

**Nomination General Members Assembly  
16-06-2023**



**ABC**

**ASIAN BORREL CLUB**

# 1. Opening: welcome!

**Lin welcomes everyone to the GMA**

Attendants: 61 (incl Jonli)  
Attendants with vote right: 53  
Amount of proxies: 19  
Total amount of votes: 72

## 2. Announcements

Lin introduced Jonli from ESN, introducing him as a chair for a few agenda points.

Lin mentions that Jonli was the president of ESN in the year 20/21 and that he is part of the supervisory board and the audit commission right now for ESN

Lin asked the audience for any questions, there were non

Jonli will be leading a few agenda points today since a few points (7 and 8)

No objections were made to Jonli doing a few agenda points

## 3. Agenda GMA

Lin mentions that the Agenda has been modified a bit.

GMA will take 4 hours and end the latest at 23:00.

Lin mentions that the 2 agenda point additions have been accepted to be discussed at our next GMA

Question: Lisa: a few agenda points will be addressed at the next GMA. Do you know when the next GMA will be?

Lin: It will be in September

## 4. Approval GMA Minutes September and February

Lin mentions that this agenda point is in regard to the minutes of the past 2 GMA's

Anyone who would like to see the minutes of last GMA's?

No one wanted to see the minutes of last GMA's

Lin mentions that it is important that members read through the minutes.

Lin asks if there are any objections in accepting the minutes

There are no objections regarding the minutes

Hereby the GMA minutes of September and February have been approved and accepted.

## 5. GMA For Beginners

Lin goes through the GMA for beginners predication. He explains how the voting process goes, explains how the proxies work, and how voting with proxies work.

Kay Djoehari: Last meeting there was a point raised where there was a suggestion to have a private discussion. Without the candidates in the room. Will this request will be considered? And I would like to make an amendment: to put this into the rules of procedure as in point 15.10. Any time you have to vote in person you can request a private discussion.

Lin: Anyone from the Supervisory board who could answer this question?

Lin mentions that a board will be voted as a whole, it is possible to discuss the nomination list without the presence of the nominees

Kay: Do you have a private discussion on the candidates? On the nomination board as whole?

Lin: on the whole board as a whole.

**We can not change the RoP amendment at this meeting since there was no Addition to Agenda requested but it is possible for the next GMA.**

## 6. Nomination Board 2023/2024

Ulpan introduces herself by mentioning her origins, her studies, her age, time being in The Netherlands. Mentions that she wants to take over the position of president. That she comes from a big family and that she has a lot of passion ABC. The sense of community, making friends and creating memories. She mentions that she wants ABC better and more prosperous.

Lin mentions that 2 questions can be asked per nominee.

Question for ulpan:

Kay: Visions regarding the visions of the new board. What are the views upon attracting members from outside of Amsterdam .

Ulpan: Our board hasn't been confirmed yet. There is still a lot to be discussed with a next board. I fully support the fact that we need to include more diversity within ABC for next year. That includes people from different places and more people in general. My personal goal is to have more diversity in Asians.

Kim: Do you have any experience in leading a team or being a representative for another association?

Ulpan: I don't have experience of being a president but I have experience as being a secretary finishing high school. Furthermore, I was ABC Event member last year. I come from a big family where I'm the eldest. So I sort of have the experience of managing and supervising. I also did business when I was finishing high school so sort of yes, but I'll do my best

Tawny introduces herself by mentioning her age and her studies. Mentions that she has been with ABC for 2 years and that she has been part of the ABC marketing team. Her previous experience as a Secretary for her student association of her bachelor. Has been a editor in chief for a academic journal for media culture and has made big decisions in that role. ABC has helped her to come out of her shell. Which makes her find it very important to be part of it and she wants to m keep it a safe place and welcoming for everyone. That's her goal

Question tawny

No questions

Timothy introduces himself by mentioning his name, his studies, his work as fulltime auditor. Mentions his experience in finance.

Question Timothy

Kay Djoehari: For treasurer, I can't help but notice that you are overqualified for the function. Wouldn't you get bored and lose interest? How could you fill in your extra time if you are so skilled in the finance department already.

Timothy: Thank you. I am a full time auditor but being treasurer is different and they can't be compared. I don't have an exact answer for it. Time will tell, everything will be a experience and a challenge to me. Other than that I will do my best.

Daniel Li: Do you think you will have enough time for ABC (being at the events etc?)

