

Minutes of the NVAS Annual General Meeting

15 October 2016

Bijlhouwerstraat 6

Utrecht

Absent with cancellation: Peter Slits

1 Opening address by NVAS President.

Felix Ameka (NVAS President) opens the meeting and invites members to check the NVAS website regularly and become NVAS FB group members. He also explains that the NVAS offers members the possibility of life-long membership and challenges the meeting to at least produce one life-long NVAS member. Sydney Singamba raises his hand in response. While Singamba withdraws later, there is still one new life-long membership registration, by Jan-Bart Gewalt.

2 Adoption of minutes. Members were sent the minutes two weeks in advance of the meeting.

NVAS President asks whether anyone in the meeting would like to comment. When no reaction is forthcoming, he asks the minutes to be approved. This is moved by Jan-Bart Gewalt and seconded by Michel Doortmont.

3 NVAS Annual Report. Unfortunately the copy of the annual report that was sent to the members included a comment. The comment can be deleted, Jan Jansen (NVAS treasurer) explains, as the query has been solved. Froukje Krijtenburg (NVAS secretary) reacts that the comment will be removed from the annual report. Hereafter the annual secretarial report is approved by the meeting.

4 NVAS Financial Report 2015 + Report by Auditing Committee. The annual financial report is approved without comment. The President expresses his appreciation to Heleen Henstra and Henk Merkus, members of the auditing committee, for their meticulous work. The meeting gives a hand to them.

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

NVAS President expresses his thanks to the members of the former 'redactie', Marijke Steegstra, Klaartje Jaspers, Kirsten Langeveld and Iva Pesa for their work as well as Louise Müller for her work as webmaster of the NVAS website. He invites members to volunteer for the 'redactie' since there is no one at the moment.

Additionally he expresses the board's regret that Angela Kronenburg Garcia leaves the board prematurely as she goes to live and work abroad. The board very much appreciates Angela's commitment to NVAS matters particularly in the area of NVAS communication expansion.

The President welcomes Azeb Amha, Elonie Kooter -who are in the audience- and Tanja Hendriks (in Ghana at the moment) to the executive board as candidate members.

- 6 Membership drive. The President urges the meeting to become more active and start up local circles of NVAS members. Louise Muller volunteers to set up a workshop in Leiden and Sydney Singamba agrees to form an NVAS circle in the Rotterdam area.
- 7 Upcoming NVAS events. The President would be thrilled if members set up activities in the run-up to the NVAS 20th anniversary Conference Education for Life in Africa.
The deadline for the call for abstracts is 1st November, details can be found on the NVAS website www.afrikastudies.nl
- 8 AOB. The President asks once more which members are willing to host a member dish sharing evening. Jan-Bart (Haarlem) and Sydney Singamba volunteer.
- 9 Closing statement. The President closes the meeting swiftly as the Sport in Africa day programme is behind schedule.

18 October 2016

Froukje Krijtenburg

Secretary Netherlands Association of African Studies