

**DEMHIIST General Assembly  
Hybrid – October 26th, 2023**

Minutes to be approved at virtual General Assembly, September 25, 2024

**Participants:**

In person: Hortensia von Roten, Jan Kansy, Maria Szadkowska, Matjaž Koman, Yvonne Ploum, Laura Righi, Gianluca Kannes, Edward Bosley, Lingjun Li, Denise Maior-Barron, Remko Jansonius, Roberto Andreu, José Ignacio Carrillo Martínez, Lotte van der Molen, Karolina Babicz-Kaczmarek, Katarzyna Kreft Aleksandra Narczewska, Agnieszka Wołowicz-Bińkowska, Alexander Smirnov, Galina Chernetskaya, Vasily Pankratov, Alexandra Gerasimova, Olga Papadina, Alexander Bogatyrev, Ksenia Smirnova, Dalia Bruna Gallico, Luz Frias Hernandez, Kulakova Nadezhda, Yoshihiro Nakatani, Lidija Cvetic Vuckovic, Nelly Aboud, Helayel Francis, Kojo David Derban, Galina Lysyakova, Alexander Belousov, Milja Jelenic, Amilcar Vargas, Bård Frydenlund, Robert Andrzejczyk, António Ponte, Caroline Gaillard, Frank Maarthen Louhenapessy, Vera Gonçalves, Victor van Drielen, Julija Trofimova, Agrita Tipane, Eva Lukasova, Julia Ursula Ploum, Jochem van Rijs, Anita Portanje

Online: Cecilia Casas Desantes, Maria Riadova, Nirit Shalev Khalifa, Natalia Polenova, Timna Seligman, Daniella Ball, Gabriel de Santa Ana Aguiar, Iman Afify, Suzanne Bravery, Elizaveta Fokina, Walaa Eldin Badawy, Francesca Baldry, Jack Kusmiersky, Laura Luse; Nini Saradinadze, Siddha Shah, Zhana Manukyan.

Tech Support: Jochem van Rijs and Anita Portanje, ErfgoedAcademie

**Minutes prepared** by Cecilia Casas Desantes

**The meeting took place** in a hybrid format.

**The minutes follow** the order of the agenda.

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Yvonne Ploum.**

Yvonne welcomes the attendees. Thanks the Tech Team. Important meeting to share opinions and to look back over the past year; look towards the coming year, and to celebrate the board elections.

Agenda for the day is shared on screen. Documents to be read were shared with members previously.

Agenda approved.

**2. Minutes of the Oct 27, 2022 General Assembly (to be voted on), Remko Jansonius.**

Remko says that there were no comments to the documents received by email. Documents are shared again on screen and Remko briefly goes through its content.

Q&A. No questions. Yvonne remembers at this point to ask remote attendees to register themselves in the chat.

Vote: in person attendees raise hands remote attendees comment in the chat.

Minutes approved.

**3. Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Extraordinary General Assembly (to be voted on), Remko Jansonius.**

Remko says that there were no comments to the documents received by email. He stresses the importance of the new bylaws achieved in this extraordinary GA. Documents are shared again on screen and Remko briefly goes through its content.

Q&A. No questions.

Vote: in person attendees raise hands remote attendees comment in the chat.

Minutes approved.

**4. Chair report 2022-23 (to be voted on), Yvonne Ploum**

Yvonne shares on screen the Chair Report 2022-2023. The report is based on the 2022 Sarec report with new material for 2023.

No comments to the documents received by email. She goes through its content, talking about Prague Conference and its details and sessions; General Assembly; National Demhist groups (Portugal, México, Brazil...); project with Fondazione Pini; idea of changing acronyms for International Committees (IC) in the IC Working Group (ICWG); Padlets for sustainability conference 2021; 5 working

groups inside the board: governance, grants, communications, conference, outreach and this year also elections; publications from Italian national group; work with the elections, grants and special projects grants (with a comment by Remko Jansonius and Amílcar Vargas, because in 2022 there was no Icom young travel grant); membership introduced by Remko, increase of 114 individual members from 2021 to 2022. The board met regularly in full meetings and in working group format. Yvonne explained Remko Jansonius took over the position of treasurer from Amílcar Vargas in consultation with ICOM.