Timothy: Question has been asked many times to me, for example during interviews . I do have enough time and my job is from 8-5 and after that I have time to left to spend on ABC. I am a workaholic so I don't mind being busy. I think I can manage

Xiu introduces herself by mentioning her age and her studies. She had been in ABC since the end of 2021. It has been a community where she made a lot of friends and it holds a special place in her hart. She goes to a lot of events. That why she applied to a lot of events. She wants to improve ABC with her general knowledge that he has with regard to ABC. She also has some experience in leading a team of people organizing big events of 200-300 people

Questions Xiu

Kim: Do you something that is lacking at the events right now that we have to improve?

Xiu: I don't think there is something lacking in the events. I have a few ideas to make it more fun such as incorporating special acts, events on different days or venues.

Jacky: You are also affiliated with Sense asian party. Is that true? How will this impact ABC part?

Xiu: I got into the Sense asian community in 2021 and I promote stories for sense. I went on exchange and now I'm a promoter again now but when I am a head of ABC I won't be promoting the events no more.

Wing Toh introduces himself by mentioning his age, nominated for head of external, his studies and his hobbies. His work as project coordinator at Wismon. His general motivation at ABC is to bring people together. His other motivation is in regard to his occupation and his goals. He wants to improve his communication skills on a higher level. Which he already is practicing as a project coordinator. So he thinks that he is a valuable asset for ABC and ABC external will enable him to reach his goals

Questions Wing Toh

Lin Hu Huang: which company would you like to bring in a partner?

Wing: I want to discuss the companies with my fellow board members. I want to support partners outside of Amsterdam and diversify.

Samantha introduces herself by mentioning her age, her studies. Her first event was at march 2022 and didn't know anyone and wanted to meet people. She hopes to provide amazing borrels and thinks that she can do pretty good with her experience as being a active member in the ABC internal committee

Questions Samantha

Kay: You seem like an excellent candidate for introduction. You have a very welcoming aura. Two fold question - what was your experience like when you first came to abc and what type of activity was that and what the experience you would like to provide to a new member of ABC?

Samantha: The neon party was my first event, I enjoyed it, I was really drunk. I hope I can provide a experience that makes them feel loved and that they have a save space and friends and can come back.

Jonathan: Intro groups has meant a lot to me. A lot of intro groups fail and I was wondering how you think you can improve this?

Samantha: I was a parent of an introgroup that failed. We could have more events for introgroups and more communication. Bonding is however very dependent on individual people. But I hope we can do more stuff and make them feel welcome.

Kevin introduces himself by mentioning his age, his origins, his studies. He saw that ABC could have some improvements website wise but noticed that Yaslin managed to do an amazing job with it. His experience building websites. His experience in working with groups. Mentions that he is happy to see that ABC is becoming more and more international

Questions Kevin

Jonathan: what is your vision to improve IT for ABC?

Kevin: I want to improve the user experience and keep everything up-to-date since that is really important.

Ying introduces herself by mentioning her age, currently in a gap year. Was excited when she found out about ABC. She started making TikTok's and found that it was a nice platform to engage people. She really wants to expand the reach of ABC to people that are interested in events and meeting people. Her ideas consist of sketches, more interviews, more reels and more posting of events to give people fomo.

Questions Ying

No questions

Lin made time for the nominees to have a picture together.

Lin asks if people have the need to discuss the nominees without their presence

Multiple people made it noticeable that they want to discuss this matter in private without the presence of the nominees

### **Summary of the Discussion in private:**

The discussion focused on the selection of a president nominee for a board position. Here are the key points raised during the discussion:

1. Some participants expressed doubts about the president nominee's qualifications, suggesting that another candidate might be better suited for the role due to concerns about their leadership abilities.
2. Others echoed these concerns, emphasizing an experience gap between the president nominee and other candidates. However, they suggested that the president nominee might excel in a vice president role.

