



# NFOG Board meeting Nov 2-3, 2020

## NFOG BOARD Minutes

**Date:** Monday November 2-3, 2020  
**Time:** 09:00 – 13:00 Swe/Den/Nor, 10:00-14:00 Fin.  
**Place:** Zoom-meeting; <https://zoom.us/>

**Participants;** Oskari Heikinheimo (**President**), Kristina Renault (**Treasurer**), Espen Berner (**Secretary General**), Annemette W Lykkebo (**D SOG**), Alexander Smáráson (**FÍFK**), Eva Uustal (**SFOG**), Michael Algovik (**SFOG**, assistant Chairman), Kirsten Hald (**NGF**), Hannele Laivuori (**SGY**), Antti Perheentupa (**Scientific Committee**), Mervi Väisänen-Tommiska (**Educational Committee**), Hanna Lilja Oddgeirsdottir (**NFYOG**), Lars Ladfors (**Webmaster**), Niels Ulbjerg (**Textbook & Guideline Committee**), Ganesh Acharya (**AOGS**), Ragnheiður L. Bjarnadóttir (**NFOG Reykjavik2021**), Bjarne Rønde Kristensen (**NFOG Odense2018, FIGO 2027**)

*NFOG Board attachments (Sent to Board members before the meeting): 1) Minutes NFOG Board ZOOM-meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>2020, 2) AOGS OA business model October 2020 3) NFOG Environmental Policy, proposal 4) NFOG Fund, SC proposal oct 2020 (excel) 5) NFOG Members 2020, fee and correction.*

### 1. Opening & registration of participants and approval of the invitation and agenda

NFOG President Oskari Heikinheimo opened the meeting.

Decision: *The invitation and agenda were approved.*

### 2. Approval of Minutes NFOG Board zoom-meeting May 13, 2020

Decision: *The minutes from NFOG Board meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved.*

### 3. NFOG Congress Reykjavik 2021

Ragnheiður I. Bjarnadóttir (RIB) informed of the difficulties in organizing the congress due to the current Covid19 pandemic. After discussion with the NFOG officers in September, the organizing committee paused planning of the congress. The board is expected to make a formal decision of cancelling the congress during the current Board meeting. RIB informed of the economic consequences of cancelling the congress. At current time, the estimated total expenses for cancelling the congress are ISK 2.034.566 (DKR 110.000). The expenses include webpage, logo, banner, meeting with the organizing committee, 10% of the total Harpa congress venue (deposit on reserving the venue) and 60-hours work by the PCO. The PCO will invoice NFOG for the expenses. NFOG has already prepaid ISK 1.800.000 (DKR 100.000, -) through a loan from NFOG allocated to the organizing committee. Therefore, the remaining expenses needed to be paid are ISK 234.566 (DKR 10.000).

The Board discussed different solutions for the Congress in Reykjavik 2021. To postpone the congress for one year would have affected planning for the NFOG Congress in Trondheim 2023. Therefore, the Board finds cancellation inevitable. Consequently, the Board sadly agreed to cancel the NFOG Reykjavik congress 2021.

Furthermore, the Board briefly discussed the location and dates for NFOG congresses in 2023 and 2025. Previously, the Board has decided to arrange the future the congresses in August in order to coordinate with SFOG activities. The next NFOG congresses will be arranged in Trondheim in August 2023. According to the NFOG statutes, the congresses is held in the Nordic



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countries in turns. Therefore, the congress in 2025 is suggested to be held in Sweden. A decision concerning the country and location of the congress in August 2025 will be made next year.

