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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the VSA e.V. (Germany) and the VSA Trust (South Africa)

2 December 2020, 4:30 pm South African Time / 3:30 pm Central European Time on online platform Google Meet

1. Welcome and Excused

Participants VSA e.V. (Germany)

- Anna Wertlen (Chairperson)
- Ronald Wertlen (Founder Member)
- Christoph Flügge (Founder Member)

Excused VSA e.V. (Germany)

- Eva Hert (Vice-Chairperson)
- Antonio Gulli (Founder Member)

Participants VSA Trust (South Africa)

- Kjetil Torp (Manager)
- Rod Amner (Chairperson Board)
- Clement Simuja (Board Member)
- Thanduxolo Royi (Open Lab Coordinator and Tutor)
- Craig Renaud (Board Member and Treasurer)
- Sarah Hanton (Board Member)
- Zintle Vambe (Project Manager)

Excused VSA Trust (South Africa)

2. Treasurer's Reports

The treasurer's reports were presented by Anna Wertlen for the VSA e.V. (Germany) and by Kjetil Torp for the VSA Trust (South Africa). Follow [this link](#) to read the treasurers' reports.

3. Annual Audit of the VSA Trust (South Africa)

The VSA Trust was successfully audited and received a clean audit by Omni, the external auditors. To read the report, please send an email to kjetil@awarenet.org. The present trustees of the VSA Trust unanimously approved the audit presented.

4. Discharge of the managing board of the VSA e.V. (Germany)

Village Scribe Association - **Bank details** Account Name: The Village Scribe Assoc, Account Number: 62285180718, Branch Code: 210717, **SWIFT code:** FIRNZAJJ, Bank Name: FNB, Bank address: 102 High Street, Grahamstown, 6140, Rep. of South Africa

The managing board was unanimously discharged by the members of the VSA e.V.

5. Annual election of the German internal auditor

Ronald Wertlen was unanimously re-elected as the internal auditor for one year and accepted his election.

Anna Wertlen was unanimously re-elected as the chairperson for two years and accepted her election.

Erika Wertlen was unanimously re-elected as the vice-chairperson for two years and accepted her election.

Eva Hert was unanimously re-elected as the treasurer for two years and accepted her election.

6. 2020/2021 Project Report

Kjetil Torp and Thanduxolo Royi presented the activities of the VSA Trust (South Africa).

The complete annual report presentation can be found on [this link](#).

8. 2020/2021 Roadmap and Fundraising

Kjetil Torp summarised the roadmap for 2022, see [this link](#)

9. Miscellaneous

All present members congratulated the VSA team on their outstanding success. It is especially impressive how the number of staff has risen.

Anna asked how the VSA Trust is doing with office space. Kjetil explained that some are working from home. The group brainstormed that it would really be helpful to have their own building.

Anna mentioned that Masifunde could give some helpful advice. Ron mentioned that Masifunde had partners and funders in the for-profit world and offered to look out for possibilities for CSR companies in Germany. He also mentioned that SELF might be interested to equip the building with solar power.

The Municipality should be approached to find out if there is a suitable plot. One could also look at a partnership with the Duna Library. Rod offered to put this topic on the Talking Tech to Power Agenda.

Anna and Ron mentioned that they will be in the Eastern Cape again around Easter 2023.

10. Closure

The AGM ended at 6.00 pm South African time / 5.00 pm Central European Time.