3. A person, possibly with a connection to the president nominee, defended the decision by highlighting that it was based on the nominee's interview and motivation letter. They believed the president nominee possessed a strong vision for the role.
4. Another participant questioned the integrity of the decision, hinting at a personal relationship between them and the president nominee. The person denied any bias and emphasized that the decision was made collectively.
5. Concerns were raised about the president nominee's age, as they were the youngest candidate. An argument was made that age should not be a factor in decision-making to avoid discrimination.
6. Another participant cited a young leader as an example to support the notion that age should not hinder leadership abilities.
7. Suggestions were made to enhance transparency in the board selection process, including motions to publish candidate information and require board members to document their reasoning for their choices.
8. A participant expressed concerns about the president nominee's selection and questioned whether personal connections influenced the decision. They clarified that all board interviews involved at least two people and that the decision was reached after several weeks of discussions.
9. Another participant inquired about the potential impact of their relationship with the president nominee on the board's decisions and how they could ensure it wouldn't affect the organization. The response emphasized the role of other board members in providing checks and balances.
10. Questions were raised about the possibility of voting against individual candidates or the entire board. It was clarified that the current procedure only allows voting on the entire board.
11. A proposal was made to amend house rules to exclude individuals with personal relationships from board candidacy, although concerns were raised about potentially excluding family members.
12. Another participant suggested that every board member should justify their choice of nominees rather than relying solely on one person to represent a candidate.
13. Two participants expressed support for the president nominee, with one noting that the nominee had applied for other positions as well.
14. Another participant emphasized the importance of board members supporting and elevating each other throughout the year.
15. Someone agreed with the previous opinions and expressed confidence in the president nominee's ability to fill the role.
16. A participant questioned why there couldn't be individual votes against candidates, expressing concerns about limiting opportunities for other candidates.
17. A participant read out the rules of procedure, confirming that the current rules did not allow for individual votes against candidates.

In summary, the discussion primarily revolved around concerns related to the qualifications of the president nominee, potential bias due to personal relationships, transparency in the selection process, and the possibility of individual votes against candidates.

#### **Pros and cons of the discussion in private**

**Pros:**

Diverse Perspectives: The discussion involved multiple participants with different viewpoints, allowing for a thorough examination of the president nominee's qualifications.

Transparency Advocated: Some participants suggested motions to increase transparency in the board selection process, which can lead to a fairer decision-making process.

Checks and Balances: Concerns were raised about the potential influence of personal relationships, but there was an emphasis on the role of other board members in providing checks and balances.

Support for Nominee: Several participants expressed support for the president nominee, highlighting their confidence in the nominee's abilities.

### **Cons:**

Qualification Concerns: Some participants expressed reservations about the president nominee's qualifications, potentially raising doubts about their ability to effectively lead.

Perceived Bias: The discussion brought up concerns about potential bias due to personal connections between participants and the nominee, which could impact the fairness of the decision.

Age as a Factor: The debate over the nominee's age led to differing opinions, with some arguing it shouldn't matter and others considering it relevant.

Lack of Individual Voting: The inability to vote against individual candidates was seen as a limitation, as it restricted the participants' ability to express their preferences more selectively.

House Rule Proposal: The suggestion to change house rules to exclude individuals with personal relationships from board candidacy raised concerns about potential exclusion of family members.

Ivan: I don't get why we can't vote against one person because this would take away the opportunity for the other board members and I don't think it's fair.

Lin: This is just the rules of procedure in our house rules

Christine: \*reads out the rules of procedure\*

Chilok: Do know, we as a board, we do listen. However if this board gets rejected do trust us that we will give you a better board.

Yonli: You can vote for the full board but if they get rejected. It means the whole board would be rejected and they would have to get a new board as whole

**Voting results:** 15 in favor  
37 against  
57 total votes  
REJECTED





# 7. Proposal Supervisory Board / Advisory Board

## Introduction by Yonli:

- Yonli commenced the meeting, outlining the agenda and its structure: first, a presentation and discussion on Proposal 1, followed by a presentation on Proposal 2, and then discussions on Proposal 2. The session would conclude with a voting process.

## Understanding the Role of Supervisory Board:

- To ensure everyone was on the same page, Lin asked whether the attendees comprehended the functions of both the supervisory board and the audit committee.
- Yuemin sought clarification on the supervisory board's role, indicating a lack of familiarity with its responsibilities.

## Explanation of Proposals:

- Lin took the opportunity to elucidate the context, explaining that internal discussions had emerged concerning the restructuring of the supervisory board and advisory board.
- Proposal 1: The key feature of Proposal 1 was the empowerment of the supervisory board to select its members for the upcoming year and to institute an advisory board, which had not existed before.
- Proposal 2: Proposal 2 involved an extension of the current setup, expanding the supervisory board's composition to 11 members, which would include recent board members and an additional three members.

