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Minutes of the 26th General Assembly of the SSB+RM

Place: Zoom
Date: June 2nd 2020
Time: 11:00-12:00

Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda of the 26th General Assembly
2. Minutes of the 25th General Assembly (approval by voting ballot)
3. Report of the President
 - 3a. Change to bylaws (approval by voting ballot)
4. Report of the Treasurer or representative
5. Report of the Auditors
6. Election of new Auditor (approval by voting ballot)
7. Report of the Young Scientists
8. Election of the Executive Committee (approval by voting ballot)
9. Election of the President (approval by voting ballot)
10. 2021 Annual Meeting
11. Varia
12. Presentation of SSB+RM Research Award winner

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1. Approval of the agenda of the 26th General Assembly

- 34 participants as of 11:07
- Marcy Zenobi-Wong (MZW) welcomes everyone to the general assembly
- MZW presents a ballot form and asks the members for the approval of the minutes of the 25th General Assembly, changes to the SSB+RM bylaws, election of a new auditor, election of SSB+RM executive committee and of the SSB+RM president to be given via this ballot form by June 15th 2020.

2. Minutes of the 25th General Assembly

- Approval will be obtained by the voting ballot

3. Report of the President

- MZW reports on the SSB+RM EC activities. The 25th SSB+RM annual meeting was held in 2019 at the new campus of the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW) in Muttenz as a 1.5 days meeting, with an additional young scientists session. She thanks Michael de Wild, Arnaud Scherberich and Mario Morgenstern for the excellent organization.
- The SSB+RM 2019 meeting awards went to P. Fisch “Bioprinting of Osteochondral Grafts” (best oral contribution), S. Rotman “Surface Modification of Drug Delivery Microspheres to Enhance Affinity to Bone” (best poster prize) and N. Broguiere “Engineering of Extracellular Matrix Analogues Supporting and Guiding Neurons” (2019 PhD Thesis Research Award)
- MZW reports that 4 EC meetings were held in 2019, Newsletters and Information on the activities of the society were distributed to the members of SSB+RM and that the SSB+RM was involved in the organization of the Swiss MedTech Day (jointly with SSBME). There, Janine Conde was part of the panel in the breakout session “Current research trends in medical technology and biomaterials”, and was moderating the discussion with SSB+RM nominated speakers Matteo D’Este (“Bioprinting”) and Mark Tibbitt (“Technologies for drug delivery”). MZW thanks Janine Conde and the speakers for their contribution and mentions that SSB+RM will continue to organize such a breakout session.
- MZW mentions the ECM journal (non-profit open access), as the official journal of SSB+RM
- MZW then thanks the sponsors (Exabone, RMS Foundation, Institut Straumann AG, Cellec Biotek AG, Ectica Technologies, ZuriMED, Biomaterials (Elsevier), Biomaterials Science (ACS), Wiley) and supporters (ETH Zurich, Universitätsspital Basel, Universität Basel, AO Research Institut Davos, Empa, Densply Sirona, Bern University of Applied Sciences, Universitätsspital Zürich, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz, Geistlich Biomaterials) of SSB+RM and also the sponsors for the 2019 Awards (RMS Foundation and Exabone).
- MZW also mentions to get in touch with Matteo D’Este if any of the members knows a potential new sponsor and thanks Matteo D’Este and Arnaud Scherberich for their activities on Twitter and LinkedIn, making the society visible.

3a. Change to bylaws (approval by voting ballot)

- MZW introduces the proposed changes to the bylaws include the following modification: “Under exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee can ask the Society Members to vote

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on topics electronically, provided the information is presented to each Member at least 2 weeks before the voting deadline.”

4. Report of the Treasurer or representative

- Laetita Galea (LG) reports less registrations than last year, which in turn results in less income but also less costs. In total, this leaves an income of almost 3'000 CHF.
- LG also reports on an accrual that has been made because the payment of the webmaster costs was delayed in 2019 and has instead been paid in early 2020. This was accounted for in the budget of 2020.
- In 2020, there are no meeting costs but also no income except for sponsoring. Overall, this leads to a small loss due to general costs and sponsoring of awards.