### Decision:

*Due to the Covid19 pandemic, the NFOG Board cancelled the NFOG Congress Reykjavik 2021. The expenses for cancellation of the 2021 congress will be paid by NFOG.*

*The Board decided to arrange a 2-hour Webinar with the topics from the cancelled congress in combination with the general assembly June 16, 2021. See Agenda 17. for more information.*

#### 4. **NFOG Members/National societies Membership fee 2020**

Espen Berner informed of the result from the survey among the national societies regarding reporting members to NFOG for the period 2016-2019. According to NFOG statutes, the annual fee to NFOG is based on the number of non-superannuated (synonym/meaning: not retired) registered members of the society. Iceland, Finland and Norway have correctly reported the non-retired members for estimating the annual NFOG membership fee for 2016-2019. Unfortunately, Denmark and Sweden have systematically included and reported retired members to NFOG in 2016-2019. Therefore, NFOG has invoiced membership fees for retired members of DSOG and SFOG in 2016-2019. In total during these years, 773 and 1858 retired members were reported to NFOG by DSOG and SFOG, respectively. Consequently, this has caused an overpayment of DKR 193.250 and 464.500 from DSOG and SFOG for these years, respectively. The Board discussed methods to compensate SFOG and DSOG. The Board agreed on a complete compensation for the overreported members by a reduction of the NFOG membership fee in 2020-21.

The national societies of NFOG have reported number of non-retired (non-superannuated) members in 2020: Denmark 856, Iceland 53, Finland 1023, Norway 1169, Sweden 1734. The total number of non-superannuated members of NFOG is 4.838. This is a reduction of 647 members from 2019, mainly caused by SFOG and DSOG no longer report retired members. This generates a membership income of DKR 1.208.750, lower than NFOG budget 2020.

SFOG suggested revising the Statues §5.1, regarding the number of votes for the national societies during the General Assembly (GA). SFOG thinks the number of votes during the GA does not reflect the high number of members in SFOG.

### Decision:

*The Board decided full compensation to DSOG and SFOG for the overpayment in membership fee for 2016-2019. The compensation is made as a reduction in the NFOG annual fee in 2020. To fully compensate, SFOG will also get a reduction of DKR 31.000 in NFOG membership fee for 2021.*

*The Board interprets the NFOG statutes §3.1: The annual fee is based upon the non-retired registered members only. The retired members of the national societies are members of NFOG and will be counted for during voting in the NFOG General Assembly. The Board will consider proposing a revision of the NFOG Statues regarding the proportional votes of the national societies during the next General Assembly.*



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### 5. NFOG Environmental policy

Espen Berner presented the proposed NFOG environmental policy.

*Decision: The Board approved the environmental policy to be implemented in all NFOG activity. The policy will be published on the NFOG webpage.*

### 6. AOGS

Chief Editor Ganesh Acharya informed of the work of AOGS Editorial board. AOGS has finally appointed a new associate editor in the long vacant position. In the last two years, there has been a significant increase in submissions of manuscripts to AOGS. In this period, the Editorial board has improved quality by reducing turnover time for handling the manuscripts. The impact factor for 2019 was 2,77. The Editorial board is currently preparing for the 100 years celebration of AOGS and theme issues of AOGS.

The Chief Editor informed of the process of changing AOGS to full open access (OA) including Plan S and transitional agreements. A change to OA has been widely discussed during several NFOG Board meetings. NFOG Board has already made a principal decision to flip AOGS to full OA (board meetings 02/2019 and 11/2019). Previously, Wiley advised NFOG to await the change AOGS to OA until 2021. Meanwhile, AOGS has prepared for OA by stopping paper version of AOGS from 2021 and increased number of published manuscripts.

Unfortunately, a change to OA is costly. There is a projected reduced return from AOGS to NFOG during a transition period of up to 5 years after changing to OA. In 2019, the total reduced income was estimated to be total DKR 2.000.000. In October 2020, Wiley updated and specified economical aspects in the business model for a new OA contract. This model was sent to NFOG board members before the current Board meeting. In the updated model, the proposed terms for OA in a new contract reduces NFOG royalty. Chief Editor and the NFOG officers had a zoom meeting with Wiley in October, discussing the updated business model for OA.

