



Minutes for the NFOG Board meeting

Time: 09:00-12:00, Thursday 25th, April, 2019.

Place: Stockholm, Svenska Läkaresällskapet, Klara Östra kyrkogata 10, Stockholm

Participants:

From the Board: Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (President), Espen Berner (Treasurer), Maija Jakobsson (Secretary General), Niels Ulbjerg (Guideline Committee chair), Hilda Hjartadóttir (Scientific Committee chair), Mervi Väisänen-Tommiska (Educational Committee chair, from 09:30), Elisabeth Frederika Rosen (NFYOG chair), Hanna Lilja Oddgeirsdóttir (New NFYOG chair), Bjarne Rønne Kristensen (President NFOG 2018), Lars Henning Pedersen (Scientific committee from 10:45), Ragnheiður L. Bjarnadóttir (President NFOG 2021), Hanne Brix Westergaard (DSOG), Hannu Martikainen (SGY, from 09:30), Alexander Smáráson (FÍFK), Eva Uustal (SFOG), Nils-Halvdan Morken (NGF), Lars Ladfors (Webmaster), Ganesh Acharya (Chief Editor AOGS)

Invited: Oskari Heikinheimo (Vice President of SGY)

Excuses: Antti Perheentupa (Scientific committee Chair)

1. **Opening** The President Karen Reinhold Wøjdemann (KRW) opened the meeting
2. **Agenda Approval** The agenda was approved with small adjustments.
3. **NFOG 2018** The Congress 2018 president Bjarne Rønne Kristensen (BRK) summarized some of the main figures from the congress. There were 204 participants for pre-congress workshops. Pre-congress course was on endometriosis. Public meetings in Odense were very successful. Guided tours in Odense were available during the speakers dinner. Trainee dinner was fully booked with around 100 attenders. Scientific program was summarized. There were in total nine sponsors and 42 exhibitors. Income was in total 4 600 000 DKK. The total cost was 4.4 milj. DKK which resulted in surplus.

4. **NFOG 2021** Ragnheiður L. Bjarnadóttir presented congress website. Congress will be held 13-16th, June 2021 in congress center Harpa. Get together will be on Sunday at Listasafn Reykjavik. There will be no pre-congress courses due to low attendee rate in previous congresses. Opening ceremony will be in concert hall. The first plenary will probably also be there. Environmental issues or women's reproductive right themes were suggested. NFOG party will be in Harpa 15th, June, which will be included in the price. It will be more party like than formal dinner. General assembly will be held on Wednesday 15th, June. Closing ceremony with prizes will close the congress. The main topics were discussed.
5. **Minutes Approval from the previous Board meeting** Minutes were approved with small adjustments. There was discussion how to improve the system of editing the Minutes in the future, but this remained unsolved.
6. **Decision to hold the NFOG congress in 2023 during the week from Aug 28 to Sept 3 or to hold it in June.** Swedish Board has decided to transfer their national meeting to increase participation of the NFOG congress. **The Board discussed this issue and decided to transfer the NFOG congress 2023 to the week 35.**
7. **NFYOG** Elisabeth Frederika Rosen told that the first meeting was held yesterday. The committee has run out of money. Treasurer Espen Berner (EB) advised them to contact him to solve financial problems. Videoconferences were suggested and which they will have in June. They are planning to make research in training.
8. **EBCOG** Lars Ladfors and Oskari Heikinheimo will be in contact with congress organizing committee. A special Nordic session was suggested. Congress will be held in Bergen and therefore Nordic participants are expected.
9. **Educational Committee** (EC) Mervi Väisänen-Tommiska told that the advanced course will have around 50 participants.
10. **Report from AOGS (Acta Obstetricia et Gynecologica Scandinavia)** Ganesh Acharya told that journal is doing fine. Rejection rate is increasing, 82%. Impact factor is likely to further increase. Journal Club and twitter and other social media are active. Half of the International Editorial Board (IEB) has been replaced. The Chief Editor has negotiated with Wiley and they have agreed to make all articles older than 12 months freely available. Contract with Wiley

will be negotiated in one year. The decision to transfer to OA has to be made at latest in fall 2020.

11. **Economy, budget, and accounts** EB needs to have signatures of the Board members for the final document.

12. **Preparing for the General Assembly** There were discussion practicalities and about nomination committee.

13. **Textbook** Niels Uldbjerg will present the plan tomorrow in GA. He will answer the concerns related to this issue.

14. **Endorsement of ISUOG** KRW presented this collaboration program suggested by the ISUOG. There have been several similar suggestions from other societies. Free ISUOG training membership for residents was supported. Advertising can be made through NFOG calendar. No societies logos will be posted at our NFOG website.

15. **News from the National societies**

Hannu Martikainen (SGY) told that health reform did not succeed, government has resigned.

A survey has been published about number of specialists that will be needed in the future.

Nils-Halvdan Morken (NGF) told political aims to change in the abortion law. There has been also massive criticism. Fertility rate was lower in Norway than ever 1,56.

Eva Uustal (SFOG) told about continuous medical education (CME) program. In Sweden there are several (16) voluntary working groups 16.

Hanne Brix Westergaard (DSOG) told about increasing demands for doctors in the media.

Danish Board of Health has made a recommendation on the organization of deliveries (eg. home, free or hospital standing clinics, delivery wards). An upcoming national plan for the number of specialists in ob-gyn is a challenge as more are needed, but other societies also have severe problems (eg. psychiatrists and GPs).

Alexander Smáráson (FÍFK) told that discussion about abortion laws is also ongoing in Iceland. Curriculum for specialist training based on the RCOG curriculum is under review.

16. **Scientific Committee** (SC) Lars Henning Pedersen presented the NFOG fund decisions. The amount applied was 336 000 DKK. Last year most of the money was granted already in the spring and very low sum was left in autumn. Many of the applications were very good. There were two very nice Nordic collaboration study groups that applied a lot of money. The SC

decided to prioritize to give smaller sums for several people than large sums for few. The Board of NFOG likes to support new Nordic collaborative projects. **The Board supported SC committee decisions.** The general rules how to handle these applications will be put in the Agenda for the next meeting.

- 17. Upcoming Board meetings** – Earlier decided on: The new Board has to meet immediately after the GA on Friday 26th, April, 2019. The next meeting will be in November, 04-05.11.2019 at the Hotel Central in Oslo, Norway. This was further specified: the meeting starts as a strategy meeting with voting members on Monday the 4th of November 9:00 and for the entire board on Tuesday the 5th at 9:00 and ends at 15:00 on Tuesday. A dinner will be organized for the entire board on Monday evening.

Spring meeting 2020 will arranged before the EBCOG meeting on Wednesday 13th May (whole day meeting for the entire board, arrival and dinner on Tuesday evening).

- 18. Other business** EB suggested that the next meeting of NFOG board should be a strategy meeting without committee chairs.

- 19. Closing** KRW closed the meeting.

Stockholm 25th April, 2019

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President

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The General Assembly will be held on April 26th, 2019, 13:30-15:30 at Svenska Läkaresällskapet,
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