

## **Spectrum – Photography in Switzerland**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary General Assembly 2021**

**9 December 2021 at 12.00**

**On Zoom**

#### **Agenda:**

1. Welcome, Minutes Keeper
2. Approbations of the minutes of the General Assembly 2020
3. Activities report 2020 – 2021 by the President
4. Presentation of the annual accounts 2020 by the Treasurer
5. Report by the Auditor, approval of the accounts, and discharge to the Board
6. Presentation Budget 2020 and 2021 by the President
7. Election of new collective and individual members
8. Varia

#### **Members present:**

**Members who voted online:** Eloi Contesse, Melody Gygax, Lars Willumeit, Nassim Daghighian, Ulrike Meyer Stump, Nathalie Herschdorfer, Miryam Abebe, Patrizia Munforte, Teresa Gruber, Milo Keller, Fabian Walter, Urs Stahel, Nadine Olonetzky

#### **Minutes:**

##### **1. Welcome, Minutes Keeper**

Present board members: Danaé Panchaud, President, Nora Mathys, Vice-President  
Minutes Keeper: Melisa Arslan

##### **2. Minutes from the General Assembly 2020**

The minutes to the General Assembly 2020 were sent in February 2021. The minutes are approved unanimously and without opposition

##### **3. Activities report 2020 – 2021**

##### What's Next 2021

The event was organized in collaboration with ECAL. Due to COVID, What's Next was held online as a Zoom webinar and it was also recorded. The recording is available on Spectrum's website as well as on Youtube. Compared with the analogue versions of What's Next in the previous years, there were more national and international participants in the audience that could join What's Next because of its online version.

## Events in 2021

Events planned for the first half of 2021 were either postponed or cancelled due to COVID. However, the Spectrum Day was held at ETH Bildarchiv in person on August 21. The event in two parts was dedicated to the topic of archives: in the first part, the work of ETH Bildarchiv was presented and followed by a round table discussion on the future of digital archives. In the second part there were two talks with artists strongly involved in archival works, namely Batia Suter and David Dufresne. Spectrum Day's morning programme was for the Spectrum's members only, whilst the afternoon programme was open to the public.

In October, there was the Spectrum Lunch with Estelle Sohier, scholar at UNIL, who gave a lecture on her research and exhibitoin on Fred Boissonnas' archive.

Two more Spectrum Lunches had to be postponed or cancelled. The conversation with Alexandre Edelmann, Head of Marketing & Campaigns at Presence Switzerland, FDFA, was scheduled for September. Because of a low registration number related to the scheduling in an eventful week, the Spectrum Lunch with Alexandre Edelmann was postponed to the beginning of 2022. The second Spectrum Lunch on an exchange between the members, for which the registered attendance number was to low either, was cancelled.

What's Next 2022! was held at Centre de la Photographie Genève on December 3. There were 22 presentations planned for 2022. However, two had to be cancelled due to Covid related reasons. Around 50 people attended the event. Because of the mask mandate in Geneva, the lunch and apero usually offered at What's Next had to be cancelled. Therefore, the General Assembly 2021 was moved to Zoom at a later date.

## **4. Presentation annual accounts**

The financial statements cover the period from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

As of December 31, 2020, Spectrum had an annual balance of 13'551.59 CHF and a loss of 2'856.61 CHF.

At the end of 2020, Spectrum had additional expenses mainly linked to the online format of *What's Next 2021!* which required more preparation than usual. The accounts therefore present a loss of 2'856.61 CHF. This loss does not put Spectrum in a difficult position, as the association still has reserves. Thanks to the new Treasurer's effort in updating the members' list, and sending invoices in early Spring and sending regular reminders about unpaid fees, the revenues of the association have increased significantly.

## Income and operating costs in 2020

In 2020, Spectrum received 13'900 CHF through membership fees, which is almost double as in 2019 with a sum of 7'600 CHF.

For the operating costs of 2020, Spectrum combined the expense costs for the PostFinance account, the translations, social media, the organization of the General Assembly as well as What's next, the president's mandate, and Spectrum's secretary (Communication and Event Management). As the organization of the General Assemblies and What's Next as online formats required more time, Spectrum suffers a loss of 2'856.61 CHF.

There were no questions from the members on the accounts.

## **5. Auditor's report (Hilar Stadler), acceptance accounts, discharge of the Executive Board**

Hilar Stadler, Auditor, stated that the balance sheet and income statement of the annual financial statement were in accordance with the statutes. Hilar Stadler therefore recommended that the Board be discharged.

The Spectrum members present and the members who voted online subsequently approved the accounts unanimously and without opposition.

The Spectrum members present and the members who voted online subsequently gave discharge to the Board.

## **6. Presentation Budget 2021 and 2022 (Barbara Spalinger/Danaé Panchaud)**

### Budget 2021

For events such as the Spectrum Day, Spectrum Lunch, General Assembly and What's Next, a budget of 3'319 CHF is estimated.

The president's mandate and Spectrum's secretary remain the same, so that for 2021 a total expense of 12'701 CHF is foreseen.

As of incomes, 14'500 CHF are estimated through membership fees. In addition, a financial support given by Volkart for the Spectrum Day of 3'500 CHF.

Therefore a surplus of 5'299 CHF is expected for 2021.

The Spectrum members present and the members who voted online subsequently approved the budget 2021 unanimously and without opposition.

### Budget 2022

For 2022, expenses of 27'460 CHF are expected. This results out of the estimated costs of the organization of events such as Spectrum Weekend, the General Assembly and What's Next, the translations for the newsletters, Spectrum Lunch, and Spectrum Day. It also includes the personal estimated costs 9'000 CHF, the website maintenance and communication via social media estimated on 1'300 CHF as well as print material estimated on 500 CHF.

As of incomes, 24'000 CHF are estimated through membership and registration fees. In addition, there is Volkart's financial support of 3'500 CHF given in 2021 that might be used for 2022.

Hence, balanced accounts for 2022 are estimated with a win of 40 CHF.

On member commented that the Spectrum Weekend represents half of the budget for 2021 and that it appears unbalanced and maybe too ambitious, also considering the still uncertain sanitary situation.

The Spectrum members present and the members who voted online subsequently approved the budget 2022 unanimously and without opposition.

## **7. Election new collective and individual members**

The following collective and individual members were presented for election to the association.

Collective members:

- Coalmine, Winterthur
- HEAD, Pool Photographie, Geneva
- EIGER Foundation, Geneva
- Christoph Merian Verlag, Basel
- Schweizer Landesmuseum, Landesmuseum Zürich
- CAP Association, Executing African Photography Projects, Basel
- Taurus Foundation for Arts and Science, Lausanne
- Lumen – Association pour la promotion de la photographie et l'image, Geneva

Individual members:

- Alessa Widmer, Art and Photo Historian, PhD Candidate, Zürich
- Nicole Eckardt-Siebrand, Art and Photo Historian, PhD Candidate, Zürich
- Cinzia Martorana, Atelier Image, Photo Conservator, Geneva
- Dr. phil. Vera Chiquet, Digital Humanities Lab, Basel University
- PD Dr. Peter Fornaro, Digital Humanities Lab, Basel University
- Caroline Nicod, Art Historian, Independent Curator

Every new collective member was elected either unanimously or with one abstention or a maximum of one opposition.

Every new individual members was elected unanimously.

## **8. Varia**

No varia presented during the General Assembly 2021.

Melisa Arslan, 6.3.22, Zürich