# LXX National Council Meeting of ELSA the Netherlands 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of May 2017

# **MINUTES**

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Opening of the plenary

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): electing tellers

- 14 votes in favor for the tellers.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): approval of the minutes

- There are no amendments to the minutes

In favor: 14 against: 0 abstentions: 0

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): ICM Prague presentation- more detailed in the area workshops, any more questions in the workshops. In general: ELSA Poland had many proposals about the financial structure. Their proposals were negatively recommended, nobody followed and they decided to withdraw the proposals. Also, a joined proposal ELSA NL and Germany: minimum of 100 and max of 1000. Everything is divided in the network so that is more fair. Germany want to change the name of the Seminars and Conferences to Scientific and Cultural, but it didn't pass. New IB was elected and Michelle is in there. One other big change -now they put some of the workload for VP MCC to the VP AA.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): State of the Network, not many questions because we want to know the most important things. Problematic if not everyone fills it in. Moving on to the proposals that are easy for now. We just want to ask if there is a need to discuss it.

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Can we discuss the proposals in the workshops if everyone agrees?

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): agreed, of course.

- Proposal 32 to begin with: we used another layout, the same as the IB. We move on to the voting since there are no comments
  - o 14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions
- Proposal 33: translation, we left out point 9 only. No comments or amendments
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 34: it is already regulated. No comments
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 35: it is outdated and regulated differently. No comments
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 36: another clean out again, already regulated pretty clearly. No comments
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 38: we believe that it is outdated and already regulated. No amendments
  - o O against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 39: it contradicts itself so that is why it is to be stroked out
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 40: it contradicts our statues in 5.2 and it is outdated
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor



- Proposal 41: this is now partial cleanout and we didn't strike it completely out, here we basically translated and replaced the location in the decision book and we simplified it to keep it simple
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 42: again, this is a clean out due to overregulation, we don't want to regulate everything and it is already regulated.
  - o 0 against, o abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 43: again, already regulated so simply another cleanout.
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 44: not complete cleanout but we want to keep it in more simple and structured and just a translation
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 45: cleanout because already regulated in the international decision book so no need to have it here. No remark
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 47: already regulated in our own standing orders, double regulations
  - 0 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 48: clean out once again, it is already regulated and outdated
  - 0 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 49: again already regulated much more detailed on international level
  - 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 50: not a complete cleanout, just a replacement and reformulation and translation,
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 51: already regulated on international level
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 52: more comments about this, what we mean is that we believe that we shouldn't lose autonomy of the LG themselves, you are all in this together. It should be regulated in the standing orders of the LG,
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 53: has no place in a decision book
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 55: recent proposal and we translated it, nothing to change about it
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 65: one of our cleanouts, already regulated
  - 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 66: already regulated in our statutes
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 67: partially outdated and overregulated, another cleanout
  - o 0 against, 2 abstentions, 12 in favor, proposal has passed
- Proposal 68: same as the previous one and regulated
  - 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 69: we don't use this, not that I know of or you
  - Grace (ELSA Maastricht): Do you have any idea of what it is?
    - Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): This is the Dutch activity data base that every local group provides in a lot of detail about their event that happened or will happen. We don't have this and we don't want to have it because it is a lot of work and doesn't have added value. You can develop it if you want to.
    - Grace (ELSA Maastricht): It is clear
  - o 0 against, 2 abstentions, 12 in favor. Proposal has passed
- Proposal 70: already regulated and therefore typical overregulation
  - 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor



- Proposal 71: again cleanout, already regulated in our own standing orders, double regulation
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 72: this on is regulated to national activity database, no one wants to use it
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 73: does not add anything
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 74: related to earlier proposals, already regulated, we don't want to mess with the autonomy of the LG
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 75: cleanout, partially regulated, falls under general scope, no use of it in decision book
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 76: the same as the last one, but for S&C, it does not add anything
  - 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 77: again, a cleanout, already partially regulated on international level and also outdated and part of it falls under general scope
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 78: also a cleanout with the main reason that it damaged the autonomy of the LG and that of the NB. We would like to leave it to their discretion
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 79: already regulated and you can regulate on tour own local level if you want to
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 80: cleanout, we once again believe that it doesn't add anything
  - 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 81: cleanout, no added value
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 82: weird article in our opinion because it is strange to have a regulation to say it is different but still have to follow it
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 83: way more extensively regulated on international level
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 84: cleanout, already regulated
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 86: once again, already regulated, no added value
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor
- Proposal 87: already regulated
  - o 0 against, 0 abstentions, 14 in favor

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): moving on to point 13: any other business, does have any points which are not discussed and should be discussed? I see non

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): you have to hand in a printed version of the nomination sheets, you can get one from me tomorrow.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): point 14

- Nilson (ELSA Leiden): where is ELSA Amsterdam and does, anyone know where they are?
- Zaneta (ELSA Maastricht): a lot of them cancelled, but the rest is coming later.
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): someone is present tonight and at the workshops. They
  canceled very last minute, so I will talk to them and comment on this, it is important to talk
  about this.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Closes the plenary at 15:54



# Workshop 13th of May

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): We will talk about the NCM structure, so what we want from you today is to discuss it in detail and we have 3 hours. Today I want to come with regulations and proposals for regulations, we want you to decide what you want to do and how the NCM will look like. We will give our thought because of our own experience. I want to open the floor for you now. So give us all your input and we will work with the finger system.

Marijn (ELSA Groningen): speakers on the NCM

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): I would like to discuss the structure of the days of the NCM

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): sounds good

Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): I agree with Grace and there is a lot of wasted time and money. If we give up a weekend we better give up 1 night and have an effective NCM.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): So you just want to work and not have fun. We can do what you want, a full day of work so we will have to pull through all day. There has to be the opportunity for LGs to make proposals. We want to give you enough information. The training on NCM 2 you all liked and if there are proposals we really need to discuss them and only 2 proposals took a lot of time yesterday. We don't want you to vote on something you did not know the reason behind it. We can make it work in 1 or 2 days, but the social program will vanish. We want to provide knowledge in the workshops.

