



Minutes for the Board meeting

Time: Wednesday, June 13th, 2018, 15:30-17:30

Place: Odeon, Odense

Board of NFOG:

Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (President), Espen Berner (Treasurer) (left 16:35), Maija Jakobsson (Secretary General) (left 16:30), Niels Ulbjerg (Guidelines Committee Chairman), Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel (Scientific Committee Chairman), Mervi Väisänen-Tommiska (Educational Committee Chairman) (left 16:30), Elisabeth Frederika Rosen (NFYOG), Bjarne Rønde Kristensen (President NFOG 2018), Ragnheiður L. Bjarnadóttir (President NFOG 2021), (Hanne Brix Westergaard (DSOG), Hannu Martikainen (SGY) (left 16:30), Alexander Smáráson (FÍFK), Andreas Herbst (SFOG), Nils-Halvdan Mørken (NGF), Lars Ladfors (Webmaster)

Excuses: Ganesh Acharya (Chief Editor AOGS), Antti Perheentupa (New Scientific Committee Chairman)

1. **Opening of the meeting** The President Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (KRW) opened the meeting and welcomed new Board members Ragnheiður L. Bjarnadóttir (President NFOG 2021)(RLB) and Mervi Väisänen-Tommiska (MVT), new Educational Committee Chairman and they presented themselves. Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel was thanked for his efforts and valuable work in the Board and in the Scientific committee. The next congress is exceptionally after three years, and therefore **the Board decided that RLB will be a member of the Board for the next 3 years.**
2. **Approval of the agenda** The Agenda was approved.
3. **NFOG 2018.** The congress was a great success with approximately 830 participants. Bjarne Rønde Kristensen was congratulated for his work.

Congress website will be kept open until the next congress. Abstracts can be found there. The Congress President will prepare an instruction book for those who are organizing these NFOG congress.

4. **Educational Committee (EC)** MVT presented the **Budget for the Educational course and it was approved**. They expect to get around 100 participants of which will be 85 will be paying members. 20 000 SEK have been budgeted for speakers fees. Total deficit is 205 562 DDK whitout General Assembly (GA) costs. We expect around 50-60 attenders for the GA. Course will continue until lunchtime. The NFOG board members should attend the Educational Course (25th -26th, April, Thursday-Friday 2019).
5. **FIGO**. Nordic representation. **The Board decided to suggest Kristina Gemzell Danielsson for the Excutive board in FIGO**. A skype meeting was planned to make strategies for promoting her. Hanne Brix Westergaard will suggest the dates for Skype meeting.
6. **Board contact information update**. Board decided to make a common whats-up, therefore all Board members should sent their phone numbers to the General Secretary.
7. **Upcoming Board meetings** Tuesday, November 13th 2018, whole day, meeting will not stop before 18:00 in Helsinki. Board members should arrive already on Monday evening and have a dinner. Subsequent meeting is in Iceland. Arrival on Thursday, 14th, February, meeting will start on Friday 15th morning and attenders can leave at earliest on Saturday 16th after 12:00.
8. **Other business**.

How to continue with the textbook?

The textbook was presented during the GA as planned. Due to remaining lack of full support of the project, mainly from the Swedish and the Norwegian national societies, the NFOG board suggested to postpone the decision on the future of the project to the GA in 2019. This was accepted by the GA. Pilot phase has been accepted previously by the Board.

Kristina Gemzell Danielsson from Sweden is voluntary for the Editorial Board, but the Swedish Board need to accept it first.

The textbook needs a Budget. During the GA a change of the budget relocating the 100 000 DKK allocated for the "textbook" post to the Board Initiative post, and hence free to be spent according to the Boards wishes, was suggested. This was also accepted.

The Board Initiative has been reserved to the textbook, but not used. The Board have decided to use the Board Initiative to this project. Treasurer Espen Berner (EB) presented a Budget for the GA, which was not accepted. EB started by bringing up the matter that he as the treasurer, due to the unsupported budget during the GA, is mistrusted and should consider resigning. This was dismissed by the board, there are no concerns regarding the trust of the treasurer.

There were somewhat conflicting impressions what has been decided earlier. At least 340 000 DDK has been accepted for the textbook by the Board for the pilot phase.

During the following discussion it turned out that the members of the board have interpreted and understood the discussion on the textbook differently. Some Board members understood that the Board accepted to spend the on Bornholm suggested budget of 945 000 DKK to complete the textbook, and that the concern regarding the running costs and how to handle them should be brought up for discussion and maybe voting at the GA. Other Board members understood that there was an agreement that the Board supported the textbook project and its suggested budget, that it should be presented at the GA, including alternatives on how to handle running costs, to be discussed and decided upon during the GA. Thus an unfortunate situation caused by miscommunication.

Earlier minutes regarding the issues (attached below) were read through and do not contain any information stating either the one or the other alternative.

