MINUTES OF THE

Moot Alumni Association ("MAA")

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 13 April 2025 **09:38** to **13:09** (CET)

The Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") was held in-person at the University of Vienna, Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Vienna (Hörsaal 07), and via videoconference (Teams)

Present during the in-person and online Teams videoconference:

37 members

- İpek İnce
- Navin G. Ahuja
- Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe
- Evanthia Kasiora
- Anne Wang
- Sherlin Tung
- Adrian König
- Aisha Bamahriz (joined at 11:40, left at 11:59)
- Alexandra Witting
- Arijit Sanyal (joined at 9:50, left at 11:00)*
- Atta Chiu (left at 10:11)
- Božo Čović
- Carolina Kresch
- Derya Durlu Gurzumar
- Emily Feigel
- Fernanda Nemr
- Giulio Francesco Angius
- Jessica Rado
- Julian Juhasz
- Leanne Marie Torrato
- Lukas Petschning
- Margarita Drobyshevskaia (left at 12:18)
- Mevlüt Ali Devecí
- Mick Henry Wiegenstein
- Mısra Yalçın
- Priya Conrad
- Salih Kartal
- Sanjana Sachdev
- Shu Zhang (left at 12:27)*
- Suit Myat Htet
- Vitória Kreutz Werle
- Wenru Rui
- Zahra Maleki (left at 11:12)
- Yashraj Samant (left at 12:11)*
- Gwenllian Kern-Allely (left at 10:03)
- Gifty Emmanuella Buernarki Buerney (joined at 10:23)
- Tobias Strecker (left at 12:54)

* These members left the 2025 AGM prior to its conclusion and issued written proxies to the members as recorded in item 2 for the remainder of the 2025 AGM.

1. Welcome

After a brief delay to allow for the proper setup of the hybrid meeting, the meeting started at 9:38 CET. A quorum was established for holding the 2025 AGM.

2. Recording of Proxies

A total of 12 proxies were issued to those present at the 2025 AGM. The details of the proxies are as follows:

- Ulrich Schroeter to Sherlin Tung
- Björn Gehle to Sherlin Tung
- Yashraj Samant to Sherlin Tung
- Vanshika Maan to Suit Myat Htet
- Selin Özgören to Suit Myat Htet
- Alicja Zielinska-Eisen to Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe
- Wanyan Pan Jiang to Fernanda Nemr
- Arijit Sanyal to Evanthia Kasiora
- Raquel Macedo Moreira to Giulio Angius
- Aisha Bamahriz to İpek İnce
- Atta Chiu to Sanjana Sachdev
- Shu Zhang to Julian Juhasz

3. Appointment of AGM Chair and AGM Secretary

Pursuant to Article 9(10) of the MAA's Articles of Association ("**AoA**"), the Co-President of the MAA, İpek İnce, chaired the 2025 AGM.

İpek İnce nominated Fernanda Nemr to act as Secretary of the 2025 AGM to take the minutes of the meeting pursuant to Article 9(11) of the AoA.

Resolution: To elect Fernanda Nemr to act as secretary of the 2025 AGM.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously, with one abstention by Fernanda Nemr.

4. Assessment of final agenda

The 2025 AGM notice and agenda had been circulated beforehand according to the deadlines under the AoA. İpek İnce noted that no comments had been received so far. İpek İnce invited participants to make any final comments on the agenda, if any.

No comments were received.

Resolution: Confirm that the 2025 AGM notice and agenda were validly circulated and that the AGM was to take place in accordance with the circulated agenda.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously.

5. Endorsement of 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

İpek İnce referred to the Minutes of the 2024 AGM, which were published by email, on the MAA website and shared on the MAA's social media accounts together with the 2025 AGM Notice and

agenda, and invited comments from the members. No comments were received.

Resolution: Endorse the 2024 AGM Minutes.

Vote: The 2024 AGM Minutes were unanimously endorsed.

6. Report by the 2024/2025 Executive Board

The Executive Board ("**Board**") indicated that it would provide a general overview of the MAA activities, while an overview of the activities of each Core Team would be provided in the next agenda item.