To supplement information to the Board, Wiley Representatives (Sarah Tatum George, Rosie Hutchinson and Martin Vinding) were invited into the Board meeting to present the current business model for OA. Wiley representatives presented the publishers view of flipping AOGS to OA. Board members asked Wiley of specific content in the model. Board members informed Wiley of their concerns of the economic consequences of OA and the discontent of the proposed terms for OA regarding the proposed reduction of royalty from the existing contract. Wiley argued that a change to OA is also an economically risk for Wiley. Therefore, the proposed terms for royalty are reduced by Wiley in the OA scenario. Wiley informed the Board that financially AOGS/NFOG can wait with changing to OA. From a purely financially point of view, AOGS will currently do better as a continued hybrid journal. After Wiley representatives left the meeting, the Board continued discussion on flipping AOGS to fully OA. The NFOG officers outlined the two alternatives: Either continue with a hybrid model in the current contract (running until December 31, 2024) or negotiating with Wiley for a new OA contract. If the NFOG Board approves a new OA contract and it is signed by March 2021, there will be a transition period with hybrid journal in 2021, before the full open access starts in 2022.



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## Decision:

*The Board confirmed the decision to change AOGS to open access. The board decided that the NFOG officers and Chief Editor shall contact Wiley to start negotiation for the open access contract. Objective is to have a negotiated contract ready for signing in March 2021. The negotiating team has a mandate to sign the OA contract.*

## 7. **Corona updates in the Nordic Countries**

### Denmark

Annemette W Lykkebo informed. Until august: 148 women with covid19 positive pregnant women in Denmark and 15,5% of these were admitted in hospital, most positive in 2nd semester of the pregnancy. All women are tested for Covid19 at the time of delivery in Denmark. The cesarean section rate among Covid19 positive women has not increased. The number of Covid19 positive persons is increasing in Denmark. There is a high number of positive pregnant women, partly because of the high number of Covid19 testing among pregnant women. Partners were not allowed in the hospital in the early phase of the pandemic. At current time, partners are allowed into the hospitals during consults and deliveries. Other visitors are not allowed into the hospital.

### Sweden

Eva Uustal informed. SFOG referred to an update from the Pregnancy registry (Graviditetsregisteret). Currently, there is an accelerating admittance of Covid19 positive infections in the hospitals. There are large geographical differences in Sweden, highest prevalence is in Stockholm. The number of Covid19 positive among pregnant women decreased during the summer months, but for the last weeks this has increased again. In Sweden, the partners are not allowed into the hospital or delivery departments. Other visitors have not been allowed in the postnatal ward for many years. The working environment in the hospitals experienced this to improve by health care workers. The facial masks are not mandatory in Sweden and the decision on this is regionalized.

### Finland:

Oskari Heikinheimo and Hannele Laivuori informed. The number of pregnant Covid-19 cases needing hospitalization has so far been 12. The partners are allowed into the hospital during consultations and deliveries, masks are mandatory.

### Norway:

Kirsten Hald informed. There is a low but increasing rate of new Covid19 infections. The infection rate is highest in Oslo, increasing rapidly 500-700 new cases each day. The replication number is 1,1. The total number Covid19 infected persons in Norway is 19.563, Dead: 282. Nov 1st: 63 persons are currently hospitalized and 4 patients on ventilators. The incidence is highest among young people (20-29 years). However, there are only few infected pregnant women. According to a report from NOSS: 17 (no complications related to Covid19).

Nov 1st: Some restrictions for travels and restaurants (masks), not more than 5 visitors at home. In Oslo are masks mandatory in shopping centers and during public transport. Masks are not mandatory in hospitals if distance between persons is >1 m. There is no general testing of patients admitted to hospital, only screening for symptoms and Covid19 + contacts before admission to hospitals. Visitor restrictions varies between the hospitals.



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### Iceland:

Alexander Smáráson informed. The Covid19 pandemic is now in the third wave with more than 3000 new cases compared to 2000 in the spring. There is effective screening, chasing and quarantine. Starting 2.11.2020 more restrictions are in place. Meetings larger than 10 people are banned, all non-essential shops and services are closed, 2-meter rule and people older than 5 must wear masks when close to other people. Schools and universities will be open as much as possible. There are travel restrictions with double testing at the borders so new virus types have not spread in the population. We are now dealing with one type which got in just before the latest restrictions at the borders started. The health care system is very busy, so elective surgery has been stopped and non-urgent clinical appointments postponed. In O&G women are not tested in early labor unless there are clinical indications. Partners can stay with women during labor but cannot attend antenatal and ultrasound clinics. Staff must wear masks and everyone coming to outpatient clinics. No pregnant woman has been admitted to hospital because of COVID.

