Notes NVTB general meeting 2026

14 members are present

Martijn Egas

Erika Tsingos

Cesar Franco Padilla Castro

Mick Walter

João Ramos

Lisanne Rens

Nauris Prikšāns

Bram van Dijk

Levie van Zon

Fransje van Weerden

Thomas de Bruin

Lőrinc Kóródi

Eva Deinum

David Versluis

1 non-member is present

Alexandros Kaminas not a member

1. Meeting is opened. There are no comments on last year's minutes. The board introduces what is has done to address last year's comments:
    a. New website has been put online
    b. New social media (LinkedIn+Bluesky)
    c. Cheaper webhosting, still One (18.99/month -> 13.99/per month)
    d. NVTB member mails should now finally be arriving properly. Having eBoekhouden send through One servers fixed some emails being blocked by spam filters, but silently limited the total number of emails to 25. Now fixed by sending all emails either in batches or directly through One
    e. Triodos transfer underway but not yet complete, so we still keep the ING account this year
    f. No comments from members on board announcements
2. Financial matters, including the financial report are discussed
    a. On room pricing: suggestion to let people sleep with 2 in a room in slaaphuis 2. This has been an option previously, board will try to make it clearer that this is an option next year. Otherwise no objection to new room pricing
    b. Question: Does the NVTB own anything except the money in its bank account? Answer: No.

    c. (Silke Henkes joins at this point (NVTB member))
    d. Question - Why so much money in checking? Answer – ING savings closed, and triodos savings cannot yet be used. Will put more in triodos savings after we have access.
    e. Question – do we not lose track of our finances because of counting potential non-paying members being included as potential paying? Answer – this is how it's represented in the bookkeeping software. They are sequestered separately after a while in the bookkeeping. We are keeping track of accounts that we do not expect to ever pay
    f. Financial auditors Alexandros Kaminos and Bas have no objections to this year's financial report. There was one error in a table that will be fixed by Erika Tsingos before publication.
    g. New financial auditors are necessary: João Ramos volunteers, Alexandros Kaminos will do a second year
    h. Alexandros left the room at this point
3. ESMTB relationship
    a. The board asks members if we should have reciprocal discounts with ESMTB
    b. Only a few current members are ESMTB members
    c. Unanimous agreement except for one abstention to honor this reciprocal discount
4. Umbrella organisation
    a. Board asks if we should investigate the koepelvereniging
    b. One member says they have spoken about this, it is very early stages and they are in favor of investigating it further.
    c. One member is worried that this would cause our costs to go up.
    d. One member is worried that NWO subsidies would be divided by this organization, the board does not think this would be the case.
    e. There are some questions about what this koepelvereniging would do – the board does not know yet.
    f. One member suggests closer cooperation with NWO biophysics. NWO biophysics will be send around on the NVTB jobs and symposium newsletter.
5. Meeting and NVTB organisation
    a. On breaks: one member likes it more this way. Maybe slightly fewer breaks than this? Other members also appreciate that sessions are shorter. General agreement that this is better than last year.
    b. On next year's meeting: a Thursday or Friday in April or May that is not in the school holidays would be preferable
    c. On honorary members: existingHonorary members should be put on a special list on the website. Suggestion to make Lia Hemerik honorary member.
6. Erika Tsingos' term as secretary has ended. All present members vote for Erika as treasurer for another three years
7. Round table
    a. One members suggests to further spread news of NWO biophysics and Dresden rheology of tissues
    b. No further points, meeting is closed