On behalf of the Board, İpek İnce started by thanking all the Core Team members for the effort during the term, highlighting that, while there had been some communication issues during the Core Team term, it had overall been a successful year - with very successful activities on the ground in Hong Kong and Vienna and without any major issues.

İpek İnce also noted that the Board had decided to remove three Core Team members during the year due to their lack of activity despite multiple opportunities to participate and unresponsiveness, including to multiple follow-ups and to an express invitation to indicate their willingness to remain in the Core Team. Further, one Core Team member resigned because of a change in their personal and professional circumstances.

İpek İnce noted that the Board received over 200 applications for the Core Team, a record number, and the Board and Core Team leaders had carefully selected each applicant, so this was a testament to the Core Team members' strong applications, whereas it was sad to see some inactive Core Team members in light of the many applicants who were not finally selected.

İpek İnce thanked Sherlin Tung for being on the Board yet another year for transition purposes and noted that, now that the banking issues had been solved, Sherlin Tung will be released from her responsibilities. The Board will propose that Sherlin Tung have another capacity in the MAA, to be discussed under a later agenda item.

İpek İnce also thanked Peter Riznik for his participation in the Board to assist with the Austrian bank account and compliance issues, and informed the meeting that Peter Riznki will also be released from his responsibilities.

Additionally, İpek İnce explained that the Board had continued its efforts to centralize record keeping. The Board operated by way of bi-weekly and then weekly meetings, as well as constant messaging. The Board had appointed two Board members as the main contacts for each Core Team. This did not mean that the other Board members were not involved with all Core Teams and, in fact, all Board members were up to date on the progress of each team.

İpek İnce noted that, as with previous years, there had been issues with unapproved external communications and urged all team members to ask for Board approval before contacting external organizations, which also includes reaching out to speakers.

İpek İnce also highlighted that the MAA was able to have a good relationship with the FAI, whose institutional rules were used in the Moot problem, including by hosting a joint event in Hong Kong. The MAA was already in contact with the SIAC for the next Moot. İpek İnce noted that the MAA is working to increase its relationship with Africa in the Moot.

Further, İpek İnce highlighted that the MAA was once again able to host an alumni networking event in Hong Kong during the Vis East, which was a success, but was still unable to do that for Vienna. İpek İnce also briefly explained the launch of the Moot Alumni Get-Togethers, a project that was chaired by Vitória Kreutz Werle and Rupesh Gupta from the Regional Representatives Team.

İpek İnce and Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe gave an overview on the banking activities of the MAA. İpek İnce also highlighted that the Board was in the process of signing a contract with a professional address provider to have an official address for the MAA without needing to rely on Semperit, Sherlin's former employer, who had graciously been acting as our address for the past years.

Lastly, Evanthia Kasiora and Navin G. Ahuja thanked İpek İnce and Anne Wang for their work with the MAA and their commitment, informing the team members that they decided to step down for professional and personal reasons.

7. Report by the 2024/2025 Core Team

Conferences and Events Team

Evanthia Kasiora noted that, in terms of financials, the MAA activities in Hong Kong were modestly profitable, even though profit was not a goal. In fact, the Board and the Conferences and Events Team made a conscious decision to lower prices as much as possible.

Atta Chiu, Co-Chair for the Hong Kong Events, reported on the events held by the MAA in Hong Kong during the Vis East. Atta Chiu thanked the team for their support, especially those on the ground during the events. The team was able to secure support from two law firms (Dahui and Allbright), which allowed prices to be lowered for the parties. Atta Chiu also thanked Navin G. Ahuja for his assistance in securing the venues for the parties. The team also organised a photobooth, games and activities during the parties, which were a success.

Navin G. Ahuja and Anne Wang also provided further comments on the Hong Kong events, highlighting that one of the main challenges of the events was that there were two other major events taking place in Hong Kong at the same time as the Moot (Art Basel and Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament), which made it harder and more expensive to secure venues. As such, for the first time, the MAA had to charge for the Welcome Party, which, in previous years, had been a free event. The venue for the Farewell Party was changed to a different district than in previous years, which worked very well, especially with the possibility of dropping people off at the party after the seafood dinner, and because the ticket price for the Farewell Party was reduced compared to previous years. Regarding the networking event, there were about 150 people who registered and 120 who were accepted, and around 100 people showed up.

