

SATE Annual General Meeting 23rd March 2021



Committee: Brigitte Brun (BB), Hansueli Müller (HUM), Christine Mach (CM), Marie-Claude Guerry (MCG), Matt Rüeegger (MR)

Excused: Dewi Williams (DW)

Time: 19:00 – 20:00

Venue: Zoom meeting

1. Minutes last AGM () (BB)

unanimously approved.

2. Annual Report (BB)

“Some of you might wonder why for the first time there has been an annual report on the agenda. First of all, this is the last AGM I am presiding, so it’s worth looking back (if only just for a year) and secondly, as the item of Report on Courses has had to be omitted because there have been no courses in the past pandemic year, I have decided to include the little information on annual events in this report.

The AGM 2020 is held later than usual because we kept delaying it in the hope of having a physical meeting followed by the usual apéritif and dinner. But the pandemic forced us into this Zoom meeting. On the good side, I have to mention the very positive turnout; in my time as president we have never been that many.

The SATE year 2020 has been a fairly quiet one, as courses and other activities could not even be planned. Everything was arranged for the November course in Solothurn with the Irish playwright Ciara Elizabeth Smyth on the overall topic of writing skills. She would also have made the speech at the AGM. We are extremely sorry that this couldn’t take place. Having said that, we are happy that we have been able to book Ciara for this year in November.

For me as SATE president and contact person to VSG-SSPES, the year has been a busy one. I attended the regular presidential conferences in March and September, plus an extra one in June, all of which were held via Zoom and dealt with the future development of the Swiss Maturity education and its sub-projects; most importantly the revision of the Rahmenlehrplan (framework curriculum). More information on how our subject is involved in this will be given by the members of the expert team working out the details under the last item AOB of our agenda. Also, there was the Delegates’ Zoom Meeting in November, which I attended with Kaspar; a few words on that under item 6.

I’d like to end this report on a personal note. I am very grateful to everyone I’ve had the pleasure of working with during my time on the SATE committee. I’d like to thank all of them for their time, effort and support over the past years. I’ve been with the SATE committee since 2007, thrown into cold water together with Hans Jürg Suter and Roland Lüthy, also long serving committee members until recently. I’ve seen people join and leave the committee, with only one dear friend staying on longer than myself, Dewi Williams, a pillar of strength and a never-ending source of inspiration, Welsh humour and a great companion in every respect, especially when sitting down with a glass of wine, good food and a Bätziwasser. My special thanks also go to Hansueli Müller, my second in command and dear friend, for his invaluable work with the finances and our homepage, but also for his initiative when it came to organising events, inviting course tutors and help making SATE what it is today. I would also like to thank Marie-Claude Guerry, Christine Mach and Matt Rüeegger for their input and

support and – in Marie-Claude’s and Christine’s case – for the Romande perspective and charm, which they have brought into the committee.

However long or short the collaboration of my fellow committee members, it’s been a great time, both professionally and personally, and I hope and believe that the friendships we have formed will continue outside SATE.”

3. Members (BB)

not that many changes Sept 2020. 229 active SATE members. 12 exits, 11 entrances (-1)

4. Finances (HUM, HJS, RL)

- Balance sheet 2019-2020: covers more than a year because no AGM in November. 1800.60 profit. No questions asked.
- The auditors FT and RL confirm that the account has been properly held by HUM who has been discharged unanimously by the present SATE members.

5. Committee

- Brigitte Brun and Hansueli Mueller step down. Farewell speeches.
- Christine Mach (Gymnase de Morges): new president. Unanimously elected.
- Orlaith Nellen (KS Wettingen), Lynn Williams Leppich (Gymnasium Liestal, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz). Unanimously elected.
- Committee as a whole: unanimously elected.
- No treasurer has come forward, so another meeting will have to be organised.
- 1-2 delegates: vacant

6. Report from Delegates’ Meeting (BB, KK)

- VSG Finances: operating funds: 270,280.41
deficit: 31,631.82 (around 10,000 less than budgeted; fewer expenses because of online meetings)
- Membership fee: 140.-
- Elections: new members wanted for central committee (pref. Romandie or Ticino)
- Statutes: necessary formal changes because of the wbz -> Zem-Ces; number of committee members and other minor adaptation
- **Position statements / papers (to be found on VSG-SSPES website)**
- Distance learning/teaching: classroom must be the norm. Attention must be paid to equal opportunities for students; resources, infrastructure and support are indispensable;
- Part-time teaching. full-time employment must be possible without risking health issues. Part-time employment in teaching is increasing (family, life-work balance, second jobs) but there is a problem: part-time teachers work too much overtime.

- schools should set up a system of a fair share of extra tasks (meetings, commission work, further education, parent-teacher meetings, taking part in extra-curricular activities ...);
- other tasks such as organising and running project weeks, supervising matura papers, class tutoring etc. must be compensated irrespective of the degree of employment
- timetable: part-time teachers should have a certain planning security; their wishes for blocking days / half days should be respected in proportion to their degree of employment;
- Contemporary working employment conditions (revised version): 22 lessons full time; class size: average 20 students, 22 max per class. Benefits for young and senior teachers.
- The next VSG meeting on 26 November 2021 in Solothurn.

7. AOB (BB)

- Rahmenlehrplan / Plan d'études cadre (Hüssy, Pirani)

Task: prepare a framework for "discipline fondamentale", option and special.

Basic structure for all: language awareness, literary and non-literary culture and society.

Literature and culture are still very important.

MR: how many hours a week? -> No mention, up to the schools to have their own curriculum (canton)

BB: who will be consulted? -> Everyone.

Siri Kohl: consultation when? -> no date?