

NFOG Board Meeting

Minutes 2/2016 – part 2

Place: Finlandia House, Helsinki

Time: Wednesday June 15st, 15.00-17.00,

Present: Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (President), Thea Lousen (Treasurer), Maija Jakobsson (newly elected Secretary General), Lotti Helström (SFOG), Seija Grénman (SGY and FIGO), Alexander Smáráson (FÍFK), Ganesh Acharya (Chief Editor AOGS), Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel (Scientific Committee Chairman), Katrin Kristjánsdóttir (Educational Committee), Niels Ulbjerg (Guidelines Committee Chairman), Lars Ladfors (Webmaster), Oskari Heikinheimo (President NFOG 2016), Knut Hordnes (past president NFOG), Bjarne Rønde Kristensen (Congress President Odense 2018)

Excuses: Thomas Larsen (DSOG), Anne Cathrine Hoffgaard Munk (NFYOG), Marit Lieng (NGF)

- 1) **Constitution of the new Board:** Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (KRW), new President welcomed the new members of the Board. This is the new Board:

Voting members:

Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (President)
Thea Lousen (Treasurer), to be replaced by Espen Berner January 1, 2017
Maija Jakobsson (Secretary General)
Thomas Larsen (DSOG)
Marit Lieng (NGF)
Lotti Helström (SFOG)
Seija Grénman (SGY and FIGO)
Alexander Smáráson (FÍFK)

Non voting members:

Ganesh Acharya (Chief Editor AOGS),
Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel (Chairman Scientific Committee)
Katrin Kristjánsdóttir (Chairman Educational Committee)
Niels Ulbjerg (Chairman Guidelines Committee)
Anne Cathrine Hoffgaard Munk (NFYOG)
Lars Ladfors (Webmaster),
Bjarne Rønde Christensen (Congress President Odense 2018)

- 2) **Preliminary assessment of NFOG 2016.** Members of the Board expressed their overall impression that the congress was a great success in every respect: scientific program, social program, logistics, venue, locations of hotels, congress bureau. The Board thanked Oskari Heikinheimo (OH) and his team for a great job well done.

Specific comment: The oral poster sessions were well-attended (80-85 persons present) and well organised. However, some participants were unaware of the poster prizes, and these could have been even better advertised, perhaps at the walls in the poster area, and in the poster acceptance letter. At the same time inform that the poster presenter needs to be able to present to be eligible for a poster prize. In fact the scientific committee suggested to the congress bureau that this information be included in the acceptance letter, but this was unfortunately not done (“A poster prize can be awarded only for posters selected for presentation at one of the two poster discussion sessions and provided the author(s) is present for oral presentation of the poster if selected.”).

OH informed that a professional photographer took pictures during the congress and these will be available to all at the congress web site.

The report from the congress and economic result will be presented by OH at the next Board meeting.

- 3) **NFOG 2018.** Bjarne Rønne Kristensen (BRK) presented the Odense congress at the GA June 14, see these Minutes. The LOC has already had several meetings. The congress venue is being built in central Odense and should be ready in 2017. The website is just opened at www.nfog2018.dk. The planning is for 1000 participants and a 1000 hotel beds have been prebooked. The city of Odense will host the welcome reception. The Odense University Hospital has guaranteed for a financial loss for up to 1 million DKK.
- 4) **Economy, budget and accounts.** Thea Lousen (TL) referred to her presentation at the GA and had little to add except a correction to the EC budget presentation.
- 5) **Venues and dates for next meetings.** Next Board meeting will be in Stockholm November 4-6 2016. Lotti Helstrøm will arrange hotel and meeting facilities. The spring meeting will be in Copenhagen in connection with the EC meeting April 26-27, 2017.
- 6) **AOGS (moved from previous agenda part 1 of June 12).** Ganesh Acharya (GA) referred to his presentation at the General Assembly (see Minutes hereof). The decision of AOGS to consider publishing evidence-based peer-reviewed guidelines based on systematic review of scientific literature as mentioned at the General Assembly was discussed. The Board found it principally difficult to name such publications as guidelines. Guidelines, as viewed by the Board are issued and approved by bodies such as national societies or national health authorities. Peer-reviewed recommendations by any author group do not have this authority and the term guidelines may thus be misleading. The Board suggested the term “Clinical recommendations” which GA found agreeable. GA informed about the appointments of new associate editors: Francesco D’Antonio (Norway) as the Assistant Chief Editor and two Finnish Associate Editors, Annika Auranen from Tampere who will replace Ulla Poistola starting July 2016 and Päivi Polo from Turku who will replace Jorma Paavonen starting 1st of January 2017. Sebastian Gidlöf has been appointed as the new Swedish Associate Editor starting June 2016. Norway and Iceland should, immediately after summer, advertise positions of one new Associate Editor each to replace the ones that will complete their maximum term of 8 years at the end of this year. The position of a new Deputy Chief Editor from January 1 2017 will be advertised this autumn.
AOGS has published a special theme issue on Fetal Cardiovascular Physiology in June 2016, and another special issue on Endometriosis and fertility is planned for next year.

- 7) **Preliminary ideas for new webpage.** Lars Ladfors (LL) suggested a total upgrade of the NFOG website at a new platform. The present platform is not well suited for use on iPhone/iPad/android platform, and hit counts on specific pages are not possible. These and other features can be implemented on a new site. The Board has supported the change and has budgeted 200.000 DKK for renewal. LL asked for suggestions from the Board and the following came up: there is no information presently at the site that should be taken completely away. SG suggested a new heading “News from other societies”. This requires that the societies are active and forward news to the webmaster. These can be linked to the national homepages. Such highlighted news will particularly help other societies to know what happens in the Finnish society. GA reminded us that the responsibility of material published on our web should be clear. The webmaster is responsible for the site but should communicate closely with the President about form and content, and with the treasurer about cost. LL offered to provide “nfog.org” email address for board members and anyone wishing this may contact him. LL will start to work on the new website and offered preview and evaluation of pages to Board members prior to publication.
- 8) **"Homework" until next meeting.**
- a) FIGO. SG reminded the Board that all societies should consider candidates to be suggested for FIGO committees. Further, a Nordic session at the FIGO Congress in Rio De Janeiro should be considered and topics and speakers to be suggested at the next Board meeting.
 - b) Leadership training. KRW reminded us of the training programs for doctors as leaders and asked the national leaders if this is a theme for NFOG to work with for the benefit for members.
- 9) **Other business.** Katrin Kristjánsdóttir (KK) suggested a slightly increased fee for the next EC course in 2017, of 2000 DKK. This was approved by the Board. The title of the course will be “Hormones – friends of foe”. KK further suggested that there should not be an EC course in 2020 but rather a meeting connected to the EBCOG Congress in Bergen in 2020. EC course can be arranged in 2018 or 2019.

Bergen, June 25, 2016

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