

SiN Board meeting minutes

Date: 19.02.2013, 16:30

Place: Skype

Participants: Melania Borit (ref.) (TODOS), Heidi S. Nygård (FODOS), Julien Bourrelle (DION), Konstantinos Antypas (TODOS), Hege Rudi Standal (UiODoc), Sverre Lundemo (Eurodoc delegate)

Notice of absence: Ricardo Rosado (DIOV), Håkon Stene (KunststipendiatForum), Østgaard Skotnes (UiSDC).

Agenda and decisions:

1. **What did we do from the things we said last Board meetings that we're going to do? (Did everybody fill in the Expenses file? Did we start working with the new website? Did we send out the bills for the 2013 membership fee? Did we pay the EURODOC membership fee? = Yes. TO BE ADDED BASED ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETINGS.)** - Julien will ask Ricardo about the 2788 nok written in the expenses file on Julien's name. Julien will ask Tezel to fill in the Expenses file with the cost of the travel to Oslo, 17.01.2013. Melania will ask Ricardo if he send the membership fee bill to all the member organizations. Melania will contact Ricardo, Tezel and Heidi in order to initiate the work with the new website.
2. **Amendments to the Statutes. (Documents to be read: the Statutes; Julien's document from the 2013.01 folder)** - This point will be discussed during the SiN Board meeting in March. **All Board members are asked to read the Statutes and Julien's proposal of change and send their suggestions of change to Julien, in Word format, four days before the date of the Board meeting.** Julien will prepare a draft document to be discussed in the Board meeting. Kostas didn't have any comments at this moment. Heidi indicated that the wording has to be the same all through the document (e.g. General Meeting changed to General Assembly). Sverre suggested to add a line under section 4.5 (Julien's document) which specifies the duties of the vice-president (e.g. closely collaborates with the president and helps him/her). Melania suggested that the Statutes (and the entire SiN regulative framework) should avoid micro-management (but be a strong and flexible framework, as Julien put it). Detailed instructions could be added in the Internal guidelines document. She also suggested to modify section 4.2

paragraph 2 (Julien's document) in order to avoid abuse against the president by the Board.

3. **UHR Forskningsutvalget - Overview and discussion, sakspapier on the dropbox (Julien)** - Julien suggested the Board members to look closely at Cases 03/2013, 05/2013 and 07/2013 (3rd and 5th points) and send eventual comments to him by 03.03 evening.
4. **UHR - Conference 10 år med kvalitetsreformen - 7 mai (Julien)** - Registration deadline for this event is 23.04. The Board should decide in due time if we want to participate at this event.
5. **Internal guidelines.** - This point will be discussed together with point 2 above in the next Board meeting.
6. **Proposal for a letter to universities' boards (after getting these letter signed by universities, we planned to make a letter to KD (Ministry of Education and Research), explaining who and how many people we represent and asking for financial support).** (Ricardo) - Melania will ask Ricardo to send again the Board the Google docs link to this document.
7. **Proposal for a letters to trade unions.** (Ricardo) - Melania will ask Ricardo to send again the Board the Google docs link to this document.
8. **SiN AGM. (Read Liv-Elisif's e-mail about it.)** - The SiN AGM will be organized by UiODoc in collaboration with SiN on 23.05 in Oslo (Blindern). It was decided to allocate the morning time to the AGM and the afternoon to the seminar. **All Board members are asked to send suggestions with topics and speakers for the seminar to Hege by 24.02, end of the day.** Sverre suggested as a topic the new Forskningsmelding. Julien suggested as a topic internationalization of PhD education in Norway. UiODoc will take a decision about this in their meeting in week 9. Financial matters: UiODoc will cover the costs related to the speakers at the seminar. As usual, SiN pays the travel for 2 representatives from each member organization. Member organizations are asked to cover their costs as much as it is possible.
9. **Delegates to Eurodoc AGM 2013 - communicate the names of two delegates to Eurodoc after appointment.** - According to Sverre, Tezel is eligible for being SiN delegate at this event. Julien will check his availability in order to decide if he can be

the second delegate. Update: Julien is available and asked for the Board's support in being the second delegate.

10. **NARMA conference** (16-17.04, Oslo, http://www.uhr.no/documents/ProgramNARMA2013Invitasjon_2_.pdf) . - Julien, Hege and Kostas said they Could attend this conference.

11. Others.

- a. **The European Science Foundation (ESF) and the Research Council of Norway International Workshop 'Developing Research Careers In and Beyond Europe', 22-23 May 2013 in Oslo.** - Julien and Kostas said they can attend this event. Update: Ricardo registered for it.
- b. FODOS AGM will be in March. Heidi will try to find a replacement for her in SiN's Board for the meetings she'll not be able to attend.
- c. Next Board meeting is scheduled for week 11.