

Meeting Minutes NoSCoS General Assembly, September 3rd 2021

Agenda

1. Executive report from the EC/AC for 2019-2021, including financial report
2. Discussion and decision on the proposed revision of the constitution & bylaws and NoSCoS Finances
3. The role of professional networks and special interest groups within NoSCoS
4. Elections
5. Upcoming NoSCoS conference in Stockholm May 2022
6. Future joint conference together with ISCoS?
7. Any other business

Start of meeting

Wolfram Antepohl welcomed all participants to the meeting.

Erika Nilsson was elected chair of the General Assembly.

Nora Sandholdt was elected secretary. Veronika Lyckow and Dorte Dahl Hoffman were elected as vote counters and adjusters of the protocol.

1. Executive report from the EC/AC for 2019-2021, including financial report

The NoSCoS president presented the executive report for the period 2019-2021 including the financial report. Please see the attached presentation for a resume of the reports.

The NoSCoS executive committee and advisory board were granted discharge by the General Assembly.

2. Discussion and decision on the proposed revision of the constitution & bylaws and NoSCoS Finances

NoSCoS financing

NoSCoS secretary and treasurer presented the work of the financial group. Please see attached presentation. The group made simulations on different membership solutions and

various fees. The group concluded that a combination of an individual and institutional membership would be the best solution.

Discussion

It was argued whether individuals will be motivated to pay an annual membership fee or not when the meetings are held every second year. Therefore, it would be good to have institutional fees as well, but only individuals should have voting rights. It was also questioned whether NoSCoS has the capacity to write letters of recommendation.

The executive committee pointed out that in order to have status as an official organization, it is necessary to have an annual meeting. The institutional fee should not be mandatory, but could give institutions benefits.

It was voted on whether the board should aim for a combination of personal and institutional membership. A majority voted for a combination.

It was also voted on the amount of the membership fee.

A majority voted for the financial group's proposal: 150 euros for institutional membership, 40 euro individual membership and students free of charge.

The financial group thanked everyone for their input and will continue their work.

Revised constitution & Bylaws

The working group for revised Constitution & Bylaws presented their suggestions. Please see attached document. The working group has made some revisions from the first proposal that was sent out before this meeting based on the suggestions that were submitted prior to the meeting.

Discussion

A discussion arose on the voting procedure. It was decided that the GA should first vote on proposal 2. If it was declined then the should GA vote on proposal 1.

Voting proposal 2

15 members voted in favor of proposal 2, and 10 voted against. It did not pass by 2/3 majority which is needed for a change in constitution & bylaws and thus proposal 2 was turned down.

Voting proposal 1

27 members voted in favor of proposal 1, and 2 members voted against, which means that it passed with 2/3 majority.

3. The role of professional networks and special interest groups within NoSCoS

The executive committee presented a suggestion on professional Networks and special interest groups within NoSCoS. Please see attached presentation. The board encouraged the members to start professional networks or special interest groups.

4. Elections

Please see attached document for suggested candidates of the new NoSCoS board.

New elected Executive committee

Wolfram Antepohl, president (re-elected for 2 more years)

Annette Halvorsen, treasurer (re-elected for 2 more years)

Nora Sandholdt, secretary (elected for 4 years)

Randi Steensgaard, vice president (elected for 4 years)

Other elected members of the NoSCoS board

Anne Beate Melheim, consumer representative (re-elected for 2 more years)

Naja Bøje Casupej resigned from her position on the NoSCoS board. All other members that have been elected until 2023 have chosen to continue their work on the NoSCoS board.

5. Upcoming NoSCoS conference in Stockholm May 2022

The NoSCoS meeting 2021 was postponed due to the pandemic. Now it will take place in May 2022 at Friends Hotel in Stockholm. The committee has just started up the work again after the summer and is happy to announce that all the previous key note speakers are still eager to take part of the conference next year. There is an ongoing discussion on how digital the meeting should be.

6. Future joint conference together with ISCoS?

There has been an invitation from ISCoS for NoSCoS to have a joint meeting with ISCoS. This would be a huge meeting with 700 participants. Gothenburg has shown an interest to host the meeting in 2025.

The GA decided to support a joint meeting with ISCoS and NoSCoS in 2025.

NoSCoS is also raising the question if Finland could host the NoSCoS meeting in 2023 or 2024.

7. Any other business

No other business were raised.

Nora Sandholdt, secretary

Veronika Lyckow, adjuster

Dorte Dahl Hoffman, adjuster