

## THE DUTCH-RUSSIAN LAW ASSOCIATION

# Report of the Annual General Meeting 16 June 2022

Participants: W. Timmermans, R. Groen, M. van Zandvoort, M. Wladimiroff, A. Gutnikov, T. Moumen, L. Valentinovna van der Pol

## Opening and adoption of the agenda

The Chairman of the DRLA, Mr Timmermans, opened the Annual General Meeting and welcomed the attending members. Mr Timmermans proceeded with the adoption of the agenda for the Annual General Meeting:

- 1. Opening
- 2. Appointment chairperson (resolution)
- 3. Designation secretary
- 4. Appointment audit committee (resolution)
- 5. Report audit committee on the Annual Accounts 2021
- 6. Adoption Annual Accounts 2021 (resolution)
- 7. Discharge of liability of the Executive Board with regard to the financial year 2021 (resolution)
- 8. Other business
- 9. Closure

The agenda was unanimously adopted by the members.

<u>Items 2 and 3: appointment of the chairperson and designation of the secretary</u>

Mr Timmermans was appointed as Chairperson of the meeting by resolution of the General Meeting (unanimously).

Ms Van Zandvoort was appointed secretary of the meeting by Mr Timmermans.

### Item 4: Audit Committee Statement

Mr Wladimiroff and Mr Van der Pol had been appointed as the Audit Committee by the Executive Board of the DRLA. As Mr Van der Pol was not present, Mr Wladimiroff presented to the General Meeting the statement of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee confirmed the fairness and correctness of the Annual Accounts and Explanatory Notes thereto over 2021 and had no further questions or comments.

# Item 5: Report Audit Committee on the Annual Accounts 2021

Mr Groen, Treasurer of the DRLA, presented the Annual Accounts over 2021 and Explanatory Notes thereto.

Mr Groen explained that the sole source of income for the DRLA, the contributions, had in 2021 led to a significant increase of the assets in comparison to 2020, when no contributions had been levied.

The most important costs were those associated with accounts and registration: the website, the Zoom account and ING Bank account of the DRLA. In addition, there were some limited one-off costs, such as travel expenses and a gift for the former Executive Board member of the DRLA.

The overall net result over 2021 was therefore positive.

### <u>Item 6: Adoption of the Annual Accounts 2021</u>

The General Meeting unanimously adopted the Annual Accounts 2021.

<u>Item 7: Discharge of liability of the Executive Board with regard to the financial year 2021</u>

The General Meeting discharged the Executive Board of liability with regard to the financial year 2021. The resolution was taken by unanimity of votes.

### Item 8: Other business

Mr Timmermans explained the position of the DRLA in light of the

invasion by the Russian Federation of Ukraine. Mr Timmermans informed the General Meeting about the meeting that had taken place between the DRLA Executive Board and its Advisory Board. The Executive Board and Advisory Board decided to continue the activities of the DRLA despite the current developments, and agreed on the increased importance of continuing the DRLA's activities with a view to the invasion of Ukraine.

Mr Timmermans also pointed out an article recently published by Mr Wladimiroff, in which he calls upon Dutch lawyers to support the DRLA by making a donation (available here: <a href="https://www.njb.nl/blogs/het-drama-van-poetins-agressie/">https://www.njb.nl/blogs/het-drama-van-poetins-agressie/</a>)

Mr Gutnikov, member of the Advisory Board, thanked Mr Timmermans and Mr Wladimiroff for their efforts. He expressed he was very grateful for the ongoing efforts of the DRLA to bring together Dutch and Russian lawyers, especially considering these abnormal times.

### 9. Closure

Mr Timmermans thanked the members of the DRLA for their attention.

Mr Timmermans closed the Annual General Meeting.

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