Next, Sanjana Sachdev, Co-Chair for the Hong Kong Conference, gave her report. Sanjana Sachdev highlighted the cooperation with the Vis East administration, which allowed participants to register at the venue of the conference, which increased participation in the afternoon panels. The MAA also once again held a lucky draw, awarding the winner with a premium membership. Sanjana Sachdev thanked Alan Sham, Lucy Li, Angela Zhang and Ankita Rajiv Agrawal for their work at the conference.

Regarding the Conferences in both Hong Kong and Vienna, the MAA introduced student pricing on par with premium membership pricing to ensure greater accessibility while also incentivizing people to effectively attend because they had purchased a ticket. Both conferences were successful in terms of the number of tickets sold.

Arijit Sanyal, Vice Chair for Webinars, reported on the MAA webinars. The position of Vice Chair for Webinars was a new position in the 2024/2025 Core Team, which allowed for additional focus on the webinars as well as allowed the Conferences' Co-Chairs to focus on the conferences from the outset. Arijit Sanyal reported that the webinars went smoothly, with over 200 participants at times. A lot of students reached out to the MAA after the webinars inquiring about premium membership and asking for the recording of the webinars. As usual, the MAA held three "Vis Moot Journey" webinars for mooties. After a pause last year, the MAA also held a Speaker Series webinar with Patrizia Netal as speaker.

Next, Misra Yalçın, Co-Chair for the Vienna Conference, gave her report. She reiterated the initiation of student pricing, which she believed worked out really well. The Conference was sold out, with a waiting list of over 100 people, which was a first. The Conference was held at Schoenherr for the second time, and the partnership continued to be great, especially since the law firm covered all the costs of the conference, including two coffee breaks, lunch and a networking session. Misra Yalçın thanked Giulio Angius and Salih Kartal for helping with the conference organization, but highlighted communication issues with some of the team members. Misra Yalçın recorded the keynote speech given by the Secretary General of the FAI as one of the highlights of the Conference, as well as the collaboration with the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, in the context of which Edgardo Muñoz interviewed Ingeborg Schwenzer as part of the conference.

Regarding the Vienna events, Evanthia Kasiora noted that the MAA also made a conscious effort to lower prices for students, for example reducing the price of the Farewell Party ticket. Even so, the Vienna events were already profitable at the time of the meeting.

Fernanda Nemr, Co-Chair for Vienna Events, reported on the Vienna events, which were still ongoing at the time of the 2025 AGM. Fernanda Nemr started by thanking not only the Conferences and Events team, but also all the Core Team members that helped with the Vienna Events in person during the Vis Moot. She highlighted that all the events in Vienna sold out, with significant waiting lists for almost all the events, noting that, on the date on which the Social Events Calendar prepared by the Conferences & Events Team was shared by the Vis Moot administration, the sales increased significantly. The Welcome Party was once again held at Sofiensäle, and having the same venue made the organization of the event significantly more efficient. Over 800 tickets were sold for the Welcome Party, with about 750 participants in the event. Since the party was profitable, the MAA was able to cover the entire cost of the coat check, so that there was no cost for the students. Fernanda Nemr highlighted that changes were made to the format of the Viennese Dinner, and that it would be held for the first time at Zum Leupold, which provided the MAA with a very good menu at a very reasonable price. For the Farewell Party, the event would also be held at the same venue as previous years, Passage. The Conferences and Events team decided to bring back the themed night at the Moot Bar, as that had been very successful two years before, so a "Nations Party" would be held on Sunday.

