



Minutes

General Assembly (GA) of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology (SBSP)

Friday 11th October 2019, 15:30-17:00,
at the venue of CSBP8EVPC2019,
room A1-01.14, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark

Board members present:

Pikka Jokelainen (PJ)
Vaidas Palinauskas (VP)
Gunita Deksnė (GD)
Andrea Miller (AM)
Andrew Williams (AW)
Guðný Rut Pálsdóttir (GP)
Age Kärssin (AK)

Absent with notification:

Rebecca Davidson (RD)

1. Opening the meeting, welcome, election of Chairperson of the meeting
*PJ opened the GA by welcoming everybody.
PJ was elected as the Chairperson of the GA.*
2. Election of Secretary of the meeting
GD was elected as the Secretary of the GA.
3. Confirming that quorum is present (the presence of at least 15 members)
It was confirmed that quorum was present.
4. Acceptance of the agenda
The Agenda of GA was accepted. No further matters (which must be sent to the Board at least six weeks prior to the General Assembly) were received.
5. Election of two Members who shall ratify the minutes of the General Assembly
Asta Krizanauskiene (Lithuania) and Eva Osterman-Lind (Sweden) were elected to ratify the GA minutes.
6. The Board's Business Report for the previous period
*Current SBSP board presented the main achieved goals and activities of the previous period.
Main achievement was winning the next ICOPA to be held in our region.*

The Board held altogether 16 board meetings. New board position Membership officer improved membership records and contact to the members; AM informed that currently there are over 90 members with several new memberships sent in during the conference pending (including 12 honorary members).

PJ informed about GDPR and change to collect only name and e-mail. It was discussed whether country information should be also collected, and the GA supported this. Decision was to collect name, email and country.

PJ informed that SBSB board has developed several new procedures, for example for nomination of honorary members, grant applications etc.

SBSB has given grants for students.

New activity has been promoting papers from members.

The board received some suggestions from GA – newsletter (papers; ongoing projects, available positions), members could send an e-mail to share within a society.

Visibility – website was updated; social media was actively used. FB more than 1,000 followers; Twitter more than 570 followers.

Networks were active and strengthened – active members EFP (Honorary Member Antti Oksanen, Finland in board); WFP (PJ in board); refreshed the status as IFTM member; clear links EVPC; collaboration with Danish Society of Parasitology (ICOPA2022); affiliate member of IAWFP.

7. The Treasurer's Report of the financial situation and the Auditors' Report
AW – Financial 2017-2018 – finally solved (one bank, one PayPal); Swedish 5000SWE; PayPal500Eur; Expenses – website maintains; bank charges; awards, grants (mobility; travel); 2018 contribute ICOPA bid; so far 2019 good financial situation. Challenges to access the bank account.

Question of changing the bank, due to challenges of changing access rights from old Treasurer to new, was discussed. It was approved, that if needed, SBSB board may change the bank.

8. The General Assembly's approval of the Business Report and accounts, and release of the Board and Auditors from related liability

All present members approved the Business report.

9. Election to vacant positions in the Board

Many of current board members were willing to continue. Rebecca Davidson wished to step down.

There were two new candidates – Kjersti Selstad Utaaker (Norway) and Mark van der Giezen (Norway), both running for board member position as Treasurer assistant as well as for Webmaster assistant. Voting was carried out using secret ballot.

The elected new SBSB board:

President – Pikka Jokelainen (Finland/Denmark);

Vice president – Vaidas Palinauskas (Lithuania);

Secretary – Gunita Deksnė (Latvia);

Membership officer – Andrea Miller (Sweden/Norway);

Treasurer – Andrew Williams (Denmark);

Treasurer assistant – Mark van der Giezen (Norway);

Member: Age Kärssin (Estonia);

Member: Gudny Rut Palsdóttir (Iceland).

Other positions:

Webmaster – Brian Lassen (Denmark);

Webmaster assistant – Kjersti Selstad Utaaker (Norway).

10. Election of two Auditors

Two auditors who will approve the financial report were elected – Charlotte Bonde (Denmark); Maira Mateusa (Latvia).

11. Establishment of annual fees for the next period

Board suggested to keep the fees as they are (50 EUR per 2 years for full members; 20 EUR per 2 years for student members). This suggestion was accepted.

12. Establishment of place and time for the next General Assembly and Conference

Next GA and CSBSP9 will be held in 2021 in Lithuania, Vilnius. VP welcomed all to attend.

13. Suggestions to changes to Statutes, for decision based on voting. These can be accepted by at least three fourths of the votes cast.

- a. *Change: § 6. ... The Board shall consist of the following members: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and three Members.*
to: § 6. ... The Board shall consist of the following members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Membership Officer and two Members.

Unanimously accepted.

- b. *Add: § 6 ... Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and President have access rights to Society's bank account.*

Unanimously accepted.

- c. *Change: § 16. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, its funds shall unconditionally be transferred to the Nordic Cultural Foundation.*
to: § 16. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, its funds shall unconditionally be transferred to the European Federation of Parasitologists (EFP) and the World Federation of Parasitologists (WFP).

Unanimously accepted. This acceptance was accompanied with a comment for further clarification at next GA, specifying that it would be equal proportions. This will be clarified further for the next GA (different scenarios; definition of "dissolution", the board will check statutes of other societies for suitable wording). It was discussed that there is no sign of the dissolution of the society, and that it is however good that this kind of things are clearly stated in the statutes.

14. Other matters brought to the attention of the Board

No other matters had been brought to the attention of the Board.

15. Election of Honorary Member(s)

New procedure for election was applied. The two honorary members the board suggested, based on nominations, were elected – Muza Kirjušina (Latvia), and Inger Ljungström (Sweden).

16. Awards

VP informed that SBSP will keep this tradition. VP acknowledged the judges for their work. In total there were 10 oral and 12 poster presentations included in the competition for Young Scientist Award. Best oral presentation (with score 116/120) – Frida Martin; Best poster (with score 111/120) – Emelie Pettersson; Audience Award – Angela Valente. All winners will receive a prize of 200EUR!

17. Closing the meeting

PJ closed the meeting. AM says thanks to our president PJ for good leading, PJ thanked the board and all members – it is group work, a society!

The minutes are read and approved by

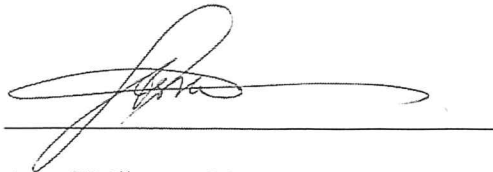
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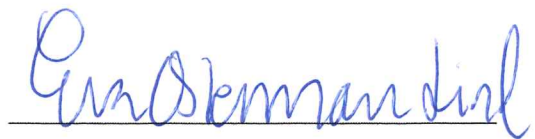


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