

Annual Assembly 2023 of “Friends of Global Change Ecology e.V.”

Date of the Assembly: 12 December, 19:30 CET
Location of the Assembly: Online

Presence

FroG Board: Gabriela Vielma, Flemming Ostermann, Zachary Zeller, Miriam Thiemann
Members: Stephanie Thomas, Thomas Schmitt, Thomas Köllner, Daniel Kachelriess

Tagesordnung

Agenda

1. Begrüßung
Welcome

The Treasurer of FroG, Flemming, opens the meeting and welcomes all those present. Flemming explains that all decisions at FroG meetings are made by simple majority. Those present can raise their virtual hand in the team meeting to signal approval or disapproval.

2. Eröffnung der Versammlung und Ernennung eines Protokollführers
Opening of the assembly and appointment of note taker

Flemming proposes Miriam, Chairwoman of FroG, as secretary for the meeting. Everyone agrees.

3. Feststellung der ordnungsgemäßen Ladung
Assessment of orderly invitations

Resolved unanimously, the agenda was sent to members on 21 November.

4. Feststellung der Beschlussfähigkeit
Assessment of presence of the quorum

Resolved unanimously, all those present are members of FroG. The meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

5. Genehmigung der Tagesordnung und des Protokolls der letzten Sitzung
Approval of the agenda and the protocol of last years' assembly

Flemming asks for approval of the minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for today's meeting. Both are approved.

6. Jahresbericht des Vorstands für das abgelaufene Jahr
Annual report of the board members

Flemming presents the association's activities in 2023. Firstly, Flemming is now on the Board instead of Thomas Schmitt. Thomas had decided to leave the Board before the end of his term of office. This change was subsequently notarised.

FroG's activities included:

- a presentation during the summer party of the GCE programme

- a hike the day after the summer party for students and alumni
- a Fireside event in November
- the start of the mentoring programme: five students and five alumni were brought into contact with each other
- the launch of the "GCE Talks" podcast
- two issues of the FroG newsletter

7. Finanzbericht des Schatzmeisters

Financial report of the treasurer

Flemming as treasurer of FroG presents the finances of the association. There were some problems with FroG's bank account. This was mainly due to the fact that the board changes so often and several board members live abroad. As a result, the account had to be closed. The savings currently amount to around 700 euros.

8. Bericht der Kassenprüfenden

Report of the cash auditors

Daniel Kachelriess is the cash auditor and had previously inspected the association's income and expenditure in 2023. He confirms that all calculations and receipts are correct.

9. Entlastung des Vorstands

Discharge of the board members

Thomas Schmitt proposes that the actions of the Board of Directors be approved. All those present agree.

10. Genehmigung des Haushaltsplans für das laufende Jahr

Approval of the financial plan for the coming year

It is discussed whether FroG should open an account again. Stephanie Thomas explains that it would be helpful if FroG continued to have its own bank account. This could be important in the future in order to acquire and manage funds for the GCE degree programme. GCE will receive less funding from the Elite Network of Bavaria in the future, so more fundraising will be needed. Larger sums could then also be channelled through an account of the FroG alumni association.

Daniel Kachelriess also thinks it would be desirable to be able to continue to financially support events such as the summer party.

Thomas Schmitt suggests that FroG members could set up a standing order to transfer the annual membership fee. This could be easier than collecting the fee as a SEPA order. It would also mean less work for FroG to keep the bank details of all members up to date.

There are also banks that handle all administrative tasks online and where it could be easier to maintain an account as an association. Some of the traditional banks also offer accounts specifically for associations. It would be good if the new account is registered to one person who remains the contact person for a longer period of time; unlike the people on the FroG board, who change every

two years. Or two people could be registered.

11. Besprechung der Vereinsziele für das kommende Jahr 2023

Agenda-setting for the association in the upcoming year 2023

Following the discussion on the financial situation, it is decided that FroG should find a new bank in the coming weeks to reopen an account for the association.

In addition, FroG can focus on offering more Fireside events in the coming year, where students and alumni can get to know possible career prospects after the degree programme.

The first episode of the GCE Talks podcast met with positive feedback and it would be great to see more episodes in the coming year.

12. Sonstiges

Miscellaneous

No further topics are introduced. Flemming declares the meeting closed at 20:46.



Flemming Ostermann, Schatzmeister und Moderator der Versammlung 2023



Miriam Thiemann, 1. Vorsitzende und Protokollführerin der Versammlung 2023