Asgardia Ministers of Manufacturing and Citizenship Assume Their Duties

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New candidates for the Cabinet positions, Jacob Mulder and Ivan Rosel, were voted in during the XII Sitting of the Asgardian Parliament as per the procedure set forth in the Space Nation Constitution.



A majority of AMPs voted in favor of the candidates proposed by the Prime Minister of Asgardia, Lena De Winne, for the positions of Minister of Manufacturing and Minister of Citizenship.

Formation of the new Government, consisting of 12 ministries matching the 12 major areas of the Asgardian activity, is underway. Currently, the Cabinet headed by Lena De Winne has 8 ministers:

Minister of Science - Floris Wuyts

Minister of Finance - Mark Bogen

Minister of Trade and Commerce - Ben Dell

Minister of Youth and Education - Dan Profir

Minister of Safety and Security - Michael Chirino

Minister of Information and Communications - Dennis Shoemaker

Minister of Manufacturing - Jacob Mulder

Minister of Citizenship - Ivan Rosel.

Ben Dell, Dan Profir, Michael Chirino, Dennis Shoemaker, and Jacob Mulder first started in Asgardia as AMPs. The new Minister of Citizenship, Ivan Rosel, has an Asgardian city representative background.

Mr. Rosel's lifestyle is truly international. He has visited 111 countries and made 3 trips around the globe. This French language and literature instructor from France has worked in India, China, Japan, and currently resides in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He joined the Space Nation as soon as the Russian scientist Igor Ashurbeyli announced its creation and became one of its first residents. He started his active collaboration in Asgardia as a city representative, winning the election and building a genuinely active local Asgardian community.

Ivan Rosel hosts events in Kuala Lumpur, is active on social media, inspiring people, attracting new followers to Asgardia, and is a major contributor to initiating a movement of city representatives, who he believes should work closely together, exchanging experiences and ideas.

Jacob Mulder, the new Minister of Manufacturing, was voted into Parliament in a byelection late last year. However, he is a longtime Asgardian community member and resident of Asgardia. In 2019, he delivered his presentation 'Sustainable Space Colony Swarm Architecture' at the I Asgardia Space Science and Investment Congress, demonstrating how services in safety and security, manufacturing, logistics, energy, and the service sector can be profitably implemented as the basis for constructing and living in space.

He served in Parliament as a member of the Manufacturing and Safety and Security Committees.

Jacob is originally from the Netherlands. In 1989, he graduated from the University of Groningen with a Master's degree in Astronomy and Information Technology. He is also a certified IT systems specialist (CISSP, information security).

'Given my experience, interests and personality, being active in Asgardia is logical for me,' he says. 'CGI, the commercial company I've worked for during 30+ years, built the fundaments under finance, energy, logistics, communications, government, health and more for many countries. I want to use the experience I've gained in Asgardia which has many great people with a lot of knowledge, experience and positive drive – together we are building a great Nation!'

Besides his professional work, Mr. Mulder is also involved in public activities, including his membership in an association devoted to providing special accommodations for people with special needs. At the time, his medical condition was one of his main reasons for joining Asgardia.

'Gravity squeezes my spine, so, I want to escape it by emigrating to space, some 15 years from now. Not even the sky is the limit!' he believes.

The new ministers Jacob Mulder and Ivan Rosel officially took office immediately following the publication of the voting results of the XII Sitting of the Asgardian Parliament, held on 1-3 LEO 0005 (June 18-20, 2021).

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