

Auditor's report for The Uppsala Association of International Affairs 2017/2018

To the members of the Uppsala Association of International Affairs,

In the capacity of auditor for the Uppsala Association of International Affairs 2017/2018 it has been in my responsibility to monitor the activities of the association, under the governance of the board, in order to assure their compliance with the association's bylaws and Swedish law. Central to the auditing process is also the supervision of the association's financial activities, including accuracy of accounting books and compliance with Swedish GAAP¹. It is my view that the board of 2017/2018 has fulfilled all its obligations in this regard satisfactorily, in some aspects even exceeded the basic requirements. I will elaborate on the basis for this assessment below as well as provide my sincerest recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.

In general, the high standard and range of activities, as well as the impressive magnitude and intensity of member's engagement, indicates that the association has been continuously successful in its core mission of spreading knowledge of and inciting debate on global and foreign affairs issues. Although the total number of members has dropped slightly throughout the year, this is not necessarily an indication of a long-term trend (membership numbers tend to fluctuate). It seems that the association has also managed to improve its inclusiveness, in part surely due to the board's active work in this regard; the switch to English as second official language being an important step in making the association more accessible to all. Furthermore, the association has also broken new ground by expanding the range of its activities, for example, the creation of a head of careers being an interesting new addition.

The monitoring process has worked well throughout the year. Based on the information gathered through continuous supervision, contact with the board and controls of documents and accounting books I have had very few remarks on the board's work in running the association. The times I have had remarks on processes or routines the board has been very cooperative and showed great willingness to make productive use of lessons learned, striving to perpetually improve and reposition the association to meet new challenges. In addition, the board of 2017/2018 has shown its commitment to keep the association 'fit for purpose' through its work with updating and organizing internal routines, policies, bylaws etc. Such internal organizational and administrative work is not always visible to the outside spectator; nonetheless, it is often key to an organization's long-term success. The board of 2017/2018 should be noted for its efforts in this regard. On the financial side of things, economic decisions and bookkeeping has been carried out with stringency, accuracy and good judgment. Corrections made (notably to the balance sheet due to lagging discrepancies), have been made after my consultation and approval.

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend the Annual General Meeting to grant the board of 2017/2018 full discharge from liability.

My best wishes to both the new and the retiring board in all their future endeavors.

Linnea Englund Davidsson,

Auditor, 2017/2018



¹ Generally Accepted Accounting Principles