

These are my answers to the comments/suggestions/corrections by the reviewers:

Review 1:

I agree with all proposed changes in the text beside one:

I know, today one would just write 'Geschäftsführer', but I would like to keep the term 'Geschäftsführende Vorsitzende' since this is the term used by Hecker himself in his letter.

Review 2:

On one side, I agree that the citations may reduce the readability of the text, on the other, this is here mostly the case for biographical information about the people involved and such biographical texts are often difficult to find. So, I don't want to delete these references. As suggested, I added a small paragraph about further readings and moved the most often used citations there and removed them in the earlier part of the manuscript.

I changed the capitalizations in the headings.