

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the MSSA (for the period December 2022-December 2023)

The Annual assembly of the MSSA was held on 22.12.2023, in the Conference Hall of the Faculty of Philosophy, at University. "Cyril and Methodius". The Annual meeting was attended by: Prof. Vladimir Trajkovski, Vesna Filipovska, m-r Fiki Gaspar, m-r Andrea Ivanovska, m-r Ivana Vasileva Petrovska, Prof. Zora Kitkanj, Tea Petruševa, Živka Dimitrovska, Stojan Andonov, m-r Mari Nolcheva, Adriana Kukovska, Violeta Kunovska, Elena Stojanovska and Emilija Trampevska. Justified absence was announced by Mr. Tanja Stankova-Papić, Mr. Slavica Todorova, Mr. Rozalia Boškovski, Dr. Vesna Kostić Ivanović, Prof. Dr. Dejan Trajkovski and Prof. Dr. Vladimir Ilievski
The Annual meeting officially began at 1:30 p.m. with the following:

Agenda

1. Adoption of the 2021 annual assembly record

President of the MSSA, Prof. Dr. Dr Vladimir Trajkovski presented the record of the last annual assembly held for 2022, while reminding members that they received it at their e-mail addresses. Members were then invited to vote on its adoption. After the voting, the minutes were unanimously adopted by those present.

2. Admission of new members in MSSA

Regarding the second point, the President announced that this year she had received three applicants for membership, but only one of them was present, so he invited her to introduce herself – to say something about herself and the reason why she was joining the MSSA. Amela Memiš Apostolovska pointed out, that the main reason for her membership in the association is because she has a child with autism (ASPERG) and is a psychologist by vocation and in the course of her work she meets with children with autism. Upon her introduction, the membership unanimously accepted and voted to admit her, and Amela Memiš Apostolovska became a member of the

association.

With regard to the absent persons who submitted application and were not present at the assembly, the president indicated that they would be voted on at the next assembly as it was not correct not to introduce them. This was followed by Prof. Kitkanj, who pointed out that they may be justifiably absent, i.e. unable to come, but as soon as they have submitted a timely application, they undoubtedly want to become members of this society and should receive a positive response at today's assembly, and present themselves on the next occasion. Following the comments of the members present, its decided to accept them as members of the MSSA on the next occasion.

3. Report on the work of the MSSA of 2023

The President declared 2023 to be a very successful and productive year for the MSSA, filled with many activities and projects. This year in particular was marked by many webinars given by MSSA members, as well as by a number of eminent names in the field of autism.

He also urged and encouraged all attendees if they wish to write papers or submit projects to NGOs and municipalities. Thereafter, all activities by the President were presented in chronological order (in addition to the Report on the Work of MSSA from period December 2022-December 2023).

At this point, the president expressed gratitude to all those involved in the activities and projects. After the presentation of the report, it was adopted by all present.

4. Financial Report 2022 – 2023

The fourth point referred to the Financial Report for 2023, which was presented by Secretary Vesna Filipovska, who noted that the overall calculations were made by the accountants with whom the MSSA cooperates. Following the presentation of the report, Prof. Kitkanj applauded the transparency of the MSSA in posting this report on the association's website, noting that it is rare for an organization to publicly disclose revenues and the use of the funds at its disposal. The financial report was put to a vote, and after a vote it was adopted by those present. At this point, the President also stated that he wished to emphasize that all fees have been worked out by the participants in the project and that all funds available to the Association are used consistently and appropriately without any misuse.

5. Assembly Work Programme

The President called on mr. Andrea Ivanovska to present the program of the association's work during 2024. In 2024, the assosioation plans more activities such as finalizing the projects started, marking World Autism Day, involving more members in the association and regular maintenance of the website and social networks (In addition MSSA Work Programme 2024). At the end of the presentation of the program, it was put to a vote and was unanimously adopted by those present.

6. Dismissal of MSSA Vice-President, m-r Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska for forming her own Autism Association

On this point, prof. Trajkovski first wanted to acquaint members with the misunderstandings between him and the vice president, which began two years ago, when she formed the Autism Institute. He pointed out that despite his clear demands, anyone holding a senior position in the MSSA should not have his own association with that activity – nevertheless, the vice president formed an association that had the same purpose and direction of operation. That is why the problems in functioning, cooperation and communication between the president and the vice president begin, and therefore he demands the change/resignation of Mr. Vasilevska Petrovska from her function. Next to speak was mr. Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska who pointed out that at this assembly, although she was not duly invited unlike the other members, she had come primarily to hear the lecture of Alekandar Savovski, but also to hear her side in this whole situation. Notably, she pointed out that most of the members of the association have formed their own associations and cabinets so the MSSA cooperates with them and allows them to be part of the board of directors. She also pointed out that this is not a new situation, that her association has been in existence for two years, in which she has been actively working for the MSSA, and it is not clear to her why it has been highlighted as a problem right now, and for two years it has been silenced by the president. When asked why she had the need to create her own association, she pointed out that in the MSSA she was often unable to fully implement her ideas, precisely because of the resistance of the president. This was further compounded by the secretary of the MSSA who pointed out that the cooperation with Ivana so far has been impeccable and considered that the association of Mr. Vasilevska Petrovska, at least for her, did not prove to be a problem for which she should be removed from her post. This was echoed by the MSSA president who pointed out that his views were clear and that there were already broken relations with the vice president that required her removal from that position, and of course the possibilities of cooperation with her association remained open. Mr. Fiki Gaspar noted that the collaboration has always been fair and fruitful with Ivana, but he does not see how her tenure as vice president of the MSSA would continue, given her dedication primarily to her association. The last to speak on this point was the vice president, who stated that she would not want to put in an awkward position the other members with whom she had excellent cooperation, and at the same time did not want to hold the position of vice president of the MSSA anymore, so she resigned herself. With this, the vice president is removed from her position, and the point was closed.

7. "Visual Stimulation – Developmental Optimization in Children with ASD After Mastering the Eye-Hand Skill by Understanding the Differences in Peripheral Vision and Typical Vision, Simulated by Analog Mathematical Models"- Aleksandar Savevski

At this point, a brief presentation was made by Alekandar Savewvki, a parent of a child with autism, introducing the attendees to the results of his research/work. After a brief presentation and fruitful discussion, the president thanked him for the useful information and the presentation made which enriched the agenda of this Assembly.

7. Miscellaneous

As none of the attendees had any additional remarks/comments, the Annual assembly concluded with congratulations on happy holidays, more health and hope for even more fruitful cooperation in the new year 2024.

The annual meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.

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