

Minutes

SSAI Board meeting The Hub, Oslo 7. June 2022

Present

Klaus Olkkola	(President SSAI; FIN),
Gunnar Bentsen	(Secretary General SSAI; NOR),
Michael Haney	(EIC, chair RC; SWE),
Sören Pischke	(Dir Acta Foundation; NOR),
Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen	(chair NYA; DEN)
Jon Henrik Laake	(president NAF; NOR),
Per Nellgård	(Treasurer SSAI; SWE),
Lone Fuhrmann	(representative DASAIM, DEN),
Kristian Strand	(representative NAF; NOR)
Katrin Thormar	(president Icelandic society; ISL)
Cecilia Escher	(chair EdCom; SWE),
Mads Astvad	(webmaster; DEN)

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Present at part of the meeting

Tor Inge Tønnesen	(congress president SSAI2022; NOR),
Janne Liisanantti	(future congress president SSAI 2024; FIN)

Excused:

Christian Wamberg	(president DASAIM; DEN),
Matti Reinikainen	(president SAY; FIN),
Teijo Saari	(representative, vice-president SAY; FIN)
Claes Frostell	(representative SFAI; SWE)
Maja Ewert	(president SFAI; SWE)
Gunnar Thorarensen	(representative Icelandic society, ISL)
Morten Hylander Møller	(chair CPC; DEN)

Tuesday 7th, CET 09:00

1. Opening of the meeting

Klaus opened the meeting and greeted the participants welcome.
The members presented themselves.

2. Approval of the minutes from the Board meeting in January 2022

The minutes was approved.

3. Approval of the meeting agenda.

The agenda was approved.

4. Upcoming meetings

Winter Board meeting 3.-4. February 2023: Copenhagen, Denmark
Officers meeting and Acta Foundation Board February 2. 2023.

Board spring/summer meeting 15.-16. June 2023: Oulu, Finland
Officers meeting and Acta Foundation Board 14. June 2023.

5. Preparations for the General Assembly - Klaus

Amendment of SSAI articles (none suggested)

Election of president, general secretary, and treasurer. Proposing [re-election of Klaus Olkkola as president and extension by one year the term of general secretary](#) due to the Covid situation with reallocation of the GA. Steffen Kløve Albæk Pedersen has agreed to run for treasurer.

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6. Updates from the SSAI committees

Clinical practice committee – Morten (written communication)
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

SSAI guidelines, 2 in progress.

There have been several guideline endorsements, 2 in 2021 and 3 so far this year.

The MAGICapp initiative is ongoing, a workshop being held during the Congress.

Nordic Quality Registry – a publication is in preparation
CPC update meeting planned for the Congress.

The Board discussed the challenge we have in promoting the knowledge about, and the use of, SSAI guidelines and MAGICapp. This is a part of the greater picture where we want and need to increase SSAI visibility and relevance within our community. The AEPs is one very good channel to disseminate knowledge about SSAI.

Making SSAI more visible and relevant, is suggested as a mission for the next two-year period (developing a PR strategy). Steffen volunteered to engage in this.

Educational committee - Cecilia
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

Lacking [Ice](#)landic member.

Most programs has been hampered by Covid, but all programs are up and running, planning new programs. The interest for the programs seems to be increasing.

EdCom now meet 4 times a year utilizing online meetings.

Platform for economic handling for AEPs - Gunnar

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SVPortal (SFAI) presented
Platform for communication for AEPs – Gunnar
Basecamp 3 presented

The use of SVPortal and Basecamp 3 will be piloted by PoMM and Ped program during the next 2-year period.

7. Updates from the SSAI committees (continued)

Nordic Young Anaesthesiologists – Steffen
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

3-year anniversary. All positions filled. Steffen is stepping down as chair at next meeting (a new chair is appointed for 3 years).
One physical and 3-4 online meetings/year.
NYA has been present at several national meetings.
Communication – Instagram the best platform as of now for NYA
The NYA session at the Congress was presented – Ethical dilemmas.

NYA Exchange Program (6 grants of DKK 10.000 from SSAI)
Start-up as soon as 3 hospitals are secured (this fall)
Observation, 1-2 weeks at a foreign hospital.
Selection criteria: heavy focus on engagement outside regular job, but not so much focus on publications. Specialists are disqualified.
Chosen candidates are expected to deliver a short report/story to be used for publicity.

Research committee – Michael
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

New Norwegian representative needed
Course in Systematic reviews and meta-analyses planned for Nov 2022
RC offer to give courses on a national level.
2 Post-doc scholarships launched (2 MDKK total). Very positive feedback.

The Board decided: to support RC offering Research methodology courses on a national level thru the national organisations. The Board is positive to fund the courses and will address this at our next meeting if there are concrete plans.