*Decision: The board will invite the NOSS-group to present results of the current Covid19-trial during the next board meeting.*

### 8. **News National societies**

#### Denmark:

Annemette W Lykkebo informed. The DSOG general assembly was arranged virtual in October with an educational part with COVID sessions, over 400 participants. The general impression is that webinar make lectures more available.

The new national clinical recommendations for induction of labor is being developed, to be published during summer 2021. There is a discussion on prenatal screening for Cystic Fibrosis in Denmark. Currently there is a political debate on this matter. The new guidelines from the National health ministry for antenatal care and organization of Birth-help is hopefully soon ready. Currently, Denmark tests an electronically pregnancy journal, which shares information with general practitioner. Hopefully this will be fully integrated in 2022. In addition, a PRO-data (Patient related outcome) is developed as an integrated part of the pregnancy journal.

The education of medical doctors is being revised in Denmark.

Hot topics in Denmark: There is an increasing number of births, lack of midwives & obstetricians. Abortion have been discussed in media, and DSOG has been a part of this discussion.

#### Sweden:

Eva Uustal informed. The SFOG has continued its commitments as usual. The SFOG staff of 2 people has worked from home as much as possible and most board meetings have been by Zoom. The SFOG week was condensed into two days with the board in place in real life, but all delegates and lecturers attended via zoom. Both the SFOG working groups and the Swedish medical society have used recurring web meetings for continuous updates. This has improved communication and set a new landscape for interprofessional exchange.

Since 2017, the Swedish medical authorities have launched a new overall management strategy for medical care with target values. This puts gynecologists from the 6 regions in a central role, (nationellt programområde). There has been confusion of their role vs the role of SFOG in



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creating national guidelines, transparency and communication. SFOG is concerned that economical and practical reasons will be favored over scientific evidence in important medical decisions. Therefore, there is a risk for deprofessionalisation when department officials without medical background acquire mandate to decide and communicate in what direction our specialty should go. SFOG works on several levels to keep the professional voice of SFOG in the lead. The SFOG courses have continued mostly as usual using web-solutions. The SFOG economy has taken a big hit due to the SFOG-week being cancelled. SFOG wish for a decision in the minutes of today's meeting about reimbursing the excess fees to the NFOG that the SFOG been paying for retirees for the last 5 years (2016-2020). This has been discussed in the last two meetings.

### Finland:

Oskari Heikinheimo and Hannele Laivuori informed. The Finnish gyn society arrange the annual meeting virtually Nov 12-13.

In Finland, the Citizens' initiative (>50.000 votes of support needed) to change the abortion law has been passed to the Parliament. Previously the law has been restrictive but practiced liberally. According to the current abortion law, most women need an approval from two doctors and only hospitals can provide abortion care. The proposed new law suggests that it is the women who decide on the abortion, only one doctor is needed, and also other health care facilities can provide abortion care. The main aims are to respect women's autonomy and to simplify abortion care.

The specialist training, a common training plan for all 5 universities has been implemented. This included a new competence-based system for training.

### Norway:

Kirsten Hald informed. The NGF annual meeting was replaced by a webinar including the general assembly by Zoom, Oct 22.

There have been massive changes in the Norwegian law for biotechnology. The health authorities are working with NGF representatives to implement the changes in a guideline for 1. trimester ultrasound fetal screening, NIPT and egg-donation. A new guideline implementing the changes is expected to be published soon.

Post-term pregnancies: The Norwegian directorate of health is working with new guidelines for obstetric care "Et trygt fødetilbud". Induction for post-term pregnancies is included in these guidelines. Representatives from the health authorities claim that the NGF guidelines for induction of post-term pregnancies are unsafe and want to induce all pregnancies at week 41+0. NGF published recently new obstetrical guidelines that recommend ultrasound at week 41+0, induction if small for date (<5 percentile), oligohydramnion or age>38. Other normal pregnancies are controlled every 2-3. day and induced at the latest between 42+0 and 42+2 if possible due to hospital capacity.