China Project

Wenru Rui, Vice-Chair of the China Project Team, reported on the China Project, starting by introducing the team, composed by Alice Wang, Haowen Chen and Qihao Wu. Wenru Rui reported that the China Project organized four events during the term, attracting over 50,000 online views and more than 100 in-person participants in total. The China Project Team partnered with the two main moots in China, the Moot Shanghai and the CIETAC Cup Moot in Beijing. The China Project Team also collaborated with the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration for the first time, expanding the China Project's institutional reach in Mainland China. The team also supported the Moot Alumni Get-Together initiative and hosted the get-together in Shanghai, which was a success. Wenru Rui also expressed the team's thanks to Anne Wang, Navin G. Ahuja and all the Board Members, as well as the Media Team for their support.

Compliance Team

Lukas Petschning, Compliance Officer, reported for the three-person Compliance Team highlighting that the team continued evaluating the issues regarding Austrian law and coordinating with the Board regarding issues that international organizations such as the MAA face in Austria.

Per Evanthia Kasiora's request, Lukas Petschning also provided a quick report on the tax evaluation performed by him. Lukas Petschning explained that his understanding is that the MAA should be tax exempt, but that tax exempt organizations in Austria may still owe tax in

some respects, so that there is a case to be made that the MAA might owe tax for previous terms. This will be one of the things that need to be figured out in the next term. This is also one of the reasons why an effort was made to reduce prices and profits, since the profit from the parties and other events might result in the need to pay tax. Sherlin Tung asked why there would be a need to do this review. Lukas Petschning explained that there is a complex assessment to be made regarding events such as parties hosted by tax exempt organizations and whether taxes need to be paid in situations like that. Sherlin Tung highlighted that a tax review was done in the past, possibly in 2015. İpek İnce explained that, while the Board analyzed the previous assessment, it was not only a bit dated but also rendered with caveats on which events are tax exempt, which is why the Board decided to look into the tax issues again. İpek İnce explained that Lukas Petschning did a first review, but that the Board is more comfortable getting an external counsel's review on this, so that the Board is reaching out to law firms to get pro bono advice. If that is not possible, the Board will hire a law firm to look into this. Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe highlighted that none of the Board members are qualified in Austria, so that the Board is reaching out to different law firms, such as Dorda and WolfTheiss. He explained that the main aspect seems to be the size of the events organized by the MAA, and the fact that the profit is increasing each year, which may change the assessment. Anne Wang highlighted that the investigation into this topic so far has been done under Austrian law, so that there will be a separate need to investigate the situation for Hong Kong as a foreign association holding events in that jurisdiction.

Mick Henry Wiegenstein, Compliance Officer, also reported that he participated in the contact with the law firms and was also charged with investigating potential hosts for the MAA's office space.

Božo Čović, Compliance Officer, explained that his main work area was data privacy, to make sure that the MAA is compliant with the GDPR and with Austrian data privacy law. This included reviewing forms for all the Moot Alumni Get-Togethers and other events that were held during the year. There was also a question regarding the collection of data for the Joseph Schwartz Award, to determine whether the MAA would classify as a data collector, the answer to which was positive.

Media Team

Carolina Kresch, Co-Chair of the Media Team, reported for the Media Team, highlighting that the team had faced challenges throughout the year, especially with communication issues and lack of support from the team members.

Margarita Drobyshevskaia, Co-Chair of the Media Team, reported on the website update, which was the big task of the Media Team in 2024/2025 and is ongoing. The team also transferred the templates for the flyers to Google Slides, which increased cooperation with the other teams, as well as building a database for the next years. The Media Team also started building a database of potential partners with whom the MAA has had a media partnership in the past. Margarita Drobyshevskaia thanked the Board and Core Team for their support and noted that it was her last year in the Media Team and probably her last year with the MAA.

Mentor-Mentee Team

Emily Feigel, Chair of the Mentor-Mentee Team, provided the participants with a report on the work of the Mentor-Mentee Team during the term. Emily Feigel started by introducing and thanking the team, which is composed of Suit Myat Htet, Alexandra Witting and Vanshika Maan. Emily Feigel also thanked Evanthia Kasiora and Anne Wang for their support. The Mentor-Mentee Programme grew during the term to 63 mentor-mentee pairs, after having received approximately 170 applications. It was significant work to go through all of the applications and select the participants. Emily Feigel also thanked the team for hosting Fireside Chats during the term. The Mentor-Mentee Team was also able to host get-togethers during the moots, both in Hong Kong and in Vienna. For the next term, Emily Feigel believed that the team needs to keep up the amount of applications, but also work on increasing participation and attendance at the

Fireside Chats.