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

Wiley focused on Asia. More and more submissions from China (poor quality)
Open access / hybrids debate ongoing
Readership is going up
Impact factor right above 2. Many publications. Few editorials.
Main bulk of publications are Nordic.

The challenge concerning peer-review was discussed. Peer-review could be a relevant theme for a RC course.

9. Update from the Acta Foundation – Søren
(presentation uploaded on Basecamp)

Revenue down a bit from “high year” 2020
2021 Profit DKK 1.6 mill.
Investments strategy 60% Bonds, 40% shares.
The economic status is good.
Funds allocated for grants from 2021 is 1,5 MDKK

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

Per gave an overview over the organization.

2021 total increase in assets: 1,35 MDKK
2022 not looking so good, down 15% so far.
Capital approx. 15 MDKK.
Membership fee DKK 275 + 16 GBP for Acta

The Board decided:

- The aim for size of capital, will as before be funds to cover the loss of one congress and operational costs for two years. The treasurer is asked to recalculate what that is today.

- The Board proposes to the GA that the membership fee is kept unchanged

The Board is extremely grateful to Per for his 7-years engagement as treasurer.

His efforts were commemorated.

Financial discrepancies related to POMM educational program – Klaus

Over the last year the PoMM program has done an excellent job creating economic transparency and control. PoMM is now piloting the SVPortal.

The Board decided: the money lost is found unretrievable and will be written off.

11. Webmaster and ScanFOAM – Mads

Mads has upgraded and refurbished the website
ScanFOAM – on goal is to make relevant congresses visible
1300 subscribers on YouTube

Discussion:

Should we in the future bring conference site under main domain?
 Mads will look into this.

Should we integrate the communication platform for the AEPs under the main domain?

This goal is not abandoned. Would be the ideal solution. But it comes with a big cost (money, time), and some uncertainty when it comes to long run maintenance and development. Mads will during fall explore together with a software supplier.

For now, we pilot Basecamp 3 for this function.

Should we contact professionals to take care of day-to-day running of the website?

MKON was suggested. Mads and Cecilia will look into this

Should scanFOAM be made in to a SSAI engagement?

Mads will prepare some thoughts on this for the next meeting.

12. Updates from the National Societies

Sweden – Claes

No report during meeting.

Text added after adjourned meeting by Claes Frostell:
“My delay in adding this short report to the SSAI Board meeting on June 7, Oslo, is here regretted. In short the situation in Sweden remains very influenced by the dramatic events for us during the pandemic. As only few patients need ICU care for Covid-19 since March 2022, attempts are made to reduce the number of patients who had their elective surgery postponed 2020- 2022. As our specialty has lost nurses and also specialists, we are not yet back to 100% surgical capacity despite efforts. Lack of ICU-beds, challenges in terms of work environment, resident- and postgraduate education remain important areas for us to focus on.”

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Norway – Jon Henrik

Last national meeting was a physical meeting hosted in Tromsø in Oct. Very well attended.

Pandemic – many consultations from the authorities (too much).

Intensive care capacity and defining intensive care beds are hot topics.

A new “Standard of anesthesia in Norway” is under way.

Formalizing ICM as a specialty (Annex V initiative) is discussed. NAF asks for engagement from SSAI. Suggest SSAI form a committee to engage in this.

Denmark – Lone

Annual meeting in Nov. Physical presence. Very good.
Huge shortage of nursing staff

Finland – Matti (written communication)

Unprecedented shortage of nurses
Since 2017 high-risk surgery has been centralized.
From 2019 registry-based research had become more difficult, more
bureaucratic, slow and expensive.

Iceland - Katrin

Post-Covid high workload – cutting waiting lists
No time for research and quality work
GA April 1. – with physical presence, a success

13. Final pre-congress status report of the SSAI Congress in Oslo
– Tor Inge

126 abstracts received (6 rejected)
88 invited speakers – 13 countries represented
2 plenary sessions, 6 parallel sessions (50 all together), 6 workshops
Quite a few abstracts retracted because the presenter is not allowed to
travel
The program was presented.

Attracting sponsors has been difficult.
Difficulties in distributing invitations to possible participants
712 participants (NOR 328, DEN 95 FIN 69 SWE 97)
Only obstetric and cardio-thoracic AEPs with good representation

Budget
Income 4.75 MNOK
Cost 4.85 MNOK
Result: -0.1 MNOK

Suggestions for the future:
- make congress mandatory for AEP candidates
- long term contract with congress bureau to help with continuity?

14. SSAI congress in Oulu in 2024 – Janne

Venue changed because of planned renovations to the hotel that was
planned, the new venue is the Music centre.

Dates 17.-19. June 2024



15. Any other business – Klaus

None

Closing of meeting – Klaus

The meeting was adjourned at 17:30

Minutes by Gunnar