

AGM NVAS
20 October 2018
Dribergseweg 10, Zeist

Absent with notification: Kirsten Langeveld en André van Dokkum

1. Welcome by NVAS President + announcements

At 13:25 Felix Ameka opens the meeting. He has one announcement about the upcoming Africa Day in 2019. This Africa Day will take place on 16 March in Utrecht. The theme will be: African music, dance and theater. More information can be found under point 6.

2. Adoption of minutes

All members of the meeting were sent the minutes before the meeting. The minutes are adopted without any comments.

3. NVAS Annual Report 2017

The meeting has no comments on the Annual Report. The author of the report, Tanja Hendriks, mentions that the closing date of the report should be 2018 instead of 2017.

4. NVAS Financial Report 2017 + Report by Auditing Committee

The NVAS President asks the meeting whether they have any remarks on the Financial Report or the report of the Auditing Committee. A meeting member informs whether there are any new lifelong members. The treasurer remarks that almost no new lifelong members have applied. On the advice of a meeting member the treasurer attempts to make this option more attractive and urges members to choose to become a lifelong member. Furthermore, he believes that the automatic collection of the membership fees is helping as well. We know beforehand what the budget for the Africa Days is and this

helps us to organise better events. The treasurer is thanked for his work and the Financial Report is adopted without any comments.

5. Appointments to the executive board and farewell to out-going executives

The NVAS President calls this a moment of change. Tanja Hendriks is thanked for her work as secretary for the last 1.5 years. Elonie Kooter is thanked for her work as board member and her help with the website and Newsflash. The third person that is thanked is Henk Mertens, who stepped down as a member of the Auditing Committee. He is replaced by Jos Damen. A warm welcome is given to the new Secretary Maud van Merriënboer.

6. Upcoming NVAS events

a) Africa Day 2019 has been announced and will take place on 16 March in

Cultuurcentrum Parnassos in Utrecht. The day will begin around 13:00/13:30

with lectures on African dance, music and theatre. In the evening there will be an

Ethiopian dinner. After this, there is the possibility to see a dance performance

by a dance group from Burkina Faso in the Stadsschouwburg in Utrecht: 'Du

desir d'horizons'. These day is organised in the honour of Marieke's goodbye. If

people buy a ticket for the dance performance, they receive a free dinner of the

NVAS. The afternoon programme is free for members and around 5 euros for

non-members.

b) The proofs of the conference proceedings of the Africa Day 2017. The book has

300 pages with 16 articles. The book will cost 15 euros. If you are interested in

the book please let Jan Jansen know so he can estimate how many books he

should order. It is suggested that to organise an official book launch.

- c) The theme of the Africa Conference in 2020 depends on whether the NVAS will receive financing from the LDE. The LDE committee will decide on the financing on 25 October. If the financing comes through, the emphasis will be on the contribution of African scholars in Dutch universities.

7. AOB

The treasurer Jan Jansen mentions that he very much enjoyed the Pub Quiz and he is available for the position of assistant.

8. Closing statement

The President closes the meeting at 13:53.