NGF informed of a conflict with EBCOG and the local congress organizers regarding the cancelled congress in Bergen. As a reaction to EBCOG not fulfilling their contract of payment to the congress planning bureau (CIC) following the cancellation of EBCOG congress in Bergen NGF has not paid our annual fee to EBCOG. An agreement between EBCOG and CIC was reached at a meeting on June 10th. According to this agreement, EBCOG was due to pay CIC 108.057 Euro within 14 days, leaving CIC to fulfill its responsibilities to the participants and the industrial sponsors. As of today, the payment is still lacking, leaving CIC in a very difficult situation, worsened by the Covid19 pandemic. EBCOG has claimed that the payment needed approval from





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its mother organization, the UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists). The UEMS has in turn disputed the agreement made by EBCOG and CIC in June.

### Iceland:

Iceland - FÍFK, Alexander Smárason informed: The Covid19 pandemic is now in the third wave the AGM has been postponed again. We are now planning the annual general meeting on Zoom. In 2018 some abnormal cervical smears were misdiagnosed at the cytology lab at the Icelandic Cancer Society. A number of women have been recalled for test. Before this happened, it had been decided that at the end of this year that the cervical cancer screening will be moved from the Cancer Society to the primary care and the breast cancer screening will be moved to the National Hospital.

### 9. **Scientific Committee (SC) and NFOG Fund**

Antti Perheentupa (AP) informed that the NFOG Fund granted DKK 700.000 to the applicants in 2018 and 2019. Earlier, AP has asked the NFOG officers for correct calculations for available donations from NFOG Fund before the October 2020 applications were handled. According to the bylaws of the NFOG Fund (Special Enactment I to the articles of NFOG): "Each year an amount not exceeding the annual interests of the trust fund plus the average transferal from NFOG in the four preceding years can be donated." Consequently, the available donations from NFOG Fund donations in 2020 is calculated to be DKK 373.494, -. In March 2020, the applicants were granted DKK 243.705, -. Thus, the remaining available funds for October 2020 is DKK 129.789, -. AP presented the SC proposal for NFOG Fund with application date October 2020 for donations of DKK 111.875, -. d

AP briefly informed of internal discussions in the SC regarding the bylaws of NFOG Fund regarding for what purposes NFOG Fund grants can be given for. The SC will look into this matter in the upcoming year and propose possible changes in the bylaws.

In addition, AP informed of the several changes of committee members in 2021 including AP (Chair) will leave the committee. After the changes, the remaining members of SC will be relatively new in the committee. AP is concerned with the lack of continuity in the SC. He believes this mainly is caused by the structure of nominating members from the national societies. Especially, the SC members from DSOG, SFOG and NGF changes quite rapidly. There are a lot of unwritten rules and follow up of previous donations within the SC. The "memory" and knowledge of the SC might get lost with changes within the committee. The board suggested that the experienced members of SC should write down the "unwritten rules of SC" before leaving the committee.

*Decision: NFOG Board approved the SC proposal for NFOG Fund with application date October 2020. The SC will make a document of unwritten rules of the SC before GA next year.*



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## 10. Educational Committee (EC)

Mervi Väisänen-Tommiska (MVT) informed. Because of covid-19 pandemics, the EC has had only email and Zoom-meetings. MTV participated in the virtual AMEE (association of Medical Education in Europe) meeting with 3000 participants in September. The virtual congress had major technical problems; the platform was not functioning as it should. The experience was disappointment compared live AMEE congresses, although lectures were excellent.

A survey of the effect of covid19 to CME and medical education has been conducted. It is estimated that 20% of doctors in Sweden in specialists training will be delayed due to lack of courses and training. Medical students are also affected and a numerous of research projects have been paused because of the pandemic.

In 2021 the EC has not scheduled live meetings, but if the pandemic situation changes, the EC hopes to meet in Copenhagen for harmonizing subspecialty education in Nordic countries.

## 11. NFYOG

Hanna Lilja Oddgeirsdottir informed. NFYOG has been working on two separate session for the congress in Reykjavik 2021, but this work has been paused until further updates on the corona situation and the probable congress cancellation.