## Questions and Clarifications:

- Kevin highlighted that any ABC member could stand as a candidate for the supervisory board.
- Yuemin raised a query regarding the distinction between the supervisory board and the advisory board.
- Yenly, in response, clarified that the advisory board's primary function was to provide daily advice, while the supervisory board would be tasked with overseeing operations, handling incidents, and maintaining objectivity.
- Cindy expressed concerns about the willingness of board members to join the advisory board.
- Lin offered the assurance that there would always be a minimum requirement of three advisory board members each year.

## Discussion on Proposal 2:

- Kevin proceeded to elaborate on Proposal 2, characterizing it as an extension of the existing structure. Proposal 2 maintained the emphasis on advisory and supervisory functions.
- Wing inquired about the motivation behind separating the supervisory and advisory boards.
- Kevin emphasized the necessity of concentrating on one specific task to ensure and preserve neutrality within the association.

- Jacky reinforced the significance of maintaining focus on a singular task, particularly in the interest of neutrality.

#### **Concerns and Questions:**

- Jonathan raised a pertinent question about the power dynamics in selecting new supervisory board members under Proposal 2.
- Kevin responded by explaining that, under this proposal, nominees could be put forth, and individuals could self-nominate or be nominated by others.
- Yuemin inquired about the purpose of Proposal 2 if Proposal 1 was perceived as the superior option.
- Lin provided clarification, indicating that Proposal 2 aimed to incorporate two-year layers and represented a blend of the supervisory board and the previous board's members.
- Christine underscored the importance of separating the decision-making process from the influence of nominations, emphasizing that the choices should be based on the association's future needs.

#### **Questions to the Old Board:**

- Kim directed her query towards the old board, seeking insight into how each proposal would benefit ABC members and why the old board's involvement was necessary.
- Daniel, on behalf of the old board, elucidated the significance of maintaining three layers of governance for accountability and ensuring checks and balances.
- Timothy questioned why it was an issue if the supervisory board could potentially remove a member from the board.
- Yonli urged both sides to have the opportunity to express their perspectives openly.

#### **Pitch for Proposals:**

- Yenly took the floor to present Proposal 1. She emphasized that this proposal aimed to establish an independent supervisory board, ensuring the adherence to rules and regulations. This entity would remain objective and not be swayed by interactions with new board members.
- Lin followed with the pitch for Proposal 2. He underscored the importance of considering the association's continuity. He raised concerns about the potential concentration of power, particularly when the supervisory board had not been willing to relinquish their positions in the past.

#### **Voting Results:**

- A total of 68 votes were cast.
- Proposal 1 received 35 votes.
- Proposal 2 received 16 votes.
- Four votes were recorded as neither proposal.
- Thirteen votes were blank.

#### **Outcome:**

- Proposal 1 was accepted as the prevailing choice.

- **Break (10 min)**

## 6.1. Revoting Nomination board

- **Proposal by Lin:** The proposal is to revote each nominee individually to work on the composition of the board.
- **Kay:** Asked if the current board member holding the position would stay if the position wasn't filled.
- **Lin:** Clarified that the current board member would not stay.
- **Cecilia:** Questioned why there was no option to vote individually before rejecting the whole board.
- **Lin:** Explained that it was due to the rules of procedure, but now they were requesting an exception.

### Revoting results:

1. Ulpan - president **REJECTED**  
*Voting results:*  
against 34 votes  
in favor 22 votes  
blanco 12 votes  
total 68 votes
2. Tawny - secretary **ACCEPTED**  
*voting results:*  
*in favor 56*  
*against 0*  
*blanco 6*  
*total votes 62*
3. Timothy - treasurer **ACCEPTED**  
*voting results*  
*in favor 46*  
*against 0*  
*blanco 1*  
*total votes 47*
4. Xiu - events **ACCEPTED**  
*voting results*  
*in favor 37*  
*against 9*  
*blanco 9*  
*total votes 55*
5. Wing - External affairs **ACCEPTED**  
*voting results*  
*in favor 50*

against 6  
blanco 4  
total votes 60

6. Samantha - Introduction **ACCEPTED**

voting results  
in favor 51  
against 0  
blanco 3  
total votes 54

7. Kevin - IT **ACCEPTED**

voting results  
in favor 48  
against 0  
blanco 5  
total votes 53

8. Ying - Marketing **ACCEPTED**

voting results  
in favor 51  
against 0  
blanco 2  
total votes 53