

# Club der Weinakademiker

## Minutes of the General Assembly of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 2020

at the Weinakademie Österreich, Rust

Start GA: 10.00 a.m.

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### 1. Welcome speech by the president

Miriam Grischott welcomes all members and all new Weinakademiker.

For the first time the General Assembly can be attended online via Zoom as well as 'live'.

The complete meeting can be watched clicking on this link:

[http://www.weinakademie.at/filme/General Assembly 2020.mp4](http://www.weinakademie.at/filme/General_Assembly_2020.mp4)

21 Weinakademiker in total attended the GA on site in Rust, conducted by the board cashier Georg Schweitzer

24 Weinakademiker followed the GA online, conducted by the club president Miriam Grischott

### 2. News from the Weinakademie:

Josef Schuller welcomes everyone on behalf of the Weinakademie.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October the new Weinakademiker graduated. Unfortunately, it was a 'dry' party due to Covid-19 restrictions, although Rust itself is the only location that is Covid-free!

A new diploma course has started in the German language.

A new WSET-diploma course in the English language has started as well, and all new students from many different countries were present!

4 Weinakademiker have been admitted to the MW-program and they will be present in January for the MW-classes that are held in Rust.

Finally: a special thanks to the residing Weinakademiker board members Regina Triebaumer and Johannes Hengl for their great work and contributions for the Club.

### 3. Online voting results

The invitation for the voting options have been sent out 4 weeks before the general assembly.

67 voting slips were returned and all voting topics were accepted.

Of the current members, most of them are German speaking (approximately 650), but more and more members will be expected from non-German speaking countries.

### 4. Report from the board

Please visit our homepage [www.weinakademiker.com](http://www.weinakademiker.com) and actualize your personal page since the website is the general communication tool.

To our new Weinakademiker members: a login and password has been provided already, so you can enter the website as well.

All mails and newsletters will be sent via mail ([redaktion@weinakademiker.com](mailto:redaktion@weinakademiker.com)) so make sure that these mails don't end up in your SPAM. *If you don't receive mails from us, you need to the appropriate boxed on your personal website.*

**Events organized in each country:** please check the slides 5-12 in the separate PDF document on the homepage

## 5. Financial report

### MEMBERS STATISTIC:

888 finished course

9 died

47 returned title or membership

7 membership dormant

755 actual members + 15 Weinakademiker h.c.

70 members have been excluded from the Club, due to non-payment of the Club fee for more than 3 consecutive years.

**Balance bank account September 2019:** € 32'441,16

**Intake:** mostly member fees € 46'490,71

**Spending:** support club activities, homepage, office  
board meetings, bank fees, subscription club wines etc. - € 49.699,82

**New balance on the bank account September 2020: € 29.232,05**

Unpaid fees: 53 members had not paid -before the cash report of September-, but since September another 5 have paid, so in total 48 members have not paid yet.

The club is in such a good financial situation for different reasons, mainly because: less money has been spent to support club activities this year due to Covid-19, events have been cancelled.

Also, still a very little budget to support international club activities (non-German speaking countries) has been spent.

The invoices for the member fees 2021 will be send (via E-Mail) out by mid-January 2021, together with the subscription form "Der Winzer" and the direct debiting system blank.

### CASH REPORT AND CASH AUDIT:

The cash audit report has been sent in September with the invitation to the GA.

WA Stefan Schuster (one of the cash auditors) reports that the financial transactions and the book keeping has been made carefully and no inconsistency came up.

The cashier has been officially discharged.

## 6. Discharge of the board

The complete board has officially been discharged.

## 7. Re-election and election of new board members

New board members are proposed for Austria and Switzerland.

Austria: Georg Schneider will replace Georg Schweizer and join us as cashier.

Austria: Georg Schweitzer will remain in the board and change to the secretary position.

Austria: Gerald Rouschal will replace Regina Triebaumer and represents Austria East

Austria: Sebastian Spiegel will replace Johannes Hengl and represents Austria West

Switzerland: Claudia Jenni Magnus will replace Cecile Richards and represents Switzerland.

No objections to the new board members and therefore all new board suggested members are now 'on board'. The previous board members have been re-elected.

All the board members have been elected for (another) 2 years.

Even if you're not a board member you can support your Club by organizing a Club event. Just get in touch with the representative of your region or look for more info on

[www.weinakademiker.com](http://www.weinakademiker.com)

**8. Goodbye and thank you to the retiring boards members**

Regina Triebaumer  
Johannes Hengl  
Cecile Richards

These board members are leaving us. They will be missed and we thank them for their voluntary work. A big applause!

**9. Welcome and admission of the new Weinakademiker**

52 new Weinakademiker are admitted today from 16 different nations  
Welcome new Weinakademiker. A big applause!

**10. Other items:**

No questions or remarks, not from our attendants in Rust and neither from our online Weinakademiker

The 2020 Weinakademiker general assembly ends at 11:00 a.m.