5. Report of the Auditors

- Nicola Döbelin reports that he and Jens Möller audited the accounting of the year 2019. They found everything in good order and recommend the society to approve the accounting and thank LG for her work as treasurer.

6. Election of new Auditor (approval by voting ballot)

- LG reports that Jens Möller is not available to be elected for another period as auditor and thanks him for his contribution to the society over the past two years. The SSB+RM EC proposes Marina Rubert as new auditor and LG asks the society members if there is any other candidate. There was no response from the members and so, Marina Rubert remains the only candidate on the ballot form. Approval of Marina Rubert as auditor will be asked for via the ballot.

7. Report of the Young Scientists

- Queralt Vallmajó (QV) presents new members of the young scientists (YS) and their roles. Angela Bonato (organization), Elia Guzzi (finances), Yann Ladner (communication), Mansoor Chaaban (secretary) and Gordian Born (administration) complement the senior team (Emma Cavalli, Letizia Vainieri and Queralt Vallmajó). QV thanks the senior team for their continuous work.
- QV reports that the first event (3rd YS Symposium) was already successfully organized by the new members. The symposium had 51 participants, 2 keynote speeches from Prof. Ivan Martin and Prof. Giulio Cossu, 8 oral presentations, 6 rapid fire presentations and 12 poster presentations. This event was financially supported by ETH Rektorat and SSB+RM. The funding allowed 6 travel grants and 4 awards, lunch and apéro of the event. Future activities will include an online seminar series, a lab and networking event in winter 2020/2021 (depending on the COVID-19 situation) and a pre-conference event on June 7th 2021.
- QV presents also a reminder for the RMS Research Award and the Mobility Grants
- MZW thanks the YS for their enthusiasm, their energy and for being very active throughout the year, providing excellent networking opportunities for the YS of SSB+RM.

8. Election of the Executive Committee (approval by voting ballot)

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- MZW reports that Janine Conde has decided to leave the SSB+RM EC and thanks her for her commitment and work dedicated to the SSB+RM over the past years (virtual applause in the chat). JC is presented with an honorary membership of SSB+RM.
- JC thanks MZW and the SSB+RM. She enjoyed the time in the EC and will definitely come to the annual meeting in 2021.
- MZW presents Matteo Moretti, Mark Tibbitt, Ben Pippenger and Elia Guzzi as new members suggested by the SSB+RM EC. Approval will be asked for via the ballot.
- MZW then presents the full SSB+RM EC with including the newly proposed members.

9. Election of the President (approval by voting ballot)

- Martin Ehrbar (ME) thanks MZW for her great work as president of the SSB+RM and asks the society members to approve the election of MZW for another year as president. Approval will be asked for via the ballot.

10. 2021 Annual Meeting

- ME reports that since the annual meeting had to be cancelled in 2020 due to Covid19, the SSB+RM EC has decided to shift the meeting to 2021. All funding secured for the 2020 meeting as well as most speakers that confirmed for 2020 also confirmed their participation in the 2021 meeting.
- ME thanks the co-organizers Mark Tibbitt and QV and presents the flyer for the 2021 meeting (2 ½ day meeting) from June 7th to 9th at University Hospital Zurich.

11. Varia

- MZW asks the society members for any varia points, but without response.

12. Presentation of SSB+RM Research Award winner

- Markus Rottmar introduces Xiaopu Wang, this year's winner of the RMS Research Award and thanks RMS Foundation for sponsoring the award. Special thanks go to the judges (Marc Bohner, Pierre Weiss and David Eglin), who did an excellent job in evaluating the submitted research and picking a worthy winner.
- Xiaopu Wang did her PhD study at D-MAVT of ETH Zurich with the supervision of Prof. Bradley Nelson. Her PhD work focused on magnetic microrobots for biomedical applications. By applying biomaterials to microrobots, she developed functional microrobots and also biodegradable microrobots, which will promote the further development of biomedical microrobots.

Following an excellent presentation by Xiaopu Wang, MZW presents some closing remarks and closes the 26th General Assembly of SSB+RM

Markus Rottmar (secretary), October 26th 2020 (draft to be approved in the general assembly 2021)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Markus Rottmar'.