Regional Representatives

Vitória Kreutz Werle, Co-Chair of the Regional Representatives team, reported on the team activities, thanking the team and the Board. Vitória Kreutz Werle highlighted that the Regional Representatives team was able to finally launch the Moot Alumni Get-Togethers project, and was able to host 14 Get-Togethers in all continents minus Antarctica. Vitória Kreutz Werle thanked the members of other teams that helped with hosting Get-Togethers in their respective regions, as well as the China Project team for the Get-Together that they hosted.

Vindobona Journal

Julian Juhasz, Editor-in-Chief of the Vindobona Journal, reported on the status of the journal, highlighting that, while the team has been working hard to catch up with the publication delays, the publication of the journal is still behind. The team is about to publish the 26th volume, which belongs to 2022. Julian highlighted that he would reconsider the team size for the next term, as the team was very large and so at times difficult to coordinate. The Vindobona Journal had issues getting good submissions in the beginning but then circulated calls for papers more frequently and contacted people directly, which improved the quality of the submissions.

Jessica Rado reported that the team has tried to be more active with promoting the Vindobona Journal and thanked the Media Team for their assistance with the promotion. The Vindobona Journal is also trying to be more active on LinkedIn and is hosting a webinar in May on how to publish, with a panel of distinguished academics.

Shu Zhang, Editor In-Chief, highlighted that the team is finalizing the next issue and hopes to have it printed by the end of the month and is planning to catch up with the next three issues by the end of the year.

Diversity & Inclusion Team

The Board reported for the Diversity & Inclusion Team, since no team members were present at the meeting. The team was formed from scratch for the 2024/2025 term and organized a well-attended webinar on LLM applications and D&I aspects. The team was also in contact with Africa in the Moot to increase cooperation with the MAA.

International Liaisons

The Board reported on behalf of the International Liaisons Team, as no members of the team were present at the meeting. The Board highlighted that the team organizes the MAA representations at the UNCITRAL sessions and has continued to do so. The team has been working on increasing the number of applications as the sessions return to a fully in-person format, and has also been working on getting reports written from the representatives published on the Vindobona Journal, including a discussion on whether they would need to ask people to provide longer and more comprehensive reports for publication or if the Journal should publish shorter pieces for this type of event.

8. Report on the status of the MAA bank account

İpek İnce addressed the financial situation of the MAA, reiterating that, as discussed during last year's AGM, Bank Austria had closed the MAA's account. She noted that the MAA was able to open a bank account with Wise, which worked really well, especially since the MAA receives transfers from all around the world, which is easier in an account that allows the MAA to hold money in different currencies or have banking details in different currencies. As of now, the Board did not intend to try to open a new bank account with an Austrian bank. The Board highlighted that, while in the last AGM, it had not identified Wise as a viable option, Wise changed their policy during the year, which allowed the non-governmental organizations such as

the MAA to open a bank account. The Board was working on settling the pending amounts with Sherlin Tung, whose bank account was being used by decision of a previous AGM while the MAA was in the process of re-opening its bank account, so that there would be no further need to use Sherlin Tung's bank account for MAA matters. In fact, the MAA had stopped actively using Sherlin Tung's bank account shortly after the Wise account was opened and was tested, and the Board had been working on the transition of any recurring payments. Sherlin Tung highlighted that she was still receiving payments for the Vindobona Journal, and Jessica Rado informed her that the Vindobona Journal team was working on this issue.

9. Report by the 2023/2024 financial year Cash Auditors

The Cash Auditors for the 2023/2024 financial year were Carolina Kresch and Salih Kartal, who confirmed that they conducted the audit for the 2023/2024 financial year and found no discrepancies in the records. The cash auditors thanked the Board for their diligent record keeping and for putting together the financial records.

