

General Assembly of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine

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Minutes

1. Opening of the General Assembly.

SSAI chairman Sigridur Kalman opened the meeting at 16.30 and greeted the participants welcome.

2. Election of the chairman for the meeting.

SSAI President Sigridur Kalman was elected chairman for the meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda.

Election of the Editor-in-chief of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica had been omitted from the meeting agenda and was added to item 12 along with the other elections.

4. Report from the President and the Board.

Sigga Kalman gave an overview of the aims of the SSAI. SSAI is a society that provides possibilities. For individuals to develop – in the SSAI work, in the Committees, in the educational programs, in the Acta editorial board, in Congress preparation and organization as well as in presentation of own scientific work. SSAI thus provides possibilities for issues to develop and expand and for groups to develop by networking. As the work of the SSAI is visible through the congresses, the Acta, the Committees, educational programs, clinical guidelines, and research grants we will through later presentations get an update on what has been done since the last general assembly and what is planned for the future.

The structure of and support provided by the SSAI Board is to find interested members from the National Societies for the different work tasks and committees, support strategic discussions by promoting a creative and innovative discussion on the Board and between the National Societies. It is also mandatory with transparency when it comes to economic and what's expected in the different functions of the Board.

5. Report from the Committees

a. Committee chair Leila Niemi-Murola presented the report from the Educational committee. The SSAI currently runs seven advanced educational programs. The

committee chairs and the EdCom have an annual meeting to promote coordination and facilitate the programs. The EdCom has its annual face-to-face meeting in December, the remaining meetings have been via Skype and e-mail. Leila Niemi-Murola is stepping down as chairman and is succeeded by Annukka Ylönen from Tampere, Finland. Further activities of the EdCom, please refer to attachment.

- b. Committee chair Jon Henrik Laake presented the report from the Clinical practice committee. The committee has continued the valuable work with issuing clinical practice guidelines which are published in the Journal. Several updates and new guidelines are planned. Further activities of the Clinical practice committee, please refer to attachment.
- c. Committee chair Lars Rasmussen presented the report from the Research committee. He informed about the status of the SSAI research grants and on plans how to develop the system and on future activities. Further activities of the Research committee, please refer to attachment.
- d. Editor-in-chief Lars Rasmussen gave an update on the status of the journal *Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica*. Most subscribers have electronic access and paper subscriptions are increasingly infrequent. The impact factor has steadily increased and was 2.31 in 2013 (1.86 in 2006). The financial situation is stable. For further details, please refer to attachment.

6. Report from the Acta Foundation

Ivar Gothgen presented the role and impact of the Acta Foundation. Since its establishment, the Foundation has supported the SSAI in ACTA related activities (e.g., congresses, research) with approx. DKK 15 million. Finances are stable.

7. Report from the SSAI 2015 congress president

Alma Möller informed the meeting about the congress arrangements. There are more than 600 participants from 38 countries. A third of the sessions relate to the theme of the congress, Matters of the heart. The 170 accepted abstracts are published on-line on the Journal's website. More information in the attachment.

8. Revision of the SSAI articles

Tom Silfvast presented for first discussion a proposition for revision of the Society's articles, which have been prepared by the Board. Besides minor stylistic changes and updates, the major change is to include the Committee chairs, the director of the Acta Foundation and the webmaster as ex-officio members of the Board. Please refer to the attachment for full description of the proposed new articles.

The proposition did not raise questions and the item as such will be presented to the General assembly in Malmö in 2017 for second and final approval.

9. Financial report of the SSAI

Tom Silfvast presented the financial report. The SSAI finances are annually audited and the reports are presented to the General assembly at the biannual meeting. Per 31.12 2014, the fixed assets of the Society totaled DKK 6 million, and there was a further DKK 2.2

million on the cash account. The financial status is good, and the review and the auditing report did not have any remarks. The Board offered to the General assembly to approve the financial report, which the General assembly did.

10. Relief of responsibility for the Board

The General assembly granted the Board relief of responsibility.

11. Decision of membership fee based on the recommendation from the Board

The Board proposed to the General assembly to keep the membership fee of the SSAI unchanged at DKK 100,-. The proposition was accepted.

12. Election of President, Secretary general, Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica and Auditor

Lars Rasmussen chaired item 12. According to the articles, the General assembly elects the President, Secretary general and Treasurer for a period of four years, with an option for re-election for two additional years. The Editor-in-Chief is elected for a period of six years and can be re-elected for periods of two years, while the Auditor is elected biannually.

The General assembly decided to

- re-elect Sigridur Kalman as SSAI President for a period of two years.
- elect Tom Silfvast as General secretary for a period of four years
- elect Per Nellgård as Treasurer for a period of four years
- elect Michael Haney as Editor-in-Chief
- elect Deloitte as Auditor

13. The SSAI home-page on internet

Webmaster Sören Pischke presented the new look and functionalities of the SSAI webpage. He also informed about the process of creating a new logo for and visual look of the Society and on plans how to make the Society more visible especially using social media. Please refer to attachment for details.

14. Future plan for the 34th SSAI Congress in Malmö/Lund

Congress President Mikael Bodelsson informed the General assembly about the next congress, which has been decided to be arranged in Malmö in 2017. Preparations are well under way. The Board will have its summer meeting in Malmö in 2016 and see the congress facilities.

15. Other business.

None were presented.

16. Closing of the General assembly.

Chairman Sigridur Kalman closed the General assembly at 17.40.