As discussed on the last NFOG Board meeting, NFYOG is developing a co-Nordic questionnaire with a pool of joint questions concerning the specialist training in each country. The aim of the joint survey is to Improve clinical training across the Nordic countries, bit of a quality check-up; by comparing different aspects of the clinical training across the Nordic countries and hopefully find a way to support each other on areas lacking strength. NFYOG is interested in checking if there is a possibility for exchange programs and joint courses across the Nordic countries, evt virtual online courses, comparable to what EC is planning for subspecialties in near future. NFYOG has support on this matter from Denmark, Finland and Sweden. In Iceland, this will be discussed in the next postponed national meeting. NFYOG is still waiting on response from Norway. NFYOG hopes to have the preliminary results in 2021 and the final results to presented at the NFOG congress in 2023. Next NFYOG meeting via Zoom later this month.

## 12. NFOG webmaster/webpage

Lars Ladfors informed. The website working all good, but the board members are receiving fishing mails. The board discussed to withdraw the e-mails on the webpage.

Decision: Webmaster will modify the mail addresses on the webpage to reduce fishing mails.

## 13. FIGO

Bjarne Rønne Kristensen (BRK) informed of the application process for FIGO congress in Denmark in 2027. FIGO has informed that the applicants will get more information of the process in January 2021. FIGO will make the final decision for FIGO 2027 in September 2021.

In addition, BRK informed that all national societies have received an invitation to facilitate a FIGO Council Meeting for 4 days spring 2021. Therefore, NFOG is exploring the option to host the FIGO Council Meeting in Copenhagen. This is an opportunity to promote the candidacy for FIGO congress application in Copenhagen 2027. RBK has already checked out locations for such council meeting in Copenhagen. BRK will correspond with FIGO to get more information of the expectations for such meeting. The board discussed the FIGO 2027 application and promotion





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strategies including facilitating the FIGO Council Meeting. The costs for promoting the application and hosting the council meeting must be kept within the budget of Board initiative of DKK 100.000, -.

*Decision: The Board decided to use the Board Initiative/reserve up to DKK 100.000, - in 2021 to promote the application for FIGO 2027 in Copenhagen including potential expenses for facilitating a FIGO council meeting in Copenhagen in June 2021. Bjarne Rønne Kristensen is coordinating the possible FIGO council meeting in Copenhagen.*

### 14. EBCOG

NFOG is not member of EBCOG, but the national societies of NFOG are members. The board facilitated a discussion among the Nordic societies regarding EBCOG.

Lars Ladfors informed of the EBCOG organization and the council members from the Nordic countries. In total, EBCOG has 31 membership countries and 3 observing countries. The national societies discussed strategies for EBCOG membership in the Nordic countries. NGF (Norway) has not paid membership fee to EBCOG in 2020, due to an economical conflict between EBCOG and the PCO organizing the cancelled EBCOG congress in Bergen in 2020. The other Nordic societies are considering the same approach as NGF.

*The national societies of NFOG decided to form a Nordic task force to discuss EBCOG matters.*

### 15. Guideline committee (GC)

Niels Ulbjerg (NU) informed of the GC work. He is stepping down as Chair for GE in 2021. The GC was established 4-5 years ago. The initial mandate of the GC was to translate the national guidelines in the Nordic countries into English. In addition, the GC was asked to develop consensus Nordic guidelines. The committee has completed the task to translate the national guidelines and recommendations from the Nordic countries. In addition, the NFOG guideline on Progesterone for prevention of preterm birth was published in 2019. There are 2000 annual clicks on the NFOG guideline webpage, annually. Previously, NU has suggested to redefine the mandate and structure of GC. He wants to establish a rapidly acting committee to produce recommendations on demand when needed. Last year the board decided that the national societies of NFOG should nominate new members to the GC. Furthermore, the role of this committee should be discussed in a future board meeting. Consequently, the GC has not been active in 2020 awaiting the Board discussion.