Q&A. No questions, but a comment by Alexander (Smirnov or Bogatyrev, second name wasn't said), because there is a typo in the report (there is a word written twice). That will be corrected. Vote: in person attendees raise hands remote attendees comment in the chat.  
Report approved.

#### **5. 2022 budget (to be voted on), Remko Jansonius**

Remko Jansonius briefly goes through the budget that was previously shared with members, now shared on screen. See end of this document.

Q&A. No questions

Vote: in in person attendees raise hands remote attendees comment in the chat.  
Members approve the budget.

#### **6. 2023 budget (for information only), Remko Jansonius**

Remko Jansonius goes briefly through the budget that was previously shared with members, now shared on screen. See end of this document.

Q&A. Quick question (name of member wasn't recorded) about Jane Watson bursary. When it will end? It began with about 6.000 euros. This year was awarded to Luz Frías. For next year we still have 1.500 euros.

Cecilia Casas notices a mistake in the budget between Luz Frías (Icom grant) and José Ignacio Carrillo (Jane Watson).

#### **7. 2024 proposed budget (to be voted on), Remko Jansonius**

Remko Jansonius briefly goes through the budget that was previously shared with members, now shared on screen. Significant changes for 2024: Pini Foundation funds reimbursed in 2023; cancelling SurveyMonkey subscription, final budget

depends on ICOM subvention. It's a balanced budget as it needed for a non profit organization. See end of this document.

Q&A.

Caroline Gaillard: With inflation and the risk of increased charges from suppliers like Mailchimp, will the Budget be balanced? Remko answers that we dont work with many suppliers. But yes, it will be challenging even for a small budget as ours.

Daniela Ball: Does ICOM not provide alternatives to SurveyMonkey? Yvonne: Unfortunately not. They are thinking about alternatives.

Vote: in in person attendees raise hands remote attendees comment in the chat.

Members approve the budget.

**BREAK** – Yvonne talks about the sponsorship of the ErfgoeAcademie and the tech group.

### **8. Verbal report of the National Groups, Yvonne Ploum**

We promote and encourage countries to organize national DEMHIST groups.

Yvonne says if anyone has any question about how to organize a national group, just ask.

Brief reports by national groups.

### **9. Presentation of Proposals for the Conference 2024, Timna Seligman**

Timna introduces the two proposals from Georgia and India. Introduces colleague from Georgia to present “House museum at the crossroads of social change” to be hosted by Tlibisi Museum Union, supported by ICOM Georgia. Next proposal comes from India “Historic House Museums in the Making: Prospective and Prospectus.” To be hosted by University of Baroda. Each presentation is about 5 minutes.

Timna explains that there were two other partial proposals: Iran and USA.

Timna reminds the assembly that comments and suggestions are taken into consideration, but the new board will make the final decision.

Q&A.

Antonio Ponte: Time for the 2024 conference? Timna: October.

Roberto Andreu: Suggestion about the payment for the conference, to make it easier than in Belgrade. Please future conference sites keep in mind to make card payment available because international transfers can be difficult.

Milja Stijović: Suggests that for the next conference, payments by members coming from 1-2 countries and 2-3 countries should be more clear.

Remko Jansonius: Will Georgia or India be capable of hosting a hybrid conference? Both answers yes, it will be possible.

## **10. Results of the elections for the DEMHIST Board 2023-2026, Remko Jansonius & Daniela Ball**

Remko thanks board members and election WG members for their help. Daniela Ball is a DEMHIST member and former Chair and she has been the observer of this process. 15 candidates and 96 votes.

Important work: Need to be sure all candidates are eligible. This is arduous work of communication with ICOM secretariat (special thanks to Marine Walon), and communication with some national committees, in particular Russia and Italy.

Thank you for the broad participation.

One candidate for chair position: Timna Seligman 67 yes and 14 abstain.

Board position.