The Norwegian and the Swedish national societies do not experience that there questions on how to make this project sustainable, both practically and economically, have been answered. This needs to be investigated and presented on next GA.

There are different alternatives on how to proceed from now, but since many voting members have left the meeting to catch their flights it was not possible to make a decision.

Nils-Halvdan Mørken and KRW will have a phone meeting within a few days to create a suggestion of a plan which will be presented for the Treasurer. This should be followed by a phone meeting with all voting members for further discussion and decision making, which then will be presented to the rest of the Board.

NFOG congress 2021

RLB suggested that representatives from RCOG and potentially also from the Dutch national society are invited to the congress on Iceland. She will send further information on this to the board.

Minutes

Due to the textbook issue the importance of writing clear and precise minutes was stressed, to avoid misunderstandings maybe also a reconciliation after each subject discussed. Minutes should be sent out and agreed on close to the meeting.

9. **Closing of the meeting** KRW closed the meeting.

Odense, June 13th, 2018

Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann
President

Maija Jakobsson
Secretary General

From earlier Minutes regarding the Textbook:

Attached:

Minutes April 2018

The Nordic Textbook. Niels Uldbjerg presented the suggested logo for the textbook. There will be no author fees, open source. Textbook will include videos and podcasts. Authors for each chapter will come at least from three Nordic countries. Sweden cannot provide an author for the project, but Board still wishes to find an individual Swedish doctor to it. The Editorial Board comes from all other countries. Authors for each chapter have been nominated. Test chapters have been produced and evaluated by young people. Textbook is done by Nordic authors, but it will be utilized also in developing countries. Therefore, we can share knowledge about safe abortion and other important woman reproductive health issues. The Budget for the book is 945 000 DDK. The money that will be needed for maintaining the content updated can be a challenging. There are several options how to cover the running costs: students pay a small amount, students donate, the faculties support, advertisements. Additional small fee for Nordic students was suggested, if it is technically possible. A new committee to maintain this project was suggested. The Board in general supported the project of Nordic textbook.

Minutes Nov 2017

Nils Uldberg (NU) presented current situation on Nordic textbook. This book curriculum is for the Nordic medical schools. Editorial Board has prepared already some chapters for the book. Public Danish company Sundhed (sundhed.dk) has been involved with this process. NU showed the Board an example of the preterm delivery chapter. **Budget will be presented in the next General Assembly and a decision whether this project will proceed.** SFOG could not provide national chief Editor for this project, but there are some Swedish doctors who have already agreed to participate this process.

Minutes April 2017

Nordic textbook Niels Uldbjerg told about Nordic textbook. Editorial board has had a meeting: Ulla Breth Knudsen, Oskari Heikinheimo, Jone Torvik, Þóra Steingrímisdóttir. Budget is estimated to be 1 595 000 DDK and follow-up is 200 000 DDK per year. Reynir Geirsson volunteer to edit the book. Technical editor will be paid 6 months salary. In Sweden people has discussed this idea in the National Board and they have considered that there is no need for this kind of textbook. However, we need a Swedish editor to this project. Anderas Herbst will find a Swedish editor for the project. Common textbook would increase collaboration. GA will decide on this project in 2018. **The Board decided to use board initiative money for this pilot phase, which would be around 335 000 DDK.** Editorial Board will work to make couple of chapters ready for the GA.

Minutes November 2016

Nordic textbook Niels Uldbjerg presented an idea of a Nordic textbook for medical students. In Nordic countries we have very advanced health care system and therefore this e-book would be very good advertisement to Nordic Health care system and serve also as branding to NFOG. Book would be only electronic, free of charge, in English and each country would write chapters for the book. The new material should include videos as well. Contact persons have already been chosen from each country. NFOG has also been asked to participate this project. The Budget would be approximately 100 000 DDK (~13 438 €). In Sweden and Norway there are fresh textbooks and therefore at least Swedish society is somewhat unenthusiastic to participate this project. At least there should be some support for English language editing or some payments for the authors. In general, the Board supported this project. For the next meeting we need a more detailed proposal for Editorial Board, Budget and perhaps some examples for the text. Each Society should approve the nominated contact persons for the next meeting.

Minutes June 2016

Other business Niels Uldbjerg (NU) suggested for the Board the establishment of an NFOG textbook with an overview of the current curricula expected of the medical students to cover. From the discussion within the Board it became evident that there do already exist electronic textbooks in some of the Nordic countries. NU pointed out that it would be of interest to reveal the similarities and the differences between the curricula of the Nordic countries. The suggestion needs to be discussed within the Nordic Societies, and with the editors of the already existing National textbooks. The Chairmen 7 are asked to discuss with the National editors, and a meeting between NU and the editors was suggested. The cost can be covered within the budget by using the "Board reserve". The issue will need further discussion at a later Board meeting.

