* ELSA Rotterdam: We can’t take everybody into account
* ELSA Leiden: Why not at the same time as last year?
* ELSA Rotterdam: Erasmus school of law has semesters of 4 weeks, so September is not an option.
* ELSA Utrecht: Are we going to vote on it now or on the DOT? And what if it is denied?
* ELSA Maastricht: We also have exams the week after, so we want another date.
* ELSA Maastricht: 12 to 14 October?

 **Voting on dates of NCM I 2018/2019 host:**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands 2017/2018

1. **EtD** calls for the vote on dates of NCM I 2018/2019 host:

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| **Proposal** | **Proposed by** | **Total Votes** | **Vote** | **Result** |
| 19 – 21 October | ELSA Rotterdam | 16 | +2 | -12 | Ab.2 |  |
| 12 – 14 October | ELSA Rotterdam | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |  |

1. Comments:
* ELSA Rotterdam: 12-14 accepted, we will look into everything else
* ELSA Utrecht: Is it an idea to present the next plan at DOT to clarify?
* ELSA Rotterdam: We’ll look into it
* HH: Comment on this because its controversial, since people have differences in customs we have decided that customary we should be on the farm and I really think that Rotterdam should be more flexible in that respect and to present two options at the DOT.
* ELSA Amsterdam: I want to add to what Horatiu has said, if this is going to be every NCM a discussion about the form.
* EtD: open the discussion next year there are no more proposals.
* ELSA Leiden: It’s going to be a lot of money if nothing is included.
* EtD: We are repeating the same discussion of last year. If you want to propose something for NCMs, do it next year.
* ELSA Leiden: We didn’t know they were not going to stick to the plan, I should have been able to anticipate.
* ELSA Leiden: Should we vote on two options at the DOT?
* ELSA Rotterdam: We will prepare two options.

 **Presentation, and Q&A, of the Candidate(s) for the National Board of 2018/2019**

**Eva te Dorsthorst**

1. **EtD** gives the floor to **Maddy Geerarts** to present her candidacy for Vice President for Academic Activities
2. Comments:
* ELSA Groningen: Do you have any plans for what you want to do on the national level.
* MG: I want to do negotiation competitions on the national level.
* ELSA Utrecht: We want to stimulate cooperation between local groups
* MG: Yes
* ELSA Utrecht: Do you have an idea how?
* MG: I want to be involved with all the groups and mediate it around.
1. **EtD** gives the floor to **Margot Rumpel** to present her candidacy for Vice President for Marketing
2. Comments:
* None
1. **EtD** gives the floor to **Rebecca Quazi** to present her candidacy for Treasurer
2. Comments:
* None
1. **EtD** gives the floor to **Ifigenia Polizos** to present her candidacy for Secretary General
2. Comments:
* ELSA Utrecht: Coaching group, is it possible?
* Ifigenia Polizos: Maybe we cannot do it every month that I come by to supervise or maybe we can do it every two months.
* ELSA Leiden: Question about workload, you are taking on many more tasks and if you want to take on so many events that is so much to organize, how do you think you’ll manage that?
* Ifigenia Polizos: I’m used to having a heavy workload, so I think I have good time-management skills.
* ELSA Leiden: You think you’ll be able to manage these new aspects of your functions?
* Ifigenia Polizos: I can try and see if it works
1. **EtD** gives the floor to **Tessa Robijn** to present her candidacy for President
2. Comments:
* ELSA Utrecht: What’s your view on local board coaching?
* TR: I think it should improve a lot because you should be there also at the events, last year could have been better and in the new board we should discuss that and make it mandatory to visit at least 5 per year.
* ELSA Utrecht: How many hours schedule per week for being president?
* TR: Last year I had two jobs, final year of my bachelor and National S&C, went to almost all nternational events and I plan my time ahead. So, I’m committed to this and to plan and use time to invest in local groups. How many hours per week exactly: I tend to see ELSA as a full workweek, so 40+ hours per week.
* ELSA Tilburg: What are you going to do on expansion?
* TR: That’s mostly on the local groups, I don’t want to control them too much but give them the opportunity to expand on themselves. Of course, I’ll brainstorm with them during the meetings but it’s on the local groups. Because last year we had Valentina, who was the director for expansion but that’s up to the board.
* RC: You talked about the newsletter and our board year and we did a monthly newsletter, but what would you change with exception to the last months when there were problems?
* TR: That’s also what Ifi said, she wants to put regular updates in the Facebook group which is a great way of informally informing people, but I want to put the formal information in the newsletter. Because I think we did it in the beginning of the year but that was simply not enough.
* ELSA Utrecht: Last year you went in the national board and you concluded that it was still not enough what you did for the local boards?
* Tessa ELSA NL: As Eva already started, she started updating the presidents with what is happening within the NB, but that only started around April, so that’s not early enough. I will do it from the beginning on, starting tomorrow by figure of speech. She’s discussing weekly updates and continuously.
* ELSA Leiden: I was wondering how the combination of your last year and NB went this year. Did you manage well?
* TR: Yes, I passed all my subjects, if that’s what’s you mean?
* ELSA Leiden: Was it not too stressful?
* TR: It was not too stressful but there is some stress of course.
* ELSA Leiden: You have a lot of ambitious plans but how do you want to fill up that there’s nobody to fill up for S&C, how would you manage to combine this?
* TR: I’m looking to install a director or depute, because S&C cannot fail and if there is no director in the board this will be a big problem.

 **Voting on candidates for National Board 2018/2019:**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands 2017/2018

1. **EtD** calls for the vote on the candidates for National Board 2018/2019:

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| **Candidate(s)** | **Total Votes** | **Vote** |
| Maddy Geerarts | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |
| Margot Rumpel | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |
| Rebecca Quazi | 16 | +16 | -0 | Ab.0 |
| Ifigenia Polizos | 16 | +14 | -0 | Ab.2 |
| Tessa Robijn | 16 | +12 | -2 | Ab.2 |

 **WVTTK and Questions**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands 2017/2018

1. **EtD** calls on the votes for the dates of DOT 2018

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| **DOT Dates** | **Proposed by** | **Total Votes** | **Vote** |
| 9th of June | National Board | 16 | +0 | -0 | Ab.16 |
| 16th of June | National Board | 16 | +0 | -0 | Ab.16 |
| 23rd of June | National Board | 16 | +6 | -0 | Ab.10 |
| 6th of June | National Board | 16 | +0 | -0 | Ab.16 |
| 3rd of June | National Board | 16 | +0 | -0 | Ab.16 |

1. Comments:
* ELSA Leiden: How is the book sale?
* AA: I spoke with the treasurers and you can get a 10% or a 5% discount. This mandate is given to ELSA the Netherlands. Meaning that books will be provided to ELSA the Netherlands for the discount of 10%, however local groups will have a 5% discount. ELSA the Netherlands will have a supervising portal.

 **Roundtable**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands 2017/2018

Everybody is thanking to the OC and wishing luck to the new NB, old board, internationals and other people.

 **Closing**

Eva te Dorsthorst, President of ELSA the Netherlands 2017/2018

1. **EtD** announces the Closing of the 73rd National Council Meeting.