

Minutes of NSGE board meeting - 29th of April 2021

Present (virtual meeting): Martin Rudnicki (MR), Marit Lieng (ML), Päivi Härkki (PH), Celine Lönnerfors (CL), Klaus Oddenes (KO), Stine Andreasen (SA), Pia Suvitie (PS) and Sigurd Beier Sloth (SBS)

1. Minutes of last meeting.

Accepted with no additions.

2. General assembly (GA)

The GA will be web-based and is scheduled for Thursday 3rd of June 2021 from 15.30-16.00.

SBS suggests Zoom as the meeting platform. This is agreed. MR and SBS will get in contact about the practicalities.

MR will send the agenda of the GA to all members of NSGE and share it on the webpage

Torur Dalsgaard will chair the GA.

It was previously agreed to suggest that the sitting board members will have their membership prolonged until the GA in 2022. This was suggested due to the COVID-19 situation and the derived consequences with lacking activities in the society etc.

ML and SA will draft an amendment to the statutes to enable prolonged membership of the board under these special circumstances. The amendment will be decided on the GA.

We are currently too few members of the board. According to the statutes the Board shall consist of nine (9) board members with at least one (1) representative from each of the five Nordic Countries, a President, a Secretary General, a Vice President and a junior doctor in training in Gynaecology and Obstetrics. Associated to the board is the president and the chairman of the scientific committee for the next NCGE Congress and the past congress president and the past chairman of the congress scientific committee. The General Assembly can associate an Honorary President to the Board.

Current eight (8) board members are: MR (President, Denmark), PS (Finland), CL (Sweden), SA (Norway), KO (Secretary General, Norway), SBS (Trainee, Denmark), Torur Dalsgaard (Denmark) and Asgeir Thoroddsen (Iceland)

Associated to the board: PH (Past president, Finland), ML (Honorary president, Norway) and Bjarne R. Kristensen (Denmark)

The Board suggests that PH becomes the next honorary president. This will be proposed at the upcoming GA.

ML suggests that honorary presidents should step down after a 2-year election period. This, unfortunately, means that she will step down this year.

PH will send the names of the current board members and associated members to the nominating committee (Kari Nieminen, Finland, Vibeke Lysdahl, Denmark, Espen Berner, Norway and Pétur Reynisson, Sweden) and then the nominating committee should propose new nominees for the board. We need two (2) new members.

3. Course information

Course dates and place: 14.10-15.10.2021 at Odense University hospital in Denmark.

Consultancy Agreement with Olympus:

MR had meetings with Olympus and a draft agreement was sent to the board members for discussion. MR sent the agreement to the legal department at his hospital to get their perspectives.

The board members agree that the agreement needs to be rewritten so that it is clear that the consultants do not receive any payment from their work.

Also, it should be stated in the contract that travel- and accommodation costs for the attending consultants should be covered by Olympus.

The remuneration for the total work-hours of 4 consultants goes to NSGE society. Consultants are only reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses in connection with the course.

All names of consultants must be kept out of the agreement, as the agreement is not tied to specific consultants. It should be stated that the remuneration that will be paid to NSGE corresponds to the working hours of 4 consultants.

Course title: The board agrees that the title should be more related to the NSGE. SBS will work (fast) on a new title for the course.

4. Webpage - course information?

There is agreement that this is a course developed by the NSGE for the NSGE society. Olympus is the course provider.

MR will meet with Olympus and discuss how to advertise the course and how to select participants for the course. NSGE prefer that members are able to announce their interest in participation to Olympus.

5. Next congress 2022 (Denmark)

Hindsgavl is suggested as a possible location. It is proposed to plan the conference in May or June 2022. MR will contact Hindsgavl to ask about availability. The congress is finally decided at the GA.

A new meeting is to be scheduled in May 2021, where only the congress is on the agenda.

6. Other matters

None.