

# Wednesday, February 26, 2024

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## Attendees

**Voting:** Asmeret Bier Naugle, Hazhir Rahmandad, Jeroen Struben, Raafat Zaini, Inge Bleijenbergh, Lees Stuntz, John Pastor Ansah, Bob Eberlein, Eliot Rich, Bunmi Falebita, Burcu Tan, Jenson Goh, Scott Rockart.

**Non-voting:** Joseph Londa, Ignácio Martínez-Moyano, Brad Morrison, Christine Tang, Fernando Redivo, Raquel Buzogany, Rebecca Niles

## Agenda

- 0:10 Welcome & Introduction (Asmeret)
- 0:05 Motions (Asmeret)
- 0:10 Seminar Series (Rebecca)
- 0:10 Slate of Candidates (Asmeret)
- 0:10 Conflict of Interest (Lees)
- 0:05 PC Meeting Time (Asmeret)
- 0:15 VP Membership Update (Inge)
- 0:05 Institutional Neutrality (Scott)
- 0:20 Strategic Planning (Asmeret)
- Adjournment

## Minutes

**President**, Asmeret Bier Naugle, convened the meeting and introduced the agenda. Asmeret presented an overview of the voting process as a reminder for the PC.

**Secretary**, Lees Stuntz, moved to approve the January 2025 PC minutes. Burcu seconded. Motion passed.

**Executive Director**, Rebecca, introduced the status of the Seminar Series process and reach. Together with MIT and MIT Chapter, they are proposing a collaboration steered by a joint ad hoc committee. Historical data shows that free seminars have much higher attendance; Rebecca also listed the best scored seminars, revenue, and more. The proposal includes free monthly or bi-monthly seminars, with access to world class speakers through MIT. This initiative would not preclude other seminars, including joint seminars with others. Downsides would be a loss of seminar revenue and potential loss of membership revenue, and reduction in value of membership. Hazhir gave further details on the MIT collaboration part. Lees encouraged the Society to “jump on the running train” quoting Jim Waters. Discussion ensued on diversity of topics and speakers, ownership of recordings. John asked to review the status of the seminar series in a year from now.

**Nominating Committee representative**, Asmeret, presented the 2026 Slate of Candidates as per below. Inge asked about the gender of the candidates. The motion will be moved electronically.

- President Elect Jeroen Struben | Emylon Business School, France (2026)
- VP Chapters & SIGs Mohammad ("MJ") S. Jalali | Harvard University, USA (2026)
- VP Pre-College Education Diana Fisher | Portland State University, USA (2026)
- PC Members at Large (2026-2028)
- Ke (Koko) Zhou | University College London, UK
- Min-Ren Yan | National Chengchi University, Taiwan
- Scott Johnson | Ventana Systems, USA
- Steve Smith | Blue Origin, USA

Asmeret moved to appoint Mohammad (MJ) Jalali as VP Chapters & SIGs for the 2025 partial term. Seconded by John. Motion passed.

**Secretary**, Lees, presented the list of potential conflict of interest disclosures to the PC. Only Rebecca's disclosure was held.

Lees moved to acknowledge the potential conflicts of interest and generic mitigation plan by Bob, Lees, Jenson, Vinicius, Irene, Diana, Raafat, Christine and Willem. Seconded by Burcu. Motion passed.

Asmeret invited discussion on the potential disclosure by Rebecca. Discussion ensued and the following mitigation plan was agreed upon:

"Recognizing the continuous conversation that is going on between Rebecca and Executive Committee and to make sure that the Executive Committee can support Rebecca in the case that COI concerns are raised, Rebecca will give a more detailed report on her outside activities annually to the Executive Committee, and whenever there are major changes in her outside activities."

Lees moved to accept the mitigation plan for Rebecca. Scott seconded. Motion passed.

Rebecca rejoined the room. Lees conveyed the mitigation plan. Rebecca accepted the mitigation plan and suggested her report be made publicly available to the PC to look at anytime.

**Asmeret** asked who would like to adjourn the meeting. Lees moved. Burcu seconded. Motion passed.