

Welcome to NoSCoS General Assembly 2022

1. Election of chair, secretary and two adjustors/voice counters for the meeting
2. Minutes from the 2021 digital general assembly
3. President's report
4. Financial report
5. Granting discharge for the NoSCoS board
6. Proposals
 1. Proposals for revision of NoSCoS constitution & bylaws
7. Elections
 1. Election of three ordinary members, which, as far as possible, should be one physiotherapist, one psychologist or social worker and one consumer representative. Candidates as announced separately.
8. Presentation of the General Meeting in Helsinki 2024
9. Any other business

Minutes from the 2021 digital GA

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Executive report from the EC/AC for 2021-2022,
including financial report

The Team: Executive Committee

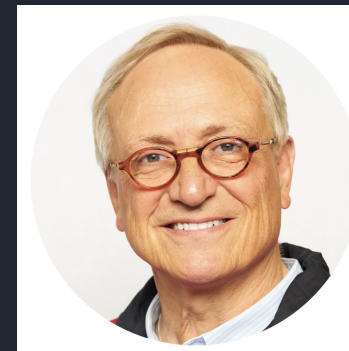