The Board discussed the future and the role of GC. The Board agreed on the importance in continue translating new national guidelines from the Nordic countries into English. The structure of this work was discussed. The Board considered to coordinate the GC work with the members of the SC or the webmaster. The main controversy within the board is if NFOG shall continue to develop consensus Nordic guidelines. National societies are also active in developing national guidelines. Therefore, NGF and SFOG think there is no need to develop consensus NFOG Guidelines. DSOG, FIFI and SGY wanted to continue and reorganize the GC. Norway is prepared to close the GC down. SGY informed of the problem in recruiting a new member to the



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committee in Finland. The Norwegian representative has accepted to continue in the committee if NFOG decides to maintain the committee.

*Decision: The board will continue the discussion for the future strategy, mandate and organization of the GC during the next Board meeting. Niels Ulbjerg will coordinate this process and contact the current members. No new members of the GC were appointed. No other GC activities are planned in 2021.*

### 16. Textbook

Niels Ulbjerg (NU) informed of the NFOG textbook for Medical students. Most chapters are ready, around 50% are already published online and the complete book is finished in February 2021. NU demonstrated chapters of the textbook.

The expenses for the textbook are kept within the budget; nearly 1 mill DKK in start-up and 100.000 DKK annually for continual updates. NFOG will evaluate the textbook project after 5 years. There have been 3000 clicks for the NFOG electronical textbook the last 2 months.

The textbook group is currently working on chapter layout, dictionary, cases and questions for each chapter, user evaluation, improved links to the book and advertising.

### 17. Planning for NFOG General Assembly June 2021

NFOG discussed the logistic and the setting of the general assembly (GA) in 2021. The board discussed different scenarios but agreed to arrange the GA as a digital meeting. NFOG has already a Zoom account with a capacity of 100 participants, which can be used to arrange the GA. The NFOG secretary general will prepare the agenda and invitation to the GA in 2021.

The Board discussed the possibility of combining the GA or NFOG Board spring meeting with the possible FIGO council meeting in Copenhagen. The dates for the NFOG Board (April 26-27) and GA (June 16) are fixed. Bjarne Rønne Kristensen (BRK) will inform FIGO about the dates, to see if a combined arrangement is feasible. In addition, BRK will explore possible venues for the combined meeting in Copenhagen on these specific dates.

The board discussed and agreed to arrange a webinar in combination with the GA. The suggestion is that already prepared topics/program (Covid and Women's health) from the cancelled Reykjavik congress could be used for the webinar. The board decided to contact a professional congress organizer (PCO) for technical reasons to facilitate the webinar. The board realizes that a webinar with a professional technical solution will lead to expenses. The board appointed Ragnheiður L. Bjarnadóttir to organize the webinar. She will contact the PCO to get an economical offer for the technical support.

The NFOG Secretary General will step down at the GA in 2021. Therefore, the national societies need to suggest candidates for the NFOG Secretary General position.

*Decision: The Board decided to arrange the general assembly Wednesday June 16th 2021.*



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*Decision: The Board decided to arrange a 2-hour webinar June 16th 2021. Ragnheiður L. Bjarnadóttir will organize the webinar and contact a PCO to facilitate this. The economical offer for the PCO facilitated webinar will be presented to the Board.*

### 18. Economy and planning of Budget NFOG 2022-23

The Treasurer Kristina Renault (KR) informed of the process for the accounts 2019-2020 and the budget 2022-23. All committees need to send budget suggestions for committee activities for 2022-23 early in 2021. The proposed Budget and accounts will be presented at the Board meeting in April 2021.

KR informed the of the strict practicing of rules by Danske Bank for the NFOG bank account: All **new Board members** must send the complete name, home address and copies of two different ID`s to the Treasurer.

KR informed of the work of our accountant Ildal. KR finds the membership service from the accountant to be improved in 2020. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, there have been less reimbursements and a lower workload for the accountant this year. The NFOG Officers are planning a follow up meeting with Ildal to evaluate and improve membership service.

### 19. Date & place for next NFOG Board meeting

*Decision: The next NFOG Board meeting will be held April 26-27, 2021. This is planned as a zoom meeting. In addition, the Board must be prepared for additional meetings spring 2021, regarding the AOGS contract and NFOG Fund decision.*

### 20. Other business - no other business

21. **Closing** Oskari Heikinheimo thanked the participants and closed the Board meeting Nov 3 at 13:30 (Swe-time)