10. Exoneration of the 2023/2024 financial year Cash Auditors

Resolution: To exonerate Carolina Kresch and Salih Kartal as Cash Auditors for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously, with Carolina Kresch and Salih Kartal abstaining.

11. Exoneration of 2023/2024 Executive Board

İpek İnce referred to the next agenda item, *i.e.*, the exoneration of the Board members for the financial year that had been audited.

Resolution: To exonerate the Board members for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously, with Sherlin Tung, İpek İnce, Evanthia Kasiora, Anne Wang and Navin G. Ahuja abstaining.

12. Election of 2024/2025 financial year Cash Auditors

Giulio Francesco Angius and Božo Čović volunteered to be Cash Auditors.

Resolution: To elect Giulio Francesco Angius and Božo Čović as Cash Auditors for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously, with Giulio Francesco Angius and Božo Čović abstaining.

13. Proposal by the existing Executive Board of additional members to the 2025/2026 Executive Board

İpek İnce explained that, pursuant to the AoA, the default composition of the Board is one President and two Vice-Presidents. However, in the previous terms, the Board had two Co-Presidents, so that one would be based in Europe and one in Asia, reflecting the structure of the two Moots, which worked well. Additionally, İpek İnce explained that, in the past year, the Board had also had a Secretary position. However, the Board proposes no longer having a Secretary, as the Secretary has the same functions and amount of work as the other Board members, so that the current Board does not believe there is a reason to have a Secretary. As such, the Board proposed that the Board be composed of two Co-Presidents and three Vice-Presidents.

Yashraj Samant raised a concern about the absence of a Secretary. The current Board explained

that the role of the Secretary only existed to test the representation powers because of the banking and financial issues that the MAA had been facing but that, in practice, Anne Wang, the Secretary, performed the same function as the Vice Presidents. The Board also highlighted that the Board composition for 2024/2025 had additional members that were meant to help with the administrative and banking issues – *i.e.*, Sherlin Tung and Peter Riznik – who will no longer be on the Board for the next term. Evanthia Kasiora highlighted that there are no specific secretarial tasks that are entrusted to a Secretary and no other Board member, so that not having a Secretary would not cause any issues.

Yashraj Samant raised a concern as to whether not having a Secretary would make the decision-making process harder, as the Board would always need to get the three Vice Presidents together to make a decision. Evanthia Kasiora explained that this was not how the Board worked. Firstly, all Board members, including Secretaries, can represent the MAA individually and have sole representation capacity under the AoA, so the absence of a Secretary does not cause any representation issues and there is no need for joint representation. Additionally, the Board works democratically with all members participating in the decision-making process on an equal footing, irrespective of having a Secretary or Vice-President title, so the absence of a Secretary role does not cause any issues.

Resolution: To add an additional Co-President and an additional Vice President to the 2025/2026 Board composition.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously.

14. Election of the 2025/2026 Executive Board

Evanthia Kasiora recalled that, as of the current Board's knowledge, five candidates had expressed interest in participating in the election of the 2025/2026 Board and called on this meeting for anyone else to express interest. As no one expressed interest, Evanthia Kasiora stated that the candidates for the Board are Navin G. Ahuja, Evanthia Kasiora, Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe, Fernanda Nemr and Jessica Rado. The proposal would be for Evanthia Kasiora and Navin G. Ahuja to be Co-Presidents, while the other three candidates would be Vice Presidents.

Sherlin Tung raised a concern about whether there would be sufficient members in the Board that would attend the Vis East Moot. The candidates confirmed that they intend to attend the Vis East Moot, as long as that is possible within their respective calendars. İpek İnce added that, although only one Board member was based in Asia this year, two members - including one based in Europe - ultimately travelled to Hong Kong and ensured the smooth running of the events. Therefore, she did not believe the proposed composition of the Board will have any negative impact in that regard. Evanthia Kasiora highlighted that the Board agrees that the MAA needs to focus on developing a pipeline in Hong Kong both for the Core Team and the Board and that, as much as the current Board tried, no one from the current Asia-based members volunteered to be on the Board.

