

Minutes SiN board meeting 18. May 2011

| Time: | 15:00 - 18:00 |
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| Place: | University of Agder |
| Present: | Sverre Lundemo (DION), Ann-Kristin Molde (STIP-HF, UiB), Jon Kerr Nilsen |
| | (UiODoc), John-Wilhelm Vinje (PhD-UiA), Ricardo Rosado (DIOV), Ralph Kube |
| | (TODOS), Miguel Luzuriaga (UiSDC), Lars Kåre Grimsby (FODOS) |

Agenda

- ▲ *Annual report* Sverre started by welcoming, then went on to present the annual report with the main activities of the 2010/2011 board. There were no questions on the annual report and it was accepted by the general meeting.
- Election of 2011/2012 board Sverre presented the function of each board member and explained how it has worked in the previous boards. Sverre asked if anyone would be interested in being part of the board. Ralph Kube (TODOS) and Ricardo (DIOV) expressed their interest, and both FODOS and UiB said it would be likely that a member of their organisations would be a part of the board in the future. It was concluded that the meeting would elect a board with the members available and that the member organisations should choose representatives to participate in future board meetings.

The elected board was: Ricardo Rosado – president Ralph Kube – vice-president Jon Kerr Nilsen – treasurer

- ▲ Financial report Sverre presented the budget report for 2010/2011 and gave a brief description of the different activities. Jon concluded that we have a positive balance and that SiN could increase the spending budget, depending on whether the funding increases. The budget report was accepted by the general meeting.
- Discussion on SiN's future Ann-Kristin presented a powerpoint document on her thoughts about SiN's goals and future. She concluded that SiN is fulfilling its goals, but has some fundamental issues to deal with, as described in the presentation: representativeness - more member organisations, people; communication - internal, external; visibility – become more visible in media and toward member organisations; funding - more funding to fulfill goals.

Ann-Kristin opened the discussion on where to get more funding. The summary of the conclusions was:

- The board should define the needs and activities of SiN in relation to the need for a secretary. A mission statement should be created which states what SiN is doing and what it aims to do if having access to a secretary.

- Future boards should keep up and increase SiN's involvement with NFR and UHR.

- ▲ Annual membership fee 2012 after discussing several alternatives and looking at the predicted budget for 2012 it was agreed that the existing membership fees of NOK 2000 would be enough to cover the board meetings and shouldn't be increased.
- ▲ *Suggested budget for 2012* the suggested budget for 2012 was accepted as it is, with no increase in the membership fees.

- ▲ *Changes in SiN's statutes* Sverre presented the suggested changes to the statutes. It was decided that the english version should be updated to match the norwegian. The suggested statutes were approved by the general meeting.
- ★ Further discussion for the future of SiN goals for SiN's activities in the near future: increase media attention; prepare publicity material to give out.
- Closing remarks Sverre finished by thanking his fellow board members and declared the meeting ended at 18h22.