Alexander Belousov (Russia) 35 votes

Antonio Ponte (Portugal) 45 votes

Caroline Gaillard (France) 37 votes

Cecilia Casas Desantes (Spain) 52 votes

Dalia Gallico (Italy) 29 votes

Frank Louhenapessy (Netherlands) 36 votes

Gianluca Kannes (Italy) 36 votes

Milja Stijovic (Serbia) 55 votes

Nadia Kulakova (Russia) 29 votes

Roberto Andreu (Guatemala) 49 votes

Walaa Eldin Badawy (Egypt) 21 votes

Ximena Jordán (Mexico) 38 votes

Yvonne Ploum (Netherlands) 49 votes

Zhanna Manukyan (Armenia) 45 votes

Remko presents the elected board (marked in green) and then the screen with an image of the new Board.



Cecilia Casas  
Desantes (Spain)



Ximena Jordán  
(Mexico)



Timna Seligman (Israel)  
CHAIR



Antonio Ponte  
(Portugal)



Caroline Gaillard  
(France)



Frank Louhenapessy  
(Netherlands)



Zhanna Manukyan  
(Armenia)



Roberto Andréu  
(Guatemala)



Gianluca Kannes  
(Italy)



Milja Stijović  
(Serbia)



Yvonne Ploum  
(Netherlands)

Daniela makes some comments. As an election observer she can confirm that all votes were supervised, and every voter was checked to be a DEMHIST member in good standing, with IRIS database and ICOM secretariat. Votes were gathered in SurveyMonkey by the secretary and Daniela herself, and she can confirm that everything was made by the book. She thanks Remko for his meticulous work.

As per the DEMHIST bylaws, we have a 10<sup>th</sup> board member because of the equal number of votes between Gianluca and Frank. Therefore, board has an even number. This is not a problem because in case of making decisions, the Chair can make the final call.

Yvonne thanks all the candidates. She congratulates the new elected board. To non-elected: please stay connected to DEMHIST. She thanks Daniela also. She thanks Remko for his hard work as secretary and friendship for 6 years. We also say goodbye and special thanks to Yoshi, Amílcar, Maria, Dennis, and Dalia.

She hands over to Timna as new chair.

### 11. Remarks of the newly elected chair

Timna starts with her first words as chair thanking everyone for their support: the election WG and Daniela; all the members who are leaving the board. We will continue to build on the solid foundations of DEMHIST. Special thanks to Yvonne. To the new board members: she is looking forward to working with them. She also thanks the tech team, Anita and Jochem.

Yvonne continues on the board as a regular member, she thanks members for their confidence and collaboration.

## **12. Any Other Business & open microphone, all**

Congratulations in the chat.

Remko thanks Dalia Gallico for her reaching out to the Pini Foundation; and Rosanna Pavoni and Ruggero Ranieri for their pledge to help with the digitization of some DEMHIST publications. DEMHIST members and their support are always important.

Yvonne announces coffee break and tour.

## **13. Closing, Yvonne Ploum**

Thanks the participants and wishes all a nice break. There is a guided tour.

Old and new board members will have to join for a brief board meeting before that.

**End of General Assembly.**

## DOCUMENTS:

DEMHIST BUDGET 2022	
	Financial Report 2022
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Balance Rollover	9,651.65
ICOM Subsidy 2022	6,455.00
subTOTAL	16,106.65
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
DEMHIST support of Prague Conference	-574.60
Webinars (Mar 14, Apr 21, Jun 21, Oct 27)	-2,000.00
<b>GRANTS:</b>	
Special Project Grants - Liisa Okari/Finland (1,000); Lavinia Galli/Italy (1,000); Esther Griffin/Poland (650)	-2,650.00
Jeanne Watson Travel Bursary - Alice S. Legé/France	-1,000.00
ICOM Young Member Travel Grant	-
Formatting Annual Proceedings 2022	-
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>	
Website Maintenance	-747.00
SurveyMonkey	-487.20
Postage	-
Banking Fees	-100.91
Exchange Loss	-
Other	-
subTOTAL	-7,559.71
End of Year Balance	8,546.94