Margarita Drobyshevskaia, via Teams chat, asked when there had been a call to join the Board. Evanthia Kasiora highlighted that there had been an announcement during the two Core Team meetings in January, and that the agenda for the AGM had been circulated six weeks in advance and included a call for the election of the new Board.

Yashraj Samant echoed the concern, stating that, since there is no restriction for MAA members to be on the Board, it might not be correct to only give opportunities to people who are already on the Core Team. Evanthia Kasiora and Sherlin Tung both highlighted their belief that it should not be a goal to recruit people for the Board who are not already on the Core Team and who have never been in the Core Team, as such people are not familiar with how the MAA runs. Inversely, past members of the Core Team should be familiar with how the MAA operates and so they have every opportunity to express their interest.

Margarita Drobyshevskaia informed the meeting, via Teams chat, that she would like to run for the Board. There was a discussion on what position she could run for, given the previous resolution on the composition of the Board that had already passed, proposing a five-member Board. Since Margarita's CV had not been shared by email jointly with the other candidates' CVs a week in advance of the AGM, Margarita Drobyshevskaia was given the opportunity to introduce herself.

Given the inclusion of a new candidate, the current Board requested a pause of the AGM in order to deliberate and consult the AoA as to the appropriate process to be followed.

At 11:46, the AGM was paused with the agreement of the members. The Board retired in another room to deliberate.

At 12:45, the AGM resumed. By this time, Margarita Drobyshevskaia, as announced, had boarded a flight and was no longer contactable.

In light of its deliberation, the current Board proposed that this AGM only elect the Board members that are necessary based on the AoA - *i.e.*, one President and two Vice Presidents be elected. The Board proposed that these could be the returning members of the Board, so that Navin G. Ahuja would be elected as President, while Evanthia Kasiora and Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe would be elected Vice Presidents.

The Board was making this proposal because: (1) to the Board's knowledge, having consulted with previous Board members, there had not been a recent election process with more candidates than available positions, and the AoAs provided no guidance on the election process including voting procedures, vote counting, and online voting. As such, the Board thought it prudent to take time to study the AoAs, Austrian law, and past practice to decide on the best way to conduct an election process; (2) since Margarita Drobyshevskaia's candidacy was unknown until today, the other candidates had not been able to speak to her in advance about her willingness to join the Board and the possibility to jointly collaborate; and (3) since, by this point, Margarita Drobyshevskaia was on a plane and could not participate or be contacted, it would be unfair to run an election in her absence and without giving her an opportunity to participate on an equal footing with other candidates.

In light of these considerations, the Board felt that it was better to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting ("**EGM**") as soon as possible after considering the running of an election process and having given the opportunity to all candidates to liaise. The purpose of this EGM would be to vote on the final composition of the Board for 2025/2026, in order to include additional members, given that the three default members are not enough and a five-member Board had proven to work well in light of the workload and team size.

Resolution: To revoke the resolution for the inclusion of additional members on the Executive Board for 2025/2026.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously, with all members standing for election abstaining. As a result, the decision to provide for an additional Co-President and an additional Vice President was revoked.

Resolution: To elect Navin G. Ahuja as President and Evanthia Kasiora and Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe as Vice Presidents for the 2025/2026 Executive Board.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously, with all members standing for election abstaining.

15. Election of Honourable Members and Advisory Board Members

The Board proposed electing Sherlin Tung as Advisory Board Member, since she concluded her time with the Board and has been an invaluable member and fierce supporter of the MAA and the Board. Sherlin Tung agreed with being elected as an Advisory Board Member.

Resolution: To elect Sherlin Tung as Advisory Board Member.

Vote: The resolution was passed unanimously, with Sherlin Tung abstaining.

16. Any other business

As there was no further business, İpek İnce thanked all the participants for their time and taking part in the 2025 AGM.

The Chair closed the 2025 AGM at 13:09 CET.

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İpek İnce, AGM Chair

Fernanda Nemr, AGM Secretary