



Draft Minutes 44th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 20th of April 2022 | 15:00 – 16:00 hrs | Live Meeting | Sea Palace, Oosterdokskade 8, Amsterdam

Attendees

Mr	George	Ammerlaan – Holland Matchmaking	C
Ms.	Vicky	Chan	C
Ms	Maureen	Joseph, B-Spoken	C
Mr	Robert	Kalkoene	P
Mrs	Paula	Kant - Invest HK	C (Board Member)
Mr	Rein	Karel, B-Spoken	C
Mr	Raymond	Pappot, VMP	C
Mr	Hans	Poulis, IGC, NHKBA	M (Chairman)
Mr	Michael	Pronk, Acclime Group	C (Board Member)
Mr	Peter	Pronk, Acclime Group	C
Mr	Victor	Rauwerda	P
Mr	Maarten	Van der Dussen, ProductIP	C (Board Member)
Mr	Robert	Van Lie Peters, Ernst & Young	C
Mr	Marco	Van Naarden – Cathay Pacific Airways	C (Board Member)
Mr	Jorrit	Vandijck, Rotterdam Partners	C
Mr	Theo	Wit, B-Spoken	C
Mr	Zheng	Yang, Rotterdam Partners	C

Non Members

Mr	Christopher	Jackson OBE, SBS, HK – UK Business Forum	NM
Mr	Wolfgang	Out, Centralis Group	NM
Mr	Sylvester	Gooijers, Centralis Group	NM
Mr	Peter	Van Ruitenbergh, DIFS BV	NM

21 participants (17 with voting rights,)

1. Opening by the Chairman, Mr. Hans Poulis

Chairman Hans Poulis opens the meeting and welcomes the members of the NHKBA and guests to the 44th Annual General Meeting of the NHKBA. He expresses his joy that the meeting could be held live but also regrets the relatively small number of members who showed interest in attending.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on 28th April 2021 from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

The minutes were approved, without comments, by all participants with voting rights. The minutes can be found [here](#).



3. New members & Cancellations in 2021

On behalf of the Board, Michael Pronk reports the following developments in the membership:

The NHKBA received cancellations from 8 corporate members and from 6 personal members.

In the same year, 5 new corporate (or partner) members and 5 new personal members registered.

By year's end the Association had

- 71 Corporate + associate + partner members (74 in 2020)
- 32 Personal members (33 in 2020)
- 3 Honoray members (4 in 2020)
- 4 Life members (4 in 2020)

Members total: 110 (115 in 2020)

In addition, the NHKBA had one honorary consultant, the Consul General in Hong Kong and 31 additional members (extra contacts at corporate or partner members).

Grand total: 141 (143 in 2021)

The reasons for cancelling the membership remained in 2021:

- a. No longer focussed on HK (due to change of business focus, retirement or age)
- b. Retirement of main contact (new contact has no interest)
- c. No benefit from membership (no new business)

Mr Pronk next presents new Membership Packages. He starts of with the statement "As the business environment in Hong Kong is changing, the NHKBA needs to grow from a HK business community to a value adding, membership driven GBA Business Ecosystem.

A copy of the presentation of Mr Pronk is included in the file [220420 AGM 2022 final.pdf](#)

Following the presentation of the proposed membership fees (see presentation), it was decided to set the Bronze (basic) membership fee at € 488 Euro (now € 450), the fee for the Silver membership will be € 988 and the amount for the Gold Membership € 1,988.

The board introduced the fees per January 1, 2022 and the members voted 100% in favour of the proposal made.

4. Report by the Board over 2021.

Mr Poulis lists the events organised by the NHKBA in 2021

NHKBA events in 2021

a. 28 January 2021

Webinar: China and Hong Kong Business Outlook 2021

47 Participants



- b. 18 February 2021**
Online Festive CNY Reception
63 participants

- c. 10 June 2021**
Webinar: Hong Kong: Enhanced Value for Capturing New Opportunities in Asia “A Vibrant and Dynamic International Platform”
Co-organised with
25 Participants

- d. 17 June 2021**
Webinar Workshop: “Out of the Box” A Dutch Approach to Tackling Food and Organic Waste With Dutch Consul General
11 participants

- e. 30 June 2021**
Webinar: Chinese investments in the EU: How fundamental global change impacts on the rules of play.
With Loyens & Loeff Dutch CG in HK, HSBC, BHKS, + DutchCham HK
132 participants

- f. 29 September 2021**
Live Event : Netherlands Hong Kong Friendship Seminar and Dinner “Hong Kong & the Greater Bay Area: Shaping the Logistics of the future”
Co-organised with the HKETO, Brussels, InvestHK, Rotterdam Partners, HKTDC, IGC, Acclime, Capricorn and NLinBusiness
156 participants

- g. 13 October**
Webinar: Hong Kong and Shenzhen; Twin Cities in the Greater Bay Area With InvestHK. In collaboration with the Shenzhen European Office, Dezan Shira & Associates, Astra Zeneca and eTheRNA immunotherapies.
21 participants (in NL)

- h. 4 November**
Live Event: Art & Business@Van Gogh Museum.
With Van Gogh Museum, Blenheim and IMAP
46 participants

- 5. Financial Report, presented by Ms Paula Kant, treasurer.**
The treasurer explains the details of financial report, which is shown to all via screen share. (the report is available on the NHKBA [website](#)). Audit committee member Mr Rauwerda confirms that the audit committee has approved the NHKBA financial report 2021.

- 6. Budget 2021**
The treasurer explains the budget for 2021. (figures available on NHKBA [website](#), in the AGM presentation)

- 7. Discharge of the Board**
The Chairman asks the AGM to discharge the board of the Association of their responsibilities for 2021.
The AGM votes in favor.



8. Appointment of the Audit Committee 2022. Introduced by Ms. Paula Kant.

Ms Kant asks Mr Kalkoene and Mr Rauwerda if they would like to continue as Audit Committee for another year. Both accept.

9. (Re-)election of (New) Board members (see rotation schedule).

The Chairman explains that Ms Baud and Mr Van Naarden have resigned from the board of the NHKBA in 2021. He thanks both for their support and commitment to the NHKBA and hopes they will join future meetings as personal members.

The Chairman asks the approval of the AGM for the appointment on the board of mr Maarten Van der Dussen, founder and CEO of ProductIP.

The AGM approves the appointment.

10. Future plans: Newly appointed board member Mr Maarten van der Dussen lists the events already held and those that are planned by the NHKBA in the remainder of 2022.

- a. 10 February: Festive Online CNY reception
- b. 20 April: Live AGM
- c. 21 st June: 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong SAR (with the HKETO and InvestHK)
- d. December: The Donghzi & Shooting Star Event (date tbc)

More events will be announced in the course of the year.

Note: information on events can be found on the website of the NHKBA.

11. Any other business

No questions from the participants.

12. The Chairman closes the AGM and announces the start of the informal meeting with guest speaker Mr Christopher Jackson OBE, SBS, Vice-Chaiman of the HK/UK Business Forum.

13. After the speech, the Chairman thanks the participants and closes the meeting at 17:10 hrs.

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NOTE: documents pertaining to the AGM can be found at <https://nhkba.glueup.com/event/live-event-annual-general-meeting-of-the-nhkba-53519/> at the bottom of the page

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