



Minutes of NSGE board meeting January 11th 2019

Meeting Room at Clarion Hotel, Copenhagen Airport at 10.00-15.00

Present: Päivi Härkki, Marit Lieng, Ingeborg Engelsen, Bjarne Kristensen, Martin Rudnicki, Charlotte Möller, Jan Persson, Celine Lönnerfors, Ertan Saridogan (only during point 2)

1) Welcome and opening the meeting

2) Collaboration between NSGE and ESGE? Ertan Saridogan/ESGE

- Ertan Saridogan is a member of ESGE Executive Board and Scientific Board.
- ESGE is collaborating with several other societies and wants to share knowledge about gynaecological endoscopy widely.
- ESGE has improved their transparency, advisory board members are elected by members, only a member of advisory board can be elected as a member of executive board. More main sponsors are equally involved with ESGE (Storz, Olympus and Medtronic).
- ESGE Vienna had 1700 participants and 100 of them were from Nordic countries and ESGE appreciates the impact of us.
- ESGE proposes NSGE to become an affiliated society of ESGE, which allows NSGE to have a representative in ESGE Advisory Board, to have an impact on planning ESGE congress programmes for example suggesting speakers, but does not require any financial support. Membership lists of NSGE are not asked and members of NSGE are not automatically members of ESGE.
- NSGE Board discussed this proposal after E.S. had left and felt that being an affiliated society of ESGE would increase visibility of NSGE and NSGE could benefit of this collaboration. This matter will be discussed also with Dutch colleagues and decision will be made during the General assembly in Helsinki 2019.

3) Minutes of NSGE board meeting Odense 12.06.2018

4) 3rd NCGE in Helsinki 5-8 June, 2019

- Programme ja chairs of sessions: everybody will check if okay
- Link to NSGE will be added to NCGE2019 web-site
- List of NSGE members for information: Bjarne will look members in 2017
- Speakers's and chairs's registration, accommodation and social events, but not travel expenses, are covered by organizers
- Main sponsors: Gold (20.000€) = Intuitive, Silver (10.000€) = Normedi/Hologic, Bronze (5000€) = Gedeon Richter, Olympus and Kebomed.
- 4m2 stand are now open for other sponsors, 20-25 more companies are expected to attend as during our annual local meetings (a' 2400€)
- Precongress sponsors: Applied Medical (laparoscopic simulation) and Storz (hysteroscopic simulation)
- About 400 participants are expected
- Budget will be updated and sent to board members



- Economy: After Norefjell congress 20% of the profit was shared with NSGE. After Helsinki congress also at least 20% of the possible profit will be shared with NSGE. If the balance will be negative, it will be covered with the local organizing committee.
- Bjarne will contact main sponsors (Intuitive, Olympus, Storz) to arrange a meeting in Helsinki to discuss about a long-term sponsorship.
- Present finances of NSGE are weak, about 50 000 DKK available

5) Next board meeting 5th of June 2019 16.00-18.00 in Helsinki after precongresses

6) General Assembly Thursday 6th of June, 2019 14.30-15.00

- Invitation will be sent by e-mail to participants and members 2 weeks earlier
- Chairman and secretary of general assembly will be proposed from the board of Finnish Society of Gynecological Surgery
- Report from last 2 years will be presented by Päivi
- NSGE financial report will be presented by Bjarne
- Report of coming activities will be presented by Vice President
- New board:
 - Ingeborg, Charlotte, Jyrki and Petur are leaving the board
 - Marit is willing to leave as she is the Past President but her experience was honored and decision was not made; her stay is possible according to the statue
 - In addition, Bjarne will also leave if a new treasurer and a secretary general will be found although all leaving members could be re-elected twice according to the statue
 - Päivi, Jan, Celine and Martin will continue
 - Jan will give his answer to become a Vice President after seeing the budget of NCGE2019
 - Marianne will be asked to continue
 - New members were proposed: Espen Berner from Norway for a treasurer and a secretary general (Marit will ask), Pia Suvitie as the present president of Finnish Society (has accepted) and one member from Denmark, Norway and Iceland will be searched
- Membership fee of 50€ /350 DKK for 1/2 years was discussed, decision was not made

7) Minutes of the Joint meeting with NSGE and WGE September 14th 2018 in Copenhagen

8) Joint Congress with NSGE and WGE (Dutch Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy) in May/June 2021 in Amsterdam and next Joint meeting in Scandinavia 2023?

- First option of this congress is June 4-5, 2021 perhaps in Amsterdam but also some other town is possible
- President of the congress will be from WGE and Vice President from NSGE
- Finances of the joint congress: The profit below 10 K€ could be spent to the next biannual congress. The profit over 10K€ will be divided as 50% to local society and



50% shared between WGE and NSGE based on the ratio of the number of delegated.

- The board of NSGE suggests that the joint congress with WGE and NSGE would be after for example every 6 or 8 years. Dutch colleagues are always welcomed to join NCGE. Next NCGE would be in Sweden 2023.

9) Telephone meeting with WGE on Wednesday 16th of June, 2019 at 20.00 Western European time

- Attending from WGE: Hans Brölmann, Celine Radder, Paul van Kesteren, Wouter Hehenkamp, Robert de Leeuw, Karin van der Tuuk
- Attending from NSGE: Päivi Härkki, Jyrki Jalkanen, Bjarne Kristensen, also Marit Lieng, Martin Rudnicki and Jan Persson try to attend

10) Web-site of NSGE

- There seemed to be some problems in web-site, Annette will be asked to check it
- Invitation to general assembly will be added into the web-site

11) The exchange program (update)

- Exchange program has not been popular
- Membership fee should be paid when attending exchange program
- Renewal of information in web-site: only information of contact persons of hospitals will be provided

12) Nordic textbook of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

- Final approval of textbook is still lacking. Our aim was to write about gynecological surgery.

13) Other matters

- Aim of NSGE was discussed
 - Nordic collaboration is needed
 - Focus on trainees and young specialists
 - NSGE could collaborate with Olympus to organize Nordic Get-Up courses
 - NSGE could offer Lund Masterclass courses to members
 - NSGE could arrange 1-2 days pig-lab courses in Århus, Charlotte will make inquiries
- SWIM-study is not going on at the moment due to difficulties in protocol.