## DEMHIST 2023 BUDGET as of October 7, 2023

	Proposed BUDGET 2023 (Approved at 2022 GA): REVENUE and EXPENSES	REVENUE and EXPENSES as of Oct. 7, 2023	ANTICIPATED EXPENSES by Dec 31, 2023	ANTICIPATED BALANCE by Dec. 31, 2023
<b>REVENUE</b>				
(Anticipated/Actual) Balance Rollover from 2022 (1)	8,150.24	8,546.94		8,546.94
(Anticipated/Actual) ICOM Subsidy 2023 (2)	6,455.00	7,312.00		7,312.00
<b>subTOTAL</b>	<b>14,605.24</b>	<b>15,858.94</b>		<b>15,858.94</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
DEMHIST support of Belgrade Conference 2023	-3,000.00	-3,000.00		-3,000.00
Webinars (Feb 14, Mar 28, Jun 1, Oct 9)	-2,000.00		-2,000.00	-2,000.00
<b>GRANTS:</b>				
Special Project Grants (3)	-3,000.00	-1,500.00	-1,675.00	-3,175.00
Jeanne Watson Travel Bursary - Luz Frias Hernandez/Mexico	-1,000.00		-1,000.00	-1,000.00
ICOM Young Member Travel Grant - Jose Ignacio Carrillo Martinez/Spain (4)			-1,200.00	-1,200.00
Formatting Annual Proceedings 2022 / Kyoto Proceedings (5)	-500.00		-250.00	-250.00
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>				
Website Maintenance	-750.00		-750.00	-750.00
Survey Monkey Annual Fee (6)	-450.00			0.00
MailChimp monthly fee @ app. 27 euro (Mar-Sep) and (Oct-Dec)		-187.79	-81.00	-268.79
Postage and telecommunication Cost	-250.00			0.00
Banking Fees	-300.00	-103.76	-196.24	-300.00
Exchange Loss	-150.00		-150.00	-150.00
Other	-100.00			
Return of Fondazione Pini Subsidy (7)		-1,500.00		-1,500.00
Hospitality (Board retreat Porto) (8)		-212.00		-212.00
<b>subTOTAL</b>	<b>-11,500.00</b>	<b>-6,503.55</b>	<b>-7,302.24</b>	<b>-13,805.79</b>
<b>(9) ANTICIPATED/ACTUAL BALANCE</b>	<b>3,105.24</b>	<b>9,355.39</b>	<b>-7,302.24</b>	<b>2,053.15</b>

equals balance of  
Oct 7 DEMHIST bank  
account

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## DEMHIST PROPOSED BUDGET for 2024

	ACTUAL BUDGET 2022	ANTICIPATED BUDGET 2023	BUDGET 2024 proposed REVENUE and EXPENSES
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Balance Rollover	9,651.65	8,546.94	2,053.15
Anticipated ICOM Subsidy 2024 (same as 2023)	6,455.00	7,312.00	7,312.00
<b>subTOTAL</b>	<b>16,106.65</b>	<b>15,858.94</b>	<b>9,365.15</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
DEMHIST support of 2024 Conference	-574.60	-3,000.00	-2,000.00
Webinars	-2,000.00	-2,000.00	-900.00
<b>GRANTS:</b>			
Special Project Grants	-2,650.00	-3,175.00	-2,000.00
Jeanne Watson Travel Bursary	-1,000.00	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
ICOM Young Member Travel Grant	-	-1,200.00	-1,200.00
Formatting Annual Proceedings 2022	-	-250.00	-200.00
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>			
Website Maintenance	-747.00	-750.00	-750.00
SurveyMonkey	-487.20	-	-
MailChimp monthly fee 12 @ app. 27 euro	-	-268.79	-324.00
Postage	-	-	-28.00
Banking Fees	-100.91	-300.00	-300.00
Exchange Loss	-	-150.00	-150.00
Other	-	-1,712.00	-
<b>subTOTAL</b>	<b>-7,559.71</b>	<b>-13,805.79</b>	<b>-8,852.00</b>
<b>End of Year Balance</b>	<b>8,546.94</b>	<b>2,053.15</b>	<b>513.15</b>

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