

# LauzHack 2026 General Assembly

Tuesday, March 17, 19:00

## Present:

- Pinar Oray, President
- Stefan Peters, Vice-President
- Simona Herren, Vice-President
- Adrien Gunther, Treasurer
- Solal Pirelli, Auditor
- Alessandro Amodio, Auditor
- Alexander Baumann, member
- Seyed Parsa Neshaei, member
- Natalia Nessler, member
- Petr Grinberg, member
- Mariia Emerina, member
- Timaël Andrié
- Thibaud Babin
- Luca Prunotto
- Deniz Hönigs
- Ömer Yanık
- Anna Lavrenko
- Yelizaveta Kulynych
- Fatima Almeida
- Maksim Vasilev
- Adam Attar
- Meriel Kos
- Wissam Pheng
- Aaron Dinesh
- Olivia Chagot
- Vasiliki Sdon
- Myriam Lahoud
- Rayane Taouaf

## Excused:

- Srushti Singh
- Nathalie Künzle
- Eva Quinto
- Fan Chung
- Anna Sushko
- Amir Ammar
- Yassine Kouch
- Alina (Mingchi) Hou

## Election of new members

Timaël Andrié, Thibaud Babin, Luca Prunotto, Deniz Hönigs, Anna Lavrenko, Yelizaveta Kulynych, Fatima Almeida, Maksim Vasilev, Adam Attar, Meriel Kos, and Wissam Pheng would like to join as members.

**Timaël Andrié, Thibaud Babin, Luca Prunotto, Deniz Hönigs, Anna Lavrenko, Yelizaveta Kulynych, Fatima Almeida, Maksim Vasilev, Adam Attar, Meriel Kos, and Wissam Pheng are unanimously accepted as members.**

**Alessandro Amodio, Ömer Yanık, Anna Sushko, and Simona Herren are unanimously accepted as honorary members since they are no longer students at EPFL.**

(Votes from this point on include new members who are present.)

Mark Tropin, Jacopo Bilotto, Florian Depraz, Luca Fusar Bassani, Marcel Moran, Huyen Le, Charlotte Meyer, Rena Nakashima, Gunes Ozgun, Jonas Scholz, Abhinand Shibu, and Vinitra Swamy have either expressed will to leave the association, or no longer fit the requirements of a member, as defined by the statutes.

**They are therefore no longer considered as members.**

## Vote on updating the statutes

The committee presents a suggested change to the statutes. The main point of discussion is the modification of article 6, paragraph 3.

The old version states:

“Sur proposition du comité, l’assemblée générale peut exclure un membre qui contrevient gravement aux buts ou aux intérêts de l’association.”

The new suggested version states:

“Le comité peut exclure un membre qui contrevient gravement aux buts et intérêts de l’association, avec possibilité de recours à l’assemblée générale.”

This change was suggested to allow the committee to respond quickly if a serious issue were to arise concerning a member.

This new suggested version also includes other minor changes that were suggested by the Office of associative affairs at EPFL, which are the following:

Article 1, paragraph 1, used to state:

“Le siège de l’association est à l’École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (ci-après « EPFL »).”

It is now suggested to state:

“Le siège de l’association est à Lausanne.”

Article 13, paragraph 5 used to state:

“L’AG décide de l’admission sur recours et de l’exclusion de membres à la majorité absolue des voix exprimées.”

It is now suggested to state:

“L’AG décide de l’admission et de l’exclusion, sur recours, des membres à la majorité absolue des voix exprimées.”

Article 17, paragraph 3 used to state:

“Les décisions du comité sont communiquées aux membres.”

It is now suggested to state:

“Les décisions du comité sont consignées dans son procès-verbal et communiquées aux membres.”

**All of the suggested changes are accepted by unanimous vote.**

## Acceptance of the accounts

	Budget		Reality		Difference
	In	Out	In	Out	
<b>Sponsoring 2025</b> Income from sponsors	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Sponsoring 2024</b> Income from late payments from sponsors of 2024	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Food</b> For people during the event	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Logistics</b> Infrastructure expenses	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Marketing</b> Promoting the event	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Swag</b> Free stuff for participants	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Prizes</b> Regular + mini-prizes	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Participants Transport</b> Travel reimbursements	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Minor Events</b> Little events through the year	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Swiss AI Weeks</b> Mini-hackathon of September 2025	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Workshops</b> Weekly workshops	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED

<b>Committee logistics</b> Includes teambuilding	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Unexpected Expenses</b> Margin for problems	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Total</b>	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED

Adrien presents the accounts. We suffered a significant loss compared to the expected budget. This loss is shadowed by the extra income coming from late payments from sponsors of 2024. On top of this, we also had to pay taxes to the Canton de Vaud, from our accounts of 2024, which was not accounted for in the budget of 2025.

