



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019 of BASAID in room WSJ 510 in the Novartis Campus on March 21, 2019, 17.30 - 19.00

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### 1. Greeting

The President Mara Fornaro and the Vice President Hans Barz welcomed the participants in English and German respectively. All presentations of the meeting were shown in English and German at the same time. There were no objections by those present that Mara Fornaro would give her presentation in English.

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly of April 2018

The minutes of the General Assembly of April, 11 2018 were published in the Autumn 2018 Bulletin on pages 9-12 and, additionally, on the homepage in both German and English. No changes to the minutes were requested. The minutes were approved with two votes against and three abstentions.

### 3. Short report about 2018, focus and objectives for 2019

Mara Fornaro showed the mission and strategy of Basaid, which had already been presented in detail in 2018. Last year Basaid carried out 34 projects in education (15), health (10), hygiene (5) and agriculture (4). In total, we helped 4,900 people and maintained low administrative costs (<5%).

In addition to the project work the strategic goal for 2018 was to develop clear indicators to measure the success of Basaid. The following measurement data will be evaluated by the Management Board regularly:

Metrics	Target	Frequency
Number of volunteers	5% increase over previous year	Quarterly
Number of members	Stable	Quarterly
Number of paying members	Stable	Quarterly
Amount of donations	Stable	Twice/year
Administrative expenses	Less than 5%	Yearly
Projects monitored by project managers	All projects adequately monitored	Twice/year

Mara Fornaro stressed that it would not be easy to determine the additionally planned measurement data "number of projects still working after completion" and "number of people reached after completion of the projects".

Other focal points last year were the successful Christmas market (CHF 7,500 in receipts), social media and communication campaigns and the collaboration of seven new volunteers. Two

workshops dealt on the one hand with the development of the above measurement data and on the other hand with the topics "More volunteers" and "Fundraising". The second of the mentioned topics will be pursued by the Board of Directors in 2019 with a special focus.

The Basaid organization chart presented below is unchanged from the previous year, with the exception of new members in the country groups and in the communications team. Special thanks were given to the numerous active members and volunteers at the bazaar, the strategy development, the bulletin, the website, the letters of thanks, the translations, etc.

#### 4. Financial Statement 2018 and Auditor's Report

Adolfo Prieto presented the annual accounts for 2018 and the report of the auditors Simona Tschannen-Tochetti and Gian Christian Winkler - see Bulletin Spring 2019, pp. 20-21. A special note was given to the lower contributions/donations (165,444 CHF) instead of the budgeted 190,000 CHF. This cuts the 2019 budget by CHF 50,000 compared to the previous year, as contributions are still being doubled by Novartis.

#### 5. Election of the day's president

Helga Schmidt was elected president of the day with one dissenting vote.

#### 6. Discharge of board of directors and (re)election election of board of directors

The annual financial statements for 2018 were adopted with 28 votes in favor of a total of 36 votes, thereby also ratifying the actions of the Management Board.

The old board was re-elected as the new board with 32 votes in favor and 4 against.

#### 7. Election of the auditors

The four auditors Simona Tschannen-Tochetti, Gian Christian Winkler, Michel Kiener and Alex Villiger were unanimously elected.

#### 8. Advisory board

Matthias Streib and Peter Haefliger resigned from the advisory board at their own request. Adolfo Prieto said goodbye to Matthias, who has supported Basaid in many positions over many years. Peter Haefliger could not attend this meeting.

#### 9. Introduction of group members

Mara Fornaro introduced the regional and communication groups and its 8 new members.

#### 10. Questions and answers on the project proposals 2019 (see bulletin for details)

Adolfo Prieto informed the meeting about the planned new projects 2019 and the budget 2019 - see Bulletin Spring 2019, pp. 22-23.

Daniela Gabriel explained why the originally planned project "Development of a chicken farm for the DEKAWOWO group in Afidegnigban-Zanguera (Togo)" was replaced by the project "Health education and construction of a kindergarten in the village of Agrippa Todzi (Togo)" at the same

cost of CHF 8,400. The decision was made after visiting the projects on site. A description of the new project can be found in the appendix.

There were no further questions about any project.

#### 11. Approval of the projects and the budget 2019

The General Assembly approved the projects and the budget for 2019 with 34 out of 36 votes.

#### 12. Special requests from members

No requests were filed.

#### 13. Presentation "Water Pollution in Emerging Countries - Options to Improve Environment and Health".

Prof. Dr. Rik I.L. Eggen (Deputy Director Eawag, Dübendorf, Switzerland) presented in his very interesting lecture the expected challenges of water pollution in the world. Fresh clean water is increasingly needed all over the world. Water pollution results from nutrients (sanitation, sewage sludge and wastewater) and industrial chemicals, especially bioactive compounds. Sewage treatment plants, special toilets, behavioral changes, better laws, better wastewater infrastructure are all individual elements that can help overall. Eawag evaluates the situation in many countries of the second and third world and develops proposed solutions.

#### 14. Closing of the official part

Basaid thanked Novartis for the steady doubling of membership fees. The same goes for the Novartis Foundation, which financed the expenses for the aperitif. Thanks also go to all members who attended the Annual General Assembly and commented on the Board's work.

Basaid was once again delighted with the performance of the classic string quartet Alcina. The four young musicians played works by Haydn, Kreisler and Rossini and were received with great applause by the audience.

The following apéro was used by many members for interesting conversations, discussions about projects and with the guest speaker.

Basel, 26.3.2019, Hans Barz

#### Correction Project Description 2019 AF 03 TG AG to 2019 AF 03 TG ED

**Health, education and community service project for the city youth in village Agrippa Todzi, Togo** : Volunteer women are taking care of the children from 3 to 5 years (Kindergarten) however they have no classroom and teach under the trees where they are exposed to the consequences of the weather. In 2016 and 2017 a first and second stage of social actions in the village of Agrippa Todzi were started. The rate of success at CEPD (certificate exam to enter secondary school) 2016-2017 has climbed to 100% for the first time in the village. The teachers are seeing more vivacity in the children than before; the elderly have started taking good measures for hygiene and to prevent sicknesses (result of the sensitizations). In the 2019 project the sensitization will continue and support the building of a little classroom for the youngest children.