Mads (ELSA International): You start on Friday before the dinner and then you have the social program to get to know each other and start Saturday morning or Friday afternoon. Speakers can be offered Friday or Saturday. But the social program is important for bonding.

Jake (ELSA International): If you want to change structure for good then you wont be flexible, it can make the situation difficult for the future.

Barbara (ELSA Leiden): There was a structure for previous years, why don't we hold on to that?

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): The way we do now is because of short of time and that people said we didn't do enough. We had to bond, that was a concrete outcome. What we did is listen to the input we got from the local level and now there is different opinion. What you guys think now, is what you as a board think now but that does not go to other boards coming. We want a more bonded network to work better together. It is not pointing fingers but improving ourselves.

Barbara(ELSA Leiden): When it is 2 days people will really come and work effectively.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): You all have the responsibility to work for your board on local or national level, we all voted in favor of this date. Anyone who now comes with comments, you should have discussed it earlier. You voted upon this and you should've mentioned during first NCM. We cannot find a perfect date suitable for everyone. It is a responsibility you take as a person. There are only 30 people now while first NCM had 70. This is not a good thing not having people here. Apparently people don't want to be here, so what can we change. If we would make it two days then why aren't people here today, we are working today, I am not seeing anyone.

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): I like the flexibility idea

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): We can also go back to two Ncms. We are one of the few who does not have other events than NCM. We can go back to 2 if you think is better?



Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): I think its better to have 3 shorter but effective ncms, there can be changes throughout the year and it is good to see each other face to face.

Barbara (ELSA Leiden): if people want to party they can come Friday to do the social program and people who want to work can come on Saturday.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): nobody is forced

Luisa (ELSA Maastricht): if you know the estimated load of work and have a shorter notice

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): the reason for the structure we have now is to keep it cheap, The comments we are getting is that we don't see the city

Sara (ELSA Maastricht): Maastricht has a lot to offer in town and an event in the city can be successful.

Luisa (ELSA Maastricht): to get to know people, people can stay at your place

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): For Leiden it would have cost 105 and everyone had accommodation and social program, beer was less than 1 euro, the cost may be a problem but it shouldn't be.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): it is nice to say that people can stay at your place, but you can't regulate that.

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): It should be up to the local group to manage their budget, it depends on how financial healthy you are.

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): the reason why in Germany they have cap of 50euros for ncms is because they sleep in the gym on the floor

Zaneta (ELSA Maastricht): Practical point, it is easier for an OC to organize it on a farm because you order the food and do the catering all in one, everyone is in the same place, in the city everyone would be all over the town and logistics would be way harder to figure out.

Jake (ELSA International): do you have in the regulations that it has to be on the country side? no

Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): That was nilsons plan, they rejected because it wasn't on the country side.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): I am trying to explain why we did it this way, people told us there was no program and that we should fix everything ourselves, we tried to improve

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): we had a program in Leiden city hall, we had everything within 5min walk distance, there should be the possibility to present a plan for the LG. Unwillingness to host a proper ncm is another thing, but to create an obligation not to want to host anymore is not a good thing.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): it depends on the city, the people, everyone thinks we are being the bad guy. It is the responsibility for the NB to set a decent ncm. I agree with you nilson to do it in the city if it is organized very well. It is time to come with concrete things and write them down and make a regulation to make it acceptable for all situations for the future.

Nilison (ELSA Leiden): the presentation of the hosts during first NCM should be more substantive and more than 3 sheets, I think the council could properly vote on it and if the program is feasible enough.

Mads (ELSA International): we deal with these sort of issues, as a host it is hard to put it forward. ICMs: they present an agenda, a broader picture with what they wanna do, so when you vote for a host you don't know the outcome in the end. But that is what the NB is here for. You must trust the secgen and NB, the council cannot make decisions on everything.



Nilson (ELSA Leiden): LG has only 30sec to assess a proposal, so it would be better to send an email before the NCM with the things that are planned for the next ncm and how it would look like and talk about it with the NB. Plans have to presented earlier so people have knowledge.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): I agree but if there is no one, like now is the case, we don't know who wants to organize the first ncm next year. Your plan is doable but it is hard. What do we do when no one wants to host?

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): what nilson meant is to just send an email before NCM about the plans.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we have to regulate what needs to be done, it was already regulated but it wasn't sufficient. This is why we believe it is more feasible to appoint a host so we can go into depth.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): I agree, I think its not that difficult to make the regulation, the requirements and everything will be put in the email and send to the LG so they can make a choice.

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): what would be the consequence of the requirements not being met? What will happen?

Danny(ELSA the Netherlands): very fair question, What happens when no one applies?

Vanessa (ELSA Maastricht): why not a rotation system? And make everything easier for everyone and if someone can't then make that an exception.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): that is not feasible and I will explain why: every LG will say they don't want to do it

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): an LG can justify why they cant organize

Barbara (ELSA Leiden): is nice to have structure and to know when we will be next, that way we can make it work if we know in advance

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we can regulate whatever you want

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): if a host comes forward it has to be of quality, such an obligation

Emily (ELSA Maastricht): if you want to regulate and at the same time unwritten what is expected, the quality of the NCM is questionable

Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): if you know you will be hoisting ncm you can look in advance for better accommodation.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): when you are doing the transition it is important to pay attention to this aspect. If you know it is gonna happen then you know in advance

Mads (ELSA International): What is being discussed in Germany and implemented in Elsa Denmark: some groups might not be able to host it, so the solution is to team people up, in Germany they are making 4 groups, what you could do is make 3 groups and then if a group is to weak then the other will do it. I see what Danny says, the issue is if you put the pressure that is not strong, that is not the interest. You need to take care of the groups that are not able to do it.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): it is good to learn from other countries

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): so they have this buddysystem as a backup or as real system?