Most of this loss was caused by a mini-hackathon organized in May 2025, from which no income came as it was not sponsored, and for which a lot of unnecessary expenses were made.

Other major expenses that were not planned for in the budget include:

- A lot more workshops than expected were organized, and these workshops were more expensive than expected.
- More meetings than expected were organized.
- In past years, we used to rent the bunker of EPFL for providing sleeping solutions to the participants. As this bunker was closed down in 2025, we decided to rent rooms in a nearby hotel. This expense was not planned for in the budget.

Various measures have been taken in order to limit these extra expenses in the future.

Solal comments on the importance of properly budgeting smaller events in the future.

As of February 28th, 2026, the account balance is REDACTED CHF.

The auditors recommend acceptance of the accounts.

**The accounts are accepted by unanimous vote.**

## Discharge of the committee

**The committee is discharged by unanimous vote.**

## Plan for the next year

The plan is to have LauzHack 2026 in November. We will continue doing workshops during the two semesters, as these are very popular but we will reduce them to a once-every-two-weeks schedule. We also plan to organize one mini-hackathon each semester to prepare the committee for the main one and engage the EPFL community. We also plan to continue the “Let’s Talk Research” series we started last year, giving PhDs a platform to present their research to students.

## Introduction of semi-official roles

Pinar presents the new lead roles. It has been decided in previous meetings to introduce semi-official lead roles, with the goal of giving a main point of contact for specific very important tasks. These new roles are the following:

- Workshops Lead, attributed to Parsa and Adrien
- Sponsor Lead, attributed to Anna Lavrenko and Anna Sushko
- Communications Lead, attributed to Anna Lavrenko
- Logistics Lead, attributed to Pinar
- IT Lead, attributed to Adrien
- Food Lead, attributed to Alessandro
- Jury Lead, attributed to Alina
- Swag and Prizes Lead, attributed to Yelizaveta

It is also important to note that these roles do not hold any official meaning, and are purely internal roles to help with the organization of our various events.

## Acceptance of the Budget 2026

	Budget		Difference
	In	Out	
<b>Sponsoring 2026</b> Income from sponsors	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Food</b> For people during the event	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Logistics</b> Infrastructure expenses	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Marketing</b> Promoting the event	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Swag</b> Free stuff for participants	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Prizes</b> Main contest + mini-prizes	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Participants Reimbursement</b> Travel reimbursements	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Minor events</b> Mini-hackathons, bootcamps	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Workshops</b> And other regular activities	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Committee logistics</b> Meetings, teambuilding, GA	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
<b>Unexpected Expenses</b> Margin for problems	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED

Total	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
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Adrien presents the budget according to the discussions, inspired by previous years' budgets.

In previous meetings, we have discussed changes to our sponsoring tiers. These changes, which translate financially to an increase of each tier's sponsoring amount, will allow us to obtain a higher income from sponsoring while keeping a similar amount of sponsor. Notably, this allows us to keep a similar budget to last year, without having to count on late payments.

Some notable changes include the allocation of a higher budget for our meetings throughout the year, as we plan to increase the frequency of these. The number of expected workshops was also reduced, and the cost of each workshop was adjusted to the average price observed in 2025. These changes end up balancing, and the total budget allocation for workshops ends up being almost identical to 2025.

Additionally, adjustments have been made to the Swag and Prizes budget, which will allow us to order more prizes and more swag, for the 10th edition of LauzHack.

**The budget is accepted by unanimous vote.**

## Election of the new committee

Pınar Oray is the only candidate for President.

**Pınar Oray is elected as President by unanimous vote.**

Adrien Gunther is the only candidate for Vice-President.

**Adrien Gunther is elected as Vice-President by unanimous vote.**

Alessandro Amodio and Adam Attar are the candidates for Treasurer.

**Alessandro Amodio and Adam Attar are elected as Treasurers by unanimous vote.**

**Natalia Nessler, Thibaud Babin, and Solal Pirelli are elected as Auditors by unanimous vote.**

*The general assembly ends.*

Adrien Gunther, minutes taker

