

SSAI Extraordinary General Assembly

Via Zoom, 16 June 2021 at 16:15 hrs

The articles of the SSAI state that “The General Assembly is held biennially in connection with the congress and has the final authority of The Society”. Because of the Covid-19-pandemic the congress of the year 2021 has been postponed until 2022. Therefore, SSAI cannot have an ordinary General Assembly in 2021 but an Extraordinary General Assembly will be arranged to agree on issues which cannot be postponed by one year.

MINUTES

1. Election of the chairperson of the meeting

Klaus Olkkola opened the meeting and gave the background for this Extraordinary General Assembly, that was decided by the Board in September 2020, conveying apologies for the late announcement of the Agenda (June 3.).

Lars Rasmussen was elected chair of the meeting.

2. Election of tellers

NA

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Report by the Board on matters and activities since the last general assembly and on plans for coping with the Covid-19-pandemic; Report from the SSAI president

from Klaus Olkkola

- Major part of SSAI activities are done by the committees and in our journal Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica
- The separate reports will be given by Editor-in-Chief, the heads of the committees and the Director of Acta Foundation
- Since the last general assembly SSAI has implemented the following initiatives
 - Establishment of Nordic Young Anaesthesiologists’ Committee
 - Agreement between SSAI and Danish Medical Association regarding administrative assistance for educational courses
 - Registration of SSAI as a non-profit organisation in Denmark
 - A major part of the SSAI-activities have been needed to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic:
 - SSAI Board decided on 7. March 2020 to cancel all the activities of the SSAI requiring travelling abroad
 - SSAI Congress postponed for one year
 - Extension of running AEP’s with one year
 - Postponing start-up of new AEPs

5. Report by the ACTA Editor-in-Chief

from Michael Haney

The health of the journal is good. The submissions are high, content production and publications are high. The editorial board is adequately manned, and there is expected planned turnover of editorial members. The 2020 editorial costs were low because of the pandemic and are low during 2021 so

far. The economic health of the journal is good.

6. Report by the Educational Committee

from Cecilia Escher

- EdCom is working together with the Advanced Educational Programs (AEPs) to by the end of 2021 finalize a common guideline for the AEPs securing transparency regarding selection of participants and economy.
- Due to Covid-19, all running programs have been prolonged by one year, and start-up of new ones postponed.
- All AEPs can now have secretarial support from the Danish Medical Association.
- Work in progress on establishing a common web-platform for the AEPs.

7. Report by the Clinical Practice Committee

Morten Hylander Møller

- Two guidelines are in preparation: one on atrial fibrillation and one on prehospital management.
- Two endorsements have been completed, including the Surviving Sepsis Paediatric Guideline.
- Nordic Quality Registry work also progressing.
- Magic App – a few initiatives are planned.

8. Report by the Research Committee

from Michael Haney

The research committee activity during the last year has been to generate a proposal for the SSAI clinical post-doc program for 2021, which has been submitted to the SSAI Board. The announcement is out. The RC is planning a research methods course during fall 2021, if the resolution of the pandemic allows.

9. Report by the ACTA Foundation

from Sören Pischke

- 2020 profit just under 1mill DKK.
- Print subscription for Acta now ended.
- DKK 1,2 mill needs to be used for grants by the end of this year.

• Relief of the responsibility of the Board for the reviewed financial years & submission of a budget for the next two years will not be on the agenda

• Decision on membership fee will not be on the agenda

10. Election of members of The Board

- Proposition to extend the period of the elected members (president Klaus Olkkola and treasurer Per Nellgård) by one year due to force majeure caused by Covid-19-pandemic
- Resuming normal timing of General Assemblies and election of members to the board in 2022 during the Oslo Congress

Decision: the General Assembly (GA) agrees unanimously with the proposition to extend the period for elected Board members by one year, and to resume normal timing of GAs and election periods during Oslo congress in 2022.

11. Any other business

No other business.

12. Closing of the Extraordinary General Assembly

Chair Lars Rasmussen closed the General Assembly at 16:35.

The meeting had 12 attendees.

*Minutes by
Gunnar Bentsen
Secretary General*