Mads (ELSA International): in reality we get the positive things because you know it is your turn but if you cant you know the other group help

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): Maastricht and Groningen are so far away from the other groups, it might be difficult.

Maria (ELSA Groningen): I feel like the buddy group wouldn't solve the problem, because you can push it on the other group. Knowing in advance wont work.

Mads (ELSA International): it is all planning, the working system in Denmark - there we have 2 groups on 1 side and two on the other side, the weak group who knows they are not able to do it, they internally discussed who is gonna do it. I believe you have to be careful with the rotation system not to harm the small groups.

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): are there actually groups who cant host an ncm? I don't think so

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): we can't know now, we have no idea. If you can't find successors, we don't know who is strong or weak. Maybe groups will fall apart

Eva(ELSA Nijmegen): but that is the exception rule within the rotation system.

Vanessa (ELSA Maastricht): in case there is a group that cant do it, maybe a 3 months or 6 months notice is needed in advance that a group cant do it

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): keep in mind we don't want to write a civil code, it shouldn't be complicated. Over the years people put stuff in them and things get complicated. It has to be sustainable

Vanessa (ELSA Maastricht): we have a situation now and we want to solve it, if the other NB wants to change it then they can do that later on

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): cant we combine rotation system and the buddysystem?

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): it can be possible, one hand per local group: 7 groups present. I want a concrete outcome. Who thinks a rotation system in general would be feasible/preferred? 6 out of 7 feel that the rotation system is better. Can I see who thinks its best to rotate per group separately? 6 out of 7 again. It is more feasible to rotate per local group. Then we will build up on that.

Maria (ELSA Groningen): I don't think the rotation is the good idea, it is better that groups propose themselves but that is not always the case.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): you mean to make a backup rotation system?

Maria (ELSA Groningen): sort of, I dont think that a LG wouldn't organize the ncm if they know far in advance

Emily (ELSA Maastricht): the system is you have on a voluntary basis and then rotation as a backup. It is true that it is good to make it more concrete.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we don't have that system actually, we unofficially use it. There is no regulation for this.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): Maria filled it in but then again we did it in a super short notice but it went well and it was not that difficult to organize an ncm

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we shouldn't regulate a voluntary basis and then a backup system because it gets confusing. If you would rotate, then rotate in general and not backup



Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): but you can get the best of both, excited LG can propose themselves but If there aren't then the rotation system can be used.

Maria (ELSA Groningen): maybe lets start from the rotation system with the exception that if a group really want to host it then present themselves. They have to be really motivated to do it

Horatiu (ELSA Tilburg): I support Maria with the rotation being the backup. You have that amount of time to propose for doing an ncm.

Tariq (ELSA Utrecht): the rotation as primary and you're not sure whether LG are motivated, you can set deadlines. As a NB you can keep the rotation system in check and that he ncm is hosted as scheduled

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): the whole rationale behind the rotation is for groups to know in advance. But it could discourage a local group from hosting the ncm

Robin (ELSA Rotterdam): if you want to implement voluntary acts of hosting of ncm, you have to implement rotation system for groups.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): what about application and rotation?

Winnie(ELSA Utrecht): yes, it is reasonably to keep all the interest in mind, people who are the most motivated should be given the chance.

Vanessa (ELSA Maastricht): that is our suggestion but no one wants to do it

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we sort of have it but we don't have it egulated

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): we are gonna make it more clear, set a period of time, that everyone is aware. We could avoid problems if we are aware

Vanessa (ELSA Maastricht): voluntary option is good, give them the chance to propose.

Maria (ELSA Groningen): the idea is for like exceptional cases, to leave the option open

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): what you say is that we are discussing the differences

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): knowing in advance will bring good organized ncms

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): there always need to be exceptions in emergency situations

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): what is the general opinion now? 6 groups: it is best to regulate a rotation system, rotate always unless you can apply for hosting it in advance.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): why not the other way around, why not give the floor to the motivated first. Many people showed interest in hosting the ncm, it is way nicer for everyone like this. Let people show their plan and then fall back to rotation

Zaneta (ELSA Maastricht): everyone can send their plan to the other boards and if the idea is liked then vote it in at the ncm itself, then there will be less discussions. It depends on the communication.

Emily (ELSA Maastricht): it brings up other problems we are trying to avoid. A lack of structure and uncertainty.

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): we want to regulate the unofficial thing we are doing now. We should not take away the option for groups to volunteer. Starting groups are not necessarily weak.

Vanessa (ELSA Maastricht): it is not smart to make of an exception a rule.



Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): you have a misconception, LGs are motivated, I don't see it that dark and it is not much of a problem as it looks like

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): we don't tell a LG a week before to host, but if there is no one volunteering we don't wait a week. We are gonna actively approach people. Utrecht this year was an exception

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): if you keep explaining we are not gonna get any further, so we better go on to the deciding

Mads (ELSA International): from the perception how we gonna regulate it, it is about how early you set the deadline

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): I agree, who wants to comment, we have to look at the timeframe

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): this year is an exception, ncms are normally more divided. Who thinks there should be a deadline for applying to host a ncm?

Maria (ELSA Groningen): 2 or 3 ncms, 2 might work if it is well divided, you need to be convinced and motivated.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): if tomorrow there is nobody who wants to host ncm 2 then the rotational person will be appointed.

Maria (ELSA Groningen): I think that that would be good, 5/6 months in advance is good.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): who agrees with the rotation and the timeframe? 7 out of 7 groups.

break

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Lets set exceptions for getting excluded from hosting NCM

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): financial disability

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): lack of board members

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we will come back to that later

Jozua (ELSA the Netherlands): can you give definition of financial disability?

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): if you don't have the financial stability and the NB decides whether this is true or not.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): does that matter since it does not come out of your pocket?

