



NFOG Board Meeting Minutes 10th June, 2018

Place and time: Odense 10th, June, 2018, 14:00-17:00

Invited: Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (President), Espen Berner (Treasurer), Maija Jakobsson (Secretary General)(from 14:15), Anderas Herbst (SFOG), Hannu Martikainen (SGY), Hanne Brix Westergaard (DSOG), Nils-Havdan Mørken (NGF) only attended very short – due to meeting in the national society, Alexander Smárason (FÍFK), Ganesh Acharya (Chief Editor AOGS), Lars Ladfors (Webmaster), Bjarne Rønne Kristensen (President NFOG 2018), Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel (Scientific Committee Chairman), Katrin Kristjánsdóttir (Educational Committee chairman), Niels Uldbjerg (Guidelines Committee chairman), Elisabeth Fredrika Rosen (NFYOG)
Guest: Kristina Gemzell Danielsson (FIGO), Anette Tønnes Pedersen (FIGO)

- 1. Opening** Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (KRW) opened the meeting.
- 2. Agenda Approval** The Agenda was approved.
- 3. Preparing for the General Assembly (GA).** According to the Statues, an external person not on the NFOG board should be elected as the chairman for the GA meeting. In the last GA meeting, it was a Norwegian person. Espen Berner (EB) suggested Tone Skien Jensen for the role this year, and will ask her.
Further, two external delegates need to be elected to review the minutes, one from Sweden and one from Denmark. Presidents of the National Societies should give the names of selected people to the General Secretary. Elected persons will be presented by the beginning of the GA meeting. During the GA a short report from the Board to the National Societies should be given by the General Secretary. We also need to inform about change of plans regarding the next GA, that will be held in Stockholm 2019 instead of 2020. The following GA will be during the NFOG congress in Iceland in 2021. This should be followed by a short report from all different committees including a report on the textbook. It is important with a clear presentation of estimated running costs for the textbook.
Treasurer will present a suggestion of a budget for 2019. He will present two alternatives, with or without the 100 000 DKK running costs for the textbook, for the GA to decide on what alternative they want to go for. Auditors Charlotta Grünwald and Johanna Määnpää should also give a report. Johanna will not be attending, but has sent in a signed endorsement.

Iceland will give a short introduction to the NFOG Congress 2021, and it will be announced that the following congress will be in Norway. Exact location in Norway

will be announced during the GA in 2019.

According to the current GA agenda published on the website there should be an election of General Secretary this year. This is an error, since Maija Jakobsson was elected for 4 years and we need to inform this. Therefore there will be Agenda Approval in the beginning of the GA.

According to the statutes paragraph 6:3 the following things should be arranged during the GA in 2019:

Election of a new NFOG President

Election of new auditors

Creation of a Budget for 2020-2021

Decisions on place for the NFOG Congress in Norway 2023

Election of a President for the NFOG Congress in Norway

Adding to the Statutes that the data protection officer is the General Secretary, and hence the one to be contacted with issues related to this.

4. **NFOG 2018.** BRH is satisfied with the scientific program. A total of 129 speakers will participate. Two days ago more than 800 participants had registered and more than 200 people participated in the pre-congress workshops. There has also been an endometriosis conference from Thursday to Saturday with participants from 27 countries. Hopefully many of the participants are staying for the NFOG Congress. It is not yet certain if the Budget is in balance- there are many participants but also many speakers. There has been huge problems with the MTI, the conference organising company, that has caused additional costs of 200 000 DKK. BRH will look in to this after the Congress. The city of Odense has sponsored the congress with 500 000 DKK. There are another 5-7 sponsors and another 40-50 exhibitors are participating.

On Sunday evening there is a Get Together party with good local food and music as well. On Monday morning, there will be the Opening Ceremony. Nine days before the Congress the Crown Princess cancelled her participation. Instead the president of MSF, Heidi Christensen, will open the Congress. KRW and BRH will also give short speeches. The AOGS (ACTA) and the Young Scientist Award winners will be presented. On Monday evening there will be a poster session on the ground floor with a podium for oral presentation of selected posters. Regarding the Speakers Dinner all committees are participating. Busses will pick up the participants from the Congress venue and drive them to an art venue. The artist has created a vulva especially for this congress. Tuesday starts with a 5 km run at 06:30 am. In the afternoon the GA will be hold.

5. **FIGO.** Anette Tønnes Pedersen (ATP) presented FIGO issues. The FIGO was founded in 1954 in Geneva. It is a non-profit organization funded through subscriptions received from member societies. The FIGO has 130 member societies. She presented briefly the FIGO organization. The FIGO General Assembly (GA) takes place every three years and it chooses the FIGO Executive board (EB), which has 24 members. They are elected for 6 years. The number of the FIGO Officers is 6 (Officers Board_OB). They are elected for three years. Seija Grénman has been an officer, the Vice President, for the last three years. The next President will come from Bolivia, South America. The next President Elect will come from North America. Past

president comes from India, Asia. Nominated Vice President Faisal, Lebanon, Treasurer (Europe) and Honorary Secretary (Europe) (Lesley Regan) are not nominated by regions. Margit Steinholt will have three more years in the FIGO EB. Regarding FIGO-nominations:

On the board meeting April 2018 the NFOG-board decided for a common strategy by nominating Sweden to the next FIGO EB. Sweden suggested Kristina Gemzell Danielsson (KGD) for that position. Since then the Danish and Islandic Societies have nominated as agreed. ATP told that Sweden has nominated KGD as Honorary Treasurer to the OB.

Furthermore Denmark has been nominated by the RCOG to the EB, however Denmark declined that nomination in order to stick to the above agreed decision. The Board discussed on this and will decide on the meeting on Wednesday June the 13th, 2018.

Board discussed further how to increase democracy and transparency in FIGO.

For the RIO congress Nordic sessions some small adjustments have been made.

Obstetric session will be chaired by KRW and Lars Ladfors and the first speaker will be Ellen Løkkegaard from Denmark.

6. **Budget.** Espen Berner presented updated Budget to be presented for GA. If the Nordic Textbook is not accepted, textbook can also apply for NFOG fund. The income from AOGS will be larger than expected. The expected for 2019 deficit will be -260 000 DDK. The money for Board Reserve will be increased in 2019.
7. **Minutes Approval from the previous Board meeting** Minutes from the last meeting was approved with small adjustments.
8. **Other business.** The Board agrees on nominating Bjarne Rønne Kristensen (BRH) as an Advisor for arrangements of the NFOG Congress 2021 in Iceland. Suggestion of a document describing the different functions within the NFOG board, General Secretary was proposed being responsible of this.
9. **Closing.** KRW closed the meeting.

Odense, June 10th, 2018

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President

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Secretary General