Minutes

SSAI Board meeting
9th June 2026, Reykjavik Hotel Marina

Present

Kári Hreinsson	(President SSAI; ISL),
Gunnar Bentsen	(Secretary General SSAI; NOR),
Michael Haney	(EiC, chair RC; SWE),
Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen	(Treasurer SSAI; DEN),
Christian Wamberg	(Dir Acta Foundation; DEN),
Rune Sort	(president DASAIM; DEN),
Anders Kehlet Nørskov	(representative DASAIM, DEN),
Katrin Thormar	(president Icelandic society; ISL)
Svein Arne Monsen	(president NAF; NOR),
Kristian Strand	(representative NAF; NOR),
Timo Kaakinen	(president SAY; FIN),
Johanna Hästbacka	(representative, vice-president SAY; FIN)
Karin Löwhagen	(president SFAI; SWE)
Amanda Irgum Liljeström	(representative SFAI; SWE),
Ebbe Hvidberg Bessmann	(chair EdCom; DEN),
Maija-Liisa Kalliomaki	(chair CPC; FIN),
Lauri Husa	(chair NYA;FIN),
Martin Ingi Sigurdsson	(congress president SSAI2026; ISL)
Mads Astvad	(webmaster; DEN)

Excused:

Gunnar Thorarensen	(representative Icelandic society, ISL)

<u>Tuesday 9th, 15:00</u>

1. **Opening of the meeting**
   Kári opened the meeting and greeted the participants welcome.
   The members presented themselves.

2. **Approval of the minutes from the Board meeting in January 2026**
   The minutes were approved.

3. **Approval of the meeting agenda.**
   The agenda was approved.

4. **Upcoming meetings**
   Board winter meeting, 28-29 January 2027, Copenhagen Denmark; National Presidents meeting, Officers' meeting and Acta Foundation Board on 27 January 2027

Board summer meeting, August-September 2027, Gothenburg

5. **Preparations for the General assembly**

Amendment of SSAI articles
The suggested changes were presented:
- removal of proxy votes
- new Communication Officer
- new Congress Committee

Election of president, secretary general, and treasurer
- Treasurer S Pedersen is stepping down, Gunnar Bentsen is nominated
- Secretary General: Anne Brynolf is nominated.
- President K Hreinsson not up for election

6. **Updates from the SSAI committees**

Clinical practice committee – Maija-Liisa
(Presentation uploaded to Basecamp)

- Guideline collaboration continued with Canadian and Saudi Critical Care Society.
- Decided on developing a framework for endorsing study protocols.
- New guidelines will be chosen for endorsement
- MagicApp support will be ended
- Idea for new guideline on perioperative complications was presented

7. **Educational committee** - Ebbe
(Presentation uploaded to Basecamp)

Current work in EdCom
- CPD work well on the way. Projects will be presented at the congress. Plan to appoint CPD responsible doctors in departments and create network for these doctors. EdCom suggests establishing a permanent SSAI CPD Group
- Continues full focus on the AEPs, which are thriving.

Financial issues
POMM has budget problems. In worst case they could face a negative balance of DKK 500.000 on this program. Course fee will increase by DKK 5.000 for second half of program, and they will increase the fee from TDKK 75 to 85 for next round.

Estonian participants
AEP chairs are all positive to have Estonian participants but not changing the steering committees.

8. **Research committee** – Michael
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

- Morten and Michael are still running the Research Methods courses. Difficult to find new people to take over. Implementation studies is a new course topic. This was perceived as a success even though the course was not fully filled.
- Planned systematic review course in November.
- The fourth post doc grant has gone out to Iben Strøm Darfelt.

Third recipient, Bjurström, will present at the congress.

CRIC is sponsored with DKK 100.000. Application also received from a perioperative group, see Any other business.

9. **Update from the Journal** – Michael
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

Situation is stable. Steady increase in submissions (bad manuscripts going around?)
Publishing targets are met. Much content from Nordic groups.
Around 18 active editors. Will try to recruit 3 more.

10. **Report from the treasurer** – Steffen
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

The books for 2024-25 are audited. The figures were presented (see presentation)
More financial income in 2025 (MDKK 1,4) than in 2024.
Assets at the end of 2025: approx. MDKK 17,5 including the AEPs funds (investments 14,4).

When it comes to the auditing, all income and expenses are no longer mixed in one bag, making the overview better. This will probably improve further.

The budget for 2026 was presented with a deficit of approx. TDKK 600, and for 2027 TDKK 550 (before investments input).

Membership fee is suggested to be increased to DKK 300 in 2027 and DKK 325 in 2028 per specialist members. This will be put forward at the GA.

11. **Report from the Webmaster** – Mads

The running and maintenance of the web site is fine. The visiting numbers were presented. They are fairly stable.
The Board decided to delete X.

12. **Final pre-congress status report of the SSAI Congress in Reykjavik** – Martin
No major problems!
40 sessions + 2 sponsored sessions. 12 workshops (+ 1 sponsored). Pre congress TAASK course. 18 free-paper sessions.
4 AEPs have courses in Iceland pre congress (Pediatric, ICU, Cardiothorasic, Obstetric). Has been a fantastic collaboration with the AEPs.
158 abstracts have been accepted.
920 participants from 50 countries.
The result with exhibitors/sponsors has been very successful.

Budget now with a positive balance of TDKK 320.

Next congress: **Gothenburg September 12.-14. 2028** – ONE TEAM
SSAI & NOKIAS Congress
Venue: Svenske messan
Congress President: Karin Löwhagen

Congress 2030: Copenhagen

13. <u>Nordic Young Anaesthesiologists</u> – Lauri

Unchanged committee now, but changes coming. Kathrine Berggrav will take over as chair.
6 grants both in 2026 and 27.
NYA session in the congress – Imposter syndrome

14. Any other business – Kári

Scandinavian perioperative research network as applied for grant of DKK 75.000 – for administration to get the network up and running. This is planned as a Nordic network from the start. Many of the same people behind this as started CEPRA, which will remain more a Danish network.
The Board decided to approve this grant.

Estonian Society's application for membership in SSAI.
The Board decided to offer the Estonian society associate membership. Estonian colleagues will then be welcome to apply for participation in the AEPs, but without right to claim positions in the steering committees.

15. Closing of meeting – Kári

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00.
Minutes by Gunnar