Eva(ELSA Nijmegen): we said we wanted to have a cap and that we couldn't go beneath

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): if you regulate a maximum, a cap, then it does not matter, in the end it shouldn't cost you money.

Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): lack of financial stability

Mads (ELSA International): all the things you put there, someone has to decide on them whether it is legit.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht) maybe we can look at the circumstances, it is really important to set a high threshold for denying, you can't just say no.



Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): NB decides who is up next has a lack of members or financial instability.

Maria (ELSA Groningen): if someone in the rotation is deemed not able to host then there must be extreme circumstances as to why

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): so they must have reasonable explanation to bring to the NB. You can also put in like if you don't host the ncm there will be a vote at the next ncm whether you should remain a member. This would be a middle ground, in nice wording. Who agrees? Everyone agreed. Consequences for not hosting is decided by the NB and voted upon by the Council. That is pretty fair.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): lets talk about the financial cap. We have it in our regulations, but we believe it is too concrete and we want to strike it out. You can just set a maximum for 3day ncm or a 2day ncm. Going into detail on how the money is spend, is not necessary. Let's start with the 3day ncm. How much should it cost?

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): 100

Leiden Nilson: 120

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): comments?

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): we agree with Leiden

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): who else agrees? 6 groups are in favor

Jake (ELSA International) if you want to speak about the costs, keep in mind what you get for this money. You gotta stay real.

Danny(ELSA the Netherlands): he has a point, we have a guideline, but what do we have to regulate about the content of the ncm?

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): if you want to have a speaker, this costs money.

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): it should be mandatory to have a speaker

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we had partners and money, next year we have nothing, maybe Mads can explain something

Mads (ELSA International): we include accommodation, food, special program such as sight seeing, those are the special fees. In reality what happens on international level is that everyone buys it anyways. We don't have alcohol included.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): is there anyone who can organize a ncm for 120euro including beverages in the city?

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): yes it is possible

Grace (ELSA Maastricht): Leiden was the only one who tried to do it, so they know

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): does everyone agree with 120euro including food, drinks (no alcohol) and transportation during the event?

Maria (ELSA Groningen): no one will come, because we can all see the price is gonna end up really high since no alcohol is included.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we are now excluding the things we have now and making the price go up.



Vanessa (ELSA Maastricht): vote every year for the amount of money

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): it is not feasible; it is not efficient

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): we have this amount of money and then you decide where you are gonna arrange

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): who disagrees with making an all in price? 1 or 2 groups

Sophie(ELSA Tilburg): depending on a city it can be cheaper

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): it is not workable for every group to include the alcohol in the regulation

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): who is in favor to set an amount of drinks for the social program instead of unlimited alcohol?

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): we don't agree with including alcohol in the price

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): either we do all in alcohol or none, not like 5 drinks

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): who thinks it should be all in or all out concerning alcohol?

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): we abstain because we want to talk about it

Maria (ELSA Groningen): we can do 2 separate caps and then the local group can choose

Horatiu (ELSA Tilburg): In our opinion we focused on the wrong point, you mentioned the caps and how much and the alcohol, the cap does not mean it has to cost 120, we should focus on what we can provide with 120, we think we should mention instead of alcohol just to provide drinks and leave it to the LG to decide on the alcohol.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): who has any more input or something to vote about and to write down?

Maria (ELSA Groningen): we should leave some discretion to the new boards

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): so don't regulate anything else than the money maximum?

Maria (ELSA Groningen): making sure accommodation, foods and drinks and social program

Winnie(ELSA Utrecht): if you do it like this the host will have more freedom and it can be different from ncm to ncm. We can evaluate and then see.

Mads (ELSA International): the point of this discussion is to have a lot of people at the ncm and fun, reality is that people will be drinking. If you include the alcohol then you have a fixed price, if you don't then the price will go up to 200. You want everything, but you cannot get it. Look at what your goal is with the ncm.

Amo (ELSA Rotterdam): we discussed whether the farm or the city, now it is up to you, the hosting party has the freedom to choose, it is just bound by the price and nothing else.

Maria (ELSA Groningen): I don't think it's a problem whether it is on a farm or not. Within 120 euro in a city is an accomplishment and great, but the farm is not bad. Do what you can with the money.

Mads (ELSA International): the real payment is not 120 if you don't include alcohol, that is just being real – it will be way higher and it is just a weekend

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): regulating the alcohol- you are drinking alcohol even when you don't want to because you have paid for it when it comes to including the alcohol in the price.



Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): it is not fair to let people pay when they don't drink, but we have to look at who else agrees or disagrees. We can say that 120 is the max but if it is a max and you go to a city then practically it is not the max.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): we should indeed look at what the goal is of an ncm.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): you would like to see the first ncm at the farm for the bonding, the second and the third leave it open.

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): yes

Tariq (ELSA Utrecht): if people are capable of organizing the ncm in the city, then why not?

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): to conclude; do we set a cap of 120 with the accommodation, food and drinks and social program? This is open, discretion of the board. All in means with alcohol included, and the third is split. SPLIT= 4 votes, ALL IN = 0 votes, OPEN = 3 votes

Break

Second workshop

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we feel that we as a network have strain to far from, what do we want to be, how do we want to profile, how can we sell ourselves. We are feeling that we are becoming irrelevant.

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): we see office visits, study trips and lectures, but these are common things, it does not identify, we have flagship projects, summer law schools etc. that identify ELSA.

Sophie (ELSA Tilburg): we did a lecture on the IFP

Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): we did pwc

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): why didn't others include ELSA core events?

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): we were not aware of the ELSA activities since this is our second year and our transition wasn't good.

Jozua (ELSA the Netherlands): last year we organized an IFP, so why don't you do one? And why didn't you read the decision books or handbooks?

Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): reading it in handbook is not the same as someone telling you how important it is to organize an event.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we don't intend to blame anyone or point fingers, we just want a conclusion, and indeed we talked about this, we want to make clear that there should be a difference between a strong group and a strong ELSA group.

Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): you did good with the events, but why no elsa events? Transition is always a mess so that is why we are trying to focus on that.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): jus pointing out the flaws in our network

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): STEP is failing nationally, specifically it is a bit strange to say why we don't do STEP. The position of STEP is questionable.

Mads (ELSA International): the Netherlands that is taking a lot of people from outside, so in my head is clear that everyone wants to do core events, we have to see how we want to activate you. Ask for the materials you need, ask the questions you have. Passing the knowledge to your successors.



Tariq (ELSA Utrecht): if you look at the core events, on one hand we were really busy expanding, we really want to do those things, but NB has not emphasized those core events from the beginning. Our transition could have been better but also the NB could have stressed this better.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we assumed you guys knew these things and you would do them, but we made a mistake. We shouldn't have assumed. The question is what you guys are gonna do now.

Sophie (ELSA Tilburg): maybe we should make a document and put in there what you expect from the local boards and send it to them so they will get it during their transition.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): we feel that we lost ourselves, we lost too much information, we want to renew these facts and make sure that the new boards don't make the same mistake the network of now made. Knowing what you know now, there will be popping out core events or not next year?

Roy (ELSA the Netherlands): lets make one day, transition day where we make everything clear and sit with the old board and the new board.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): if you guys want this lets do this, but it is unacceptable for a president or a secgen or any other area not be there during ncms. Especially the president. As a board you have to take up the responsibility. We have to be angry at each other and encourage our board members. This should change.

Nilson (ELSA Leiden): you are right, but you are saying that to the people that are present.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): to stay on the point: do you guys believe that if we continue like we always do, will there be core events next year. Do you have the tools and the will to pass this on? If not, then we will make sure that you do or we will do it yourself. We want to improve ourselves and our successors.

Winnie(ELSA Utrecht): we need help from the NB for the transition, elsa-wise.

Mads (ELSA International): it is about encouragement, forcing people will lead to shit. Transition: use your knowledge and your experiences.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): I just feel that I didn't do the job I should have done. We didn't succeed to motivate. All these events, we don't want to force you guys, but these events are very good. We have to emphasize more how cool these core events are. We want to grow stronger together so that we can sell ourselves and make our quality better.

Roy (ELSA the Netherlands): not everyone is gonna come, but just a few members of the new board will also help.

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): one or two members can motivate the whole board. We will pick some dates and send them to you to choose.

Workshop is closed



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#### Point 2: Announcements

- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Issue with the secretaries is always the same, please think about it before the NCM so you have someone to nominate.
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): If you can't ask specifically for presidents signature on nomination sheet → Just has to be signed by nominating and seconding local group: don't need president and can be done by anyone so they're still valid
  - O This will be changed in the future to remove name of president so it can be done by anyone
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Nominations for NB
  - o Horatiu Hudin (ELSA Tilburg) for VP STEP
  - o Alechia Dawson (ELSA Maastricht) for VP STEP
  - o Tessa Robijn (ELSA Amsterdam) for VP S&C
  - o Bram Krikken (ELSA Maastricht) for VP AA
  - o Żaneta Chrostowska (ELSA Maastricht) for Secretary General
  - o Eva te Dorsthorst (ELSA Nijmegen) for President
- Jakub Jasiewicz (ELSA Maastricht): withdrew application for VP MCC

### Pt. 3: Presentation of budget for NCM II

- €99 p.p
- The overview will be sent to own devices to look over.
- Questions will come in any other business after everyone has looked at it.

## Pt. 4: Proposals

- Proposal 1:
  - Reversed voting order
  - o Unanimously approved
- Proposal 2:
  - Reversed voting order
  - o Unanimously approved
- Proposal 3:
  - o Reversed voting order
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 4:
  - Reversed voting order
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 5:
  - Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): Smaller groups with limited financial capabilities this will harm them
  - Valentina (ELSA Nijmegen): Agree with Utrecht, Rotterdam agrees too
  - o Maria (ELSA Groningen): Agree
  - o Regular voting
    - In favour: 6
    - Against: 10
    - Abstentions: 0
  - o Proposal does not pass
- Proposal 6:



- o Back up for proposal 5
- o Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): How will you determine the amount of members each group has
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): No way for the NB to be able to tell, if you choose to lie on the SOTN, but if you do NB can request the membership file (but you can falsify this too). This is purely based on trust and there is no way for us to legally enforce checking the members.
- Regular voting
  - In favour: 10
  - Against: 6
  - Abstentions: 0
- o Proposal passes
- Proposal 7:
  - Reversed voting procedure
    - Against: 2
    - Abstentions: 0
    - In favour: 14
- Proposal 8:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 9:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 10:
  - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Would prefer to vote something out until there is a new proposal
  - Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Will vote on a new proposal if there are any new suggestions to amend this proposal
  - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Didn't come up with a proposal because it is to do with Dutch Intellectual Property law and should be left in
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): This means everything will be in English and just this one article in Dutch.
  - Regular voting:
    - In favour: 0
    - Against: 4
    - Abstentions: 12
  - Proposal does not pass
- Proposal 11:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 12:
  - o NB withdraws this proposal
- Proposal 13:
  - NB withdraws this proposal
- Proposal 14:
  - Valentina (ELSA Nijmegen): Comment says activity report is provided in NCMs but she has not seen this happen this year and doesn't understand why we're writing something out that doesn't happen anyway
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Activity reports are the things we present and questions that you can ask us during the opening plenary, along with our OYOP
    - Activity report is also sent to international mailing list and if you're subscribed you will get our activity report
  - o Regular voting procedure



