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Minutes of the DSCI official members meeting of March 26, 2026

Participants:

In-person:

Board members:

Rob Bastiaans, Arvind Gangoli Rao, Claudia López Cámara, Dirk Roekaerts

Other members:

Christine Bertrand (agenda item 6), Evert Bunschoten, Leonardo Castellanos Gonzalez, Francesca De Domenico, Vittorio de Lauso, Peter de Vos, Berksu Erkal, Anna Felden, Endino Gieske, George Kelesidis, Josue Melguizo Gavilanes, Kostas Moularas, Bahram Nourani Janafi, Rafaël Pichler, Alessandro Porcarelli, Artur Pozarlik, Diego Quan Reyes, Jeroen van Oijen, Boyan Xu

Online:

Abdolreza Aghajapur, Christine Bertrand (agenda items 1-5), Diego Sousa Cabral Fernandez, Victor Kornilov, Kaushal Dave, Monika Yadava

Chair: Rob Bastiaans

Note taker: Dirk Roekaerts

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Report of the board: objectives and past and planned activities (short overview)
4. Composition of the board:
Approval of the proposed length of terms of the board members
Election of a new board member
5. Finance:
Financial report on 2024-2025
Statement by the financial committee on the audit made.
Discharge of the members of the board from their liability for the years 2024-2025.
Appointment of a financial committee for 2026.
6. Discussion on the way forward [webinars, website, newsletters, Combura 2026,...]
7. AOB

Minutes:

In preparation of the meeting the board had prepared a set of slides covering the topics of the agenda items. They are added to these minutes.

1. Rob Bastiaans welcomed all participants. This is the first official members meeting since the DSCI obtained a registration at the KvK. It is good to see active participation from all universities and from industry.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. Report of the board (Slides 1-8)
DSCI membership in numbers (slide 2)
Who are we? (slide 3)
Activities done in 2024 and 2025 (slides 5-6)
What is planned for the near future (slide 8)
4. Composition of the board.
Information on the procedures can be found at <http://www.combustioninstitute.nl/bylaws-DSCI.pdf>

Start and duration of terms of board members: (slide 9)

The board has decided on start and duration of terms, guaranteeing that for at most two board members the term is ending in the same year. The schedule was presented (see slides) and was approved by the members.

Election of a new board member: (slide 10)

Arvind has announced that he intends to leave the board.

The board is proposing George Kelesidis (TU Delft) as new board member. This must be approved by the members at this meeting. George already gave the overview lecture in the scientific meeting, demonstrating high level of expertise in combustion science. In addition, he gave an overview of his past involvement in management of scientific organizations, and his motivation for the activity as board member of DSCI. His candidacy was unanimously approved.

Many thanks were expressed to Arvind for his contributions as board member in the past period.

The registration of changes in the board at the KvK can be made by any of the board members.

5. Finance: (slide 11)

The financial report on 2024-2025 prepared by Dirk was approved.

(Copies distributed at the meeting are available upon request.)

The financial committee consisting of Jim Kok and Josue Melguizo Gavilanes has reviewed and approved the financial report.

The members of the board were discharged from their liability for the years 2024-2025.

It was decided that the members of the financial committee for 2026 will be Artur Pozarlik and Josue Melguizo Gavilanes.

6. Discussion on the way forward (slide 12)

Webinars: A call for suggestions for future webinars was made.

Website: The current website resides on a server at TU Delft and is far from modern. A new one will be created, with Claudia as responsible board member.

Newsletters: The newsletters will be continued. A distinction is made between the information sent to members only and the general newsletters to a wider audience.

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Christine Bertrand and Anna Felsen, board members of the NVV were present in the meeting. Anna confirmed that NVV wants to organize the Combura 2026 along similar lines as in the previous years. Decisions on place and date have not been made yet. The first step now is to create the organizing committee.

Francesca De Domenico and Jeroen van Oijen accepted the invitation to join Christine and Anna in the organizing committee.

7. AOB

A list of **special achievements of individual members in 2024-2025** should be made to be included in the bi-annual report to the Combustion Institute (central office) by April 15th. (slide 13)

This concerns: Awards, Honorary distinctions, Major project funding acquired.

All members are invited to provide information on any of such achievements by e-mail to combustioninstituteNL@gmail.com. A separate call for contributions will be made.

Note concerning membership and board composition:

- In May 2024 the Dutch Section of the Combustion Institute was formalized and registered, obtaining the corresponding KvK number. Article 22 of the bylaws state the following responsibilities for the founding members: Rob Bastiaans: chairman, Arvind Gangoli Rao: secretary, Dirk Roekaerts: treasurer, Claudia López Cámara: member.
- In May 2024, the only official members of the registered DSCI were the board members. All members of the “old” DSCI and newcomers obtained the status of “potential members” and received the DSCI newsletter.
- In January 2026, all “potential members” were asked to confirm whether they wanted to become an official member. In the case of university groups, this decision was taken for the members of the group by their department.
- All members for which membership has been paid either by their university or via a personal payment, are now members of the DSCI. Therefore, they have voting right at the DSCI members meeting.
- Currently, the number of officially registered DSCI members is 112.
- According to article 11 of the bylaws, the assignment of the tasks of chair, secretary and treasurer to board members can be changed by a board decision.