

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023
Sunday 14. MAY 10-12 AM (Local time)

openart museum, Davidstrasse 44, St. Gallen, Switzerland

AGENDA

1. Short presentation of members participating in the meeting

Art Centre Yellow Art, BE
Association for Rural Culture and Education, FIN
Atelier Heerenplats, NL
Atelier HPCA/EU Ward, DE
GAIA Museum Outsider Art, DK
Galleria GliAcrobati, IT
Kettuki, FIN
KunstRaum, DE
Masaryk University – Institute for research in inclusive education, CZ
Museum Dr. Guislain, BE
Museum Sammlung Prinzhorn, DE
OirA Artless, LT
open art museum, CH
OriginArt, NL
Osservatoria Outsider Art, IT
Outside In, UK
Outsider Art Fair, USA
Studio Borgerstein, BE

Individual members: Sabine Staroszynsk (CH) and Pentti Väistö (FIN)

2. Election of chairman

Thomas Röske was elected as chairperson.

3. Accreditation of the agenda

Approved.

4. Statement of the board

There were two EOA board meetings in person in the period, one in connection with the Outsider Art Fair in Paris on 17. September 2022 and the second in St. Gallen 10. May 2023.

The board meetings discussed the following areas:

- Bringing people into contact with the field of Outsider Art
- Help networking with other members
- Bringing members together physically and through virtual meetings
- Planning the upcoming general assemblies and international conferences.

There was also a virtual board meeting 4. November 2022 to discuss the coming conferences (St. Gallen 2023 and Gent 2024).

The board members have been active in a series of webinars planned and hosted by Association for Rural Culture and Education, GAIA Museum and Kondas Centre of Naïve Art: 5. May 2022 and 10. November 2022. The success of these webinars has inspired the board to continue with virtual meetings open to all EOA Members.

5. Statement of the secretary

Since the last annual general assembly in June 2022, 2 new organisations and 7 individual members have joined:

New organisation members:

- Museum of Art and History at Sainte-Anne, museum, formation + documentation center (F)
- OirA Artless, gallery and educationcenter (LT)

New individual members:

- Dorte Marcussen – Artist (DK)
- Julia Hillman – Artist (CH)
- Zinnia Nishikawa – Artist (USA)
- Dr. Anna Suvorova (RUS)
- Pentti Väistö/PENALIST PENA PENNA - Artist (FIN)
- Jo Farb Hernandez (USA)
- Elina Vuorimies (FIN)

It is important to inform the secretariat if your organisation details change, like address, contact information etc. Please check here to see if your details are still correct.

http://www.outsiderartassociation.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&line=bg_orange.png

Please also send a few lines in English, a picture, and a link and we will make sure to share it on EOA's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanOutsiderArtAssociationEOA/>

Updates for the website and for social media write to: anna.noe.bovin@randers.dk

6. Approval of the reports and accounts

Approved.

7. Decision on strategy, activity plan, budget and membership fee

Strategy

The board's strategy is still to focus on the yearly conferences making them a meeting point, a vibrant network and a professional place of exchange and information.

The board also aims to arrange a programme of virtual meetings during the year, where members can meet, collaborate, exchange ideas, projects and best practice.

The board also discussed the development of a new virtual exhibition and virtual meeting place.

The assembly agreed to improve its visibility on social media, for example. Instagram and YouTube. Sofia Lanusse from the board volunteered to work on this strategy.

Activity plan

The draft proposals for upcoming conferences and annual general assemblies are:

EOA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 23.-26. May 2024 (Confirmed)

Museum Dr. Guislain – Gent, Belgium

On the topic "Outsider art, art collectives and activism"

EOA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

Bilbao FormArte – Bilbao, Spain

EOA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Masaryk University - Institute for Research in Inclusive Education – Brno, Czech Republic

List of ideas and suggestions for the coming years:

- St. Petersburg (Suggested by Olga Fominykh – Outsider Ville)
- Madrid (Suggested by Marisol Alvarez)
- Glasgow (Suggested by Mike Inglis)
- Hengelo (Suggested by the Art Brut Biennale)
- Zagreb (Croatian Museum of Naïve Art)

If other members would like to host future conferences, or have comments on the draft programme, please contact secretariat anna.noe.bovin@randers.dk before 1. September 2023 to be in time for proposal at the next board meeting.

Budget

Approved.

Membership fees 2024

Artists and Students 30 Euro

- Individual members 50 Euro
- Organisation members 100 Euro

The board proposed the possibility for members to pay only 50 % of the usual fee if they feel financially strained. The assembly was divided by this suggestion. An alternative suggestion was to help selected members pay the fee for attending the conference instead. The board will include the feedback from the assembly in a further discussion of the topic at the next board meeting.

8. Election of representatives in the board

Up for election in 2023 are Małgorzata Szaefer, Minna Haveri, Monika Jagfeld, Yoon Hee Lamot. Minna, Monika and Yoon Hee were all willing to continue on the board and were all reelected.

The candidate, Pernilla Rozenberg from INUTI, withdrew her candidacy due to personal circumstances. As Małgorzata decided not to be a candidate for a new period, the board will continue with six board members until the next general assembly. Anna will ask the member organisations for new candidates in March 2024 with a deadline in April 2024.

Up for election in 2024 are Sofia Lanusse, Marc Steene and Thomas Röske.

9. Election of auditor

Nita Lorimer was elected.

10. Any other business

The assembly discussed working with Eu projects and fundraising as a way of developing the EOA further. The board will reflect on this at the next board meeting.

Sharing and saving pictures and documents from the annual meetings to save the story of the organisation: Marc will write and share a blog from the meeting in St. Gallen. The secretariat/Anna keeps the files of the minutes and other documents dating back to the beginning in 2008/2009. Ideas for sharing and saving pictures and other material will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Monika thanks everyone who came to the meeting in St. Gallen and especially all the participants. They were wonderful days also for the open art museum. See pictures:

<https://www.swisstransfer.com/d/e09939a2-3c3d-48f6-8963-7d0a42860609>