- In favour: 2
- Against: 2
- Abstentions: 12
- o Proposal does not pass
- Proposal 15:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 16:
  - Reversed voting procedure
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 4
    - In favour: 12
  - o Proposal passes
- Proposal 17:
  - o Regular voting procedure
    - In favour: 12
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 4
- Proposal 18:
  - o NB withdraw proposal
- Proposal 19:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 20:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 21:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - o Unanimously approved
- Proposal 22:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - o Unanimously approved
- Proposal 23:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 24:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 25:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 26:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - o Unanimously approved
- Proposal 27:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 28:
  - o NB: Amends proposal
  - o Regular voting procedure
    - In favour: 4



- Against: 0
- Abstentions: 12
- o Proposal passes
- Proposal 29:
  - Reversed voting procedure
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
    - In favour: 12
  - O Vote again in regular order
    - In favour: 14
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
  - o Proposal passes
- Proposal 30:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 31:
  - o NB withdraws proposal
- Proposal 37:
  - o Regular voting procedure
    - In favour: 12
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 4
  - Proposal passes
- Proposal 46:
  - Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Shall we vote on it now or wait to vote on the other proposal created yesterday?
  - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Wait to discuss this until after the vote of the other proposal
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Proposal moved till later
- Proposal 54:
  - NB withdraws proposal
- Proposal 85:
  - Reversed voting procedure
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
    - In favour: 14
  - o Proposal passes
- Proposal 88:
  - Regular voting procedure
    - In favour: 12
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 4
  - Proposal passes
- Proposal 56:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 57:
  - Reversed voting procedure
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
    - In favour: 14



- Proposal 58:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 59:
  - O Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam): ELSA the Netherlands still has 3 boxes of synergy at the Amsterdam office, how are they responsible
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): This is not the responsibility of the national office, and this is probably an issue of not communicating properly
  - o Michelle (ELSA the Netherlands): the first edition was handed out at ELSA Day and the other box hasn't been picked up
  - o Roy (ELSA the Netherlands): They should be sent to the local group addresses
  - o Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam): We have contacted our coach about this before
  - O Joshua (ELSA the Netherlands): We agreed that you would give them to me
  - o Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam): I did not know this
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): The NBs responsibility to hand out synergy's is regulated at an international level. It shouldn't be regulated on a national level. This proposal is purely about the responsibility of the local groups to hand them out.
  - o Margot (ELSA Maastricht): Why don't we amend the proposal to ensure good communication to ensure they go to the right addresses
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): We would not be in favour of amending this as it's already regulated on an international level and we don't want to regulate things twice
  - o Regular voting procedure
    - In favour: 14
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
  - Proposal approved
- Proposal 60:
  - Reversed voting procedure
    - Against: 2
    - Abstentions: 6
    - In favour: 8
  - o Proposal passes
- Proposal 61:
  - Reversed voting procedure
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 4
    - In favour: 12
  - o Proposal passes
- Proposal 62:
  - Reversed voting procedure
  - o Unanimously approved
- Proposal 63:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - Unanimously approved
- Proposal 64:
  - o Reversed voting procedure
  - o Unanimously approved
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Will put new proposal (NCM Structure/finances) on FB participants group and put it on slides and then will take a 20 mins break
- Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): is 20 mins necessary
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Yes it is



#### Break to discuss

- Proposal 89
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands):
    - Difficult proposal
    - Hope everyone will make amendments so that it is the exact way everyone wants
    - If the proposal doesn't pass we can always regulate how we want the next NCM to look like and then push the decision to our successors
  - o Questions:
    - Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): What is a third party (s. 6)?
    - Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Can be anyone who isn't a local group
      - Outside company/ event organiser
      - Or people from each local group in one big autonomous OC
    - Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): Why can't it just be the NB who organises it if there is not LG
    - Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Not sure of NB will be able to deal with all the practical things that come with organising an NCM as well as coming up with all the materials for the NCM → also don't know what the situation of human resources will be next year
  - o Remarks: none
  - o Amendments:
  - o Jake (ELSA International): These proposal make no sense, they are broad and unclear → can bring different consequence that would be dangerous for you guys in the future
  - o Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Can you please elaborate on what this may be?
  - O Jake (ELSA International): Example what would happen if a LG drops out a week before the NCM?
  - o Margot (ELSA Maastricht): Does the 'rules of reasonability' cover this?
  - o Jake (ELSA International): Yeah I guess it does
    - There is the issue with s.8 'extensively' what does this mean? What will entail?
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): This must be voted in unanimously
  - Regular voting procedure
    - In favour: 16
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
  - o Proposal passes
- Proposal 90:
  - o Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Joint amendment from all LG's
    - Danny NB: Would you like to exclude observer members?
    - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Yes, we would
      - Agreement from other LGs
  - o Jake (ELSA International): Now this is about the content → I think this restructuring will destroy the point of the NCMs as the team building spirit must be kept throughout the whole year or it kind of defeats the point of ELSA.
  - Maria (ELSA Groningen): Restrictive in the regulations to have the set amount of days
     → 2 days might not be enough.
  - o Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam):



- To comment on Jake → most other National Groups have 2 NCMs of 3 days and we have 3 of 3 and 2 days and 2 days so we have a day extra
- Reply to Maria → If we have a lot to do then we can just focus on the important things
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): We do have more days but no officer's meetings
- O Jake (ELSA International): I have experienced more NCMs and you have a unique structure that you should get the best out of
- o Nilson (ELSA Leiden): We also have dinner and drinks that we can bond at
- Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): ELSA Spirit is about having people show up to NCMs and at the moment this isn't happening. We have decided on this and what we think is best. This does not mean we're stepping out of the ELSA identity because we will still be bonding.
- Unofficial vote
  - in favour: 16
  - against: 0
  - Abstention: 0
- o Official vote
  - In favour: 16
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
- o Proposal passes
- Proposal 46
  - o Regular voting procedure:
    - In favour: 14
    - Against: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
  - Proposal passes

# Pt. 5: Presentation of budget

- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): EDF is €100 because we have no sponsors and this is the lowest we can pay.
  - The EDF is added to what we pay as a membership and then this is divided amongst you guys
- Maria (ELSA Groningen): Is it necessary do have the statute changes as they're in half Dutch/English and maybe they should be totally changed before we update them?
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): All our statutes are in Dutch and we are required to do so by law. We have non-binding translations for internationals. We think it's wise for a possible statute change and the NB is required to go to a notary to do this and if you don't provide us with a budget to do this then this can cause us financial trouble.
- Voting
  - o In favour: 16
  - o Against: 0
  - o Abstentions: 0

Stephen (ELSA Tilburg): Is there anyone to host NCM I?

Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): No we would like to take this time to approach people



#### Pt. 7: Presentation of host for NCM I

- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands):
  - The regulations we've just voted on will be in force in 6 weeks
  - o ELSA Amsterdam is willing to host NCM I
  - o In 6 weeks from tomorrow ELSA Leiden will be automatically appointed for NCM II and Tilburg for NCM III if no one applies at NCM I
- ELSA Amsterdam presentation for NCM I
  - o Will have enough board members/ members next year to provide enough support and carry it out?
  - o Want to do it to show that they're still committed to being part of the network
  - o Questions:
    - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Not a question, just thank you for stepping up
- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): The NB will help them as much as we can and include it in the transition so that the new board can help them too.
- Discussion of dates
  - o Stephan (ELSA Tilburg): Last weekend of September (29/30/1st)
  - o Maria (ELSA Groningen): This will be too late
  - o Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> of Sept (22/23/24)
  - O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): 15-17th Sept
    - Two dates narrowed down
      - 22-24: GR  $\rightarrow$  this seems too late
      - 15-17: AM  $\rightarrow$  this will be too early

### Pt. 8: Voting on host for NCM I

- Voting on 22-24 September for NCM I in Amsterdam:
  - o In favour: 16
  - o Against: 0
  - o Abstentions: 0
- The motion passes

# Pt. 9: Presentation of candidates for national board 2017/18

- Horatiu Hudin (ELSA Nijmegen)- Candidate for VP STEP
  - o Questions:
    - Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam): Do you speak Dutch? Because we have approached everyone in Dutch and do you think it will be an issue if you don't speak Dutch
    - Horatiu (ELSA Tilburg): I don't think it will be an issue and if I have an issue I will ask someone to help me with it
    - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): How do you think that the issue nationally and internationally with STEP can be tackled.
    - Horatiu (ELSA Tilburg): We have a lack of knowledge and this is one of the best way to tackle this
    - Stephan (ELSA Tilburg): Just to clarify if you get elected you won't go on exchange?
    - Horatiu (ELSA Tilburg): No, I wont



- Sara(ELSA Maastricht) How would you deal with cancelled internships from the partners' side?
- Horatiu (ELSA Tilburg): Cooperation is the best tool to deal with this because you can't impose any penalties on them and can only try to work with them better to make sure it doesn't happen

# • Alechia Dawson (ELSA Maastricht) - Candidate for VP STEP

- o Questions:
  - Stephan (ELSA Tilburg): What did you do last year to get more spots in Maastricht?
  - Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): We unfortunately can't expand really in Maastricht because there are not any international law firms and our student pool is willing to just 'help out' and the university won't necessarily pay
  - Sara (ELSA Maastricht): What were you proud of in your work with STEP?
  - Alechia(ELSA Maastricht):
    - Getting the most applications
    - Interacting with the people
    - Learning as much as possible
  - Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam): You want to expand but we actually had vacancies, why do you want to do this?
  - Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): The Netherlands is a great selling point and I want to create more opportunities for people to go to that will hopefully fill up
  - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): How will you give up being president?
  - Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): It will take time but at the end of the day I know that the president is the president and I will always respect that
  - Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): We didn't elect a stepper this year, and put it under S&C, how will you deal with this?
  - Alechia (ELSA Maastricht I want to pass on as much information as possible to them
    - I also want to be involved in their transition and would like them to attend the STEP workshops at the NCM, but if not we can also do this separately

# • Tessa Robijn - Candidate for VP S&C

- o Questions:
  - Winnie (ELSA Utrecht): From your presentation it seems like you have been in contact with all the S&Cers but this is not case from our side.
  - Tessa (ELSA Amsterdam): I have not spoken to everyone, it was rather the general overall feeling from everyone, since they seem to have had successful events
  - Kaja (ELSA Maastricht): Wanted to ask the same question as Grace → but will you also try to implement something from the IFP? A specific plan
  - Tessa (ELSA Amsterdam): It's mostly important to have all the information.
  - Nilson (ELSA Leiden): Do you think that you have enough experience
  - Tessa (ELSA Amsterdam): I understand that I haven't been there for the past NCMs, but I think that I will gain that experience and that I have a good sense of how these events should be run.
  - Anna (ELSA Nijmegen): a lot of local groups are not pushing core events, and you said that you want to focus on this in the NCMs, but I feel like we have already talked about this at the NCMs.
  - Tessa (ELSA Amsterdam): Possibly having a meeting with all the S&Cers and then I can explain what the IFP is about and the possibilities there are



- Sara (ELSA Maastricht): During the delegations I found that coming from NL I was really unprepared whilst other National Groups were really prepared, how will you deal with this?
- Tessa (ELSA Amsterdam): There is an international director that appoints and guides them through, but of course I will also try and be there for them and contact them before they go.

# • Bram Krikken (ELSA Maastricht) - Candidate VP AA

- o Questions:
  - Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam): So you're saying that you're going to do all the workshops/events etc and provide support for the LGs, but how will you do this if you lack the knowledge from being in a Local Board?
  - Bram (ELSA Maastricht): I will do this by learning as much as possible but I also think that planning an event is the same whether it is in AA or S&C
  - Hilde (ELSA Amsterdam): Isn't it better to start at a local level?
  - Bram (ELSA Maastricht): Yes that is true, but people that know told me that I would be good and I believe that I can fulfil this position well
  - Anna (ELSA Nijmegen): I don't see how accommodation and food etc. are issues of AA
  - Bram(ELSA Maastricht): My answer was the same as before, I think I have the capabilities.
  - Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): I'm curious about the time frame for the LRG?
  - Bram(ELSA Maastricht): :
    - I would start as soon as possible
    - Probably for the second semester
    - I don't think this would be a conflict with the international IFP

# Żaneta Chrostowska (ELSA Maastricht) - Candidate for Secretary General

- o Questions:
  - Jake (ELSA International): There is a new internal mailing system at the international mailing system, would you want to implement this in NL?
  - Zaneta (ELSA Maastricht): Yes I think this is a great idea, because it would be very useful to know what everyone is using the same provider and that they're all comfortable with the interface → I would also offer trainings and my guidance on it
  - Margot (ELSA Maastricht): What is you biggest success as a Sec-Gen
  - Zaneta (ELSA Maastricht): It is hard to talk about success in supporting area.
     We doubled our members, which is not just my success but the whole board.
    - On a small note → I introduced mailchimp and learnt all about it and would like to continue this on a national level to keep everyone updated
  - Veronique (ELSA Maastricht): How do you deal with stress?
  - Żaneta (ELSA Maastricht): it's been a long weekend and a very stressful time, but it's a good thing you mentioned it because stress management might be a good thing to have in the workshops for IM
  - Anatasia (ELSA UK): How would you approach vacant positions on an NB
  - Żaneta (ELSA Maastricht): Something we'd have to talk about with a whole board but I think that it's a really big issue as we have now.

## • Eva the Dorsthorst (ELSA Nijmegen)- Candidate for President

- Questions:
  - Stephen (ELSA Tilburg): I was there when Danny was elected and he said he would be present but he wasn't



- Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): I posses the skills of not talking about things I can't
  follow through with. I have shown that I am committed to coming to other LGs
  events and I have the free time and flexibility to do so.
- Anna (ELSA Nijmegen): Biggest accomplishment of last year?
- Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): It was getting ELSA NJ in touch with PwC, it was a great experience for the network
- Anatasia (ELSA UK): You're coming from an AA background to a President position. But how would you define success it at the end of the year?
- Eva (ELSA Nijmegen): Through the success of my board members, seeing other areas in the network grow in that sense. Acquisition wise there is room for success in this area. For the network to have a productive year that ends as friends in the LG's and on the board.
- Veronique (ELSA Maastricht): How will you ensure the NB will be as lit as this years Nijemegen?
- Eva(ELSA Nijmegen): My personality
- Alechia (ELSA Maastricht): Will you consider replacing goldstrike with Koekie?
- Eva(ELSA Nijmegen): There will be plenty of both.

#### • How we will vote

- O Jake (ELSA International): Technically in the statutes, two people can be elected, so why can't we just do that?
- O Danny (ELSA the Netherlands): Yes, we can do this if the council wants this
- o Stephen (ELSA Tilburg): I agree with Jake
- o Nilson (ELSA Leiden): But do we really want 2 people elected for the position of STEP?
- O Vote on how we will vote? → either in favour of the candidate you want, against both or abstain for both
  - In favour: 16
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
- o Therefore, we will continue like this

# Pt. 10: Casting of the Votes

# Voting results:

## VP STEP

- o Alechia Dawson
  - In favour: 2
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
- o Voted in: No
- o Horatiu Hudin
  - In favour: 14
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
- o Voted in: Yes

## VP S&C

- o Tessa Robijn
  - In favour: 10
  - Against: 6



- Abstentions: 0
- o Voted in: Yes

#### VP AA

- o Bram Krikken
  - In favour: 8
  - Against: 8
  - Abstentions: 0
- o Voted in: No

## Secretary General

- o Zaneta Chrotowska
  - In favour: 16
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
- Voted in: Yes

#### President

- Eve te Dorhorst
  - In favour: 16
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 0
- o Voted in: Yes

### Pt. 11: Any other business

- NB has 2 points
  - O Vote on dates of National Transition Day
    - The vote has been postponed to let the LGs discuss
    - Deadline to send in preferred date is next Sunday (21st May)
  - o Vote on ELSA Utrecht NCM budget
    - Stephen (ELSA Leiden): What happened with the money that was left?
    - ELSA Utrecht: We decided that because there's only €75 left we will just keep it
    - Voting on the ELSA Utrecht budget and the €75 left that will be kept by ELSA Tilburg and not refund the money.
      - In favour: 12
      - Against: 0
      - Abstentions: 4
    - The motion passes

# Pt. 12: Roundtable

- ELSA Amsterdam: Thanks MA for NCM
- ELSA Groningen: Thanks to MA for NCM, and network for great year!
- ELSA Leiden: Thanks MA for NCM and congratulate the new board and thank everyone for making the NCM bearable
- ELSA Maastricht: Thanks to everyone for coming and congratulations Zaneta and all other candidates for being elected
- ELSA Nijmegen: Thank you to everyone for the year
- ELSA Rotterdam: Thankful too
- ELSA Tilburg: Thanks to Maastricht for hosting and congratulate Horatiu!
- ELSA Maastricht: Thanks to Maastricht and congratulates new board and thank you to the network



# Pt. 13: Closing

- Danny (ELSA the Netherlands):
  - O Thanks to the secretaries
  - o Thanks to tellers
  - o Thanks to participants
  - O Thanks to all the candidates
  - o Congratulations to the newly elected national board
  - o Thank you international guests
  - o Big thanks to the OC

LXX National Council Meeting of ELSA the Netherlands is officially closed at 6.24pm Sunday  $\mathbf{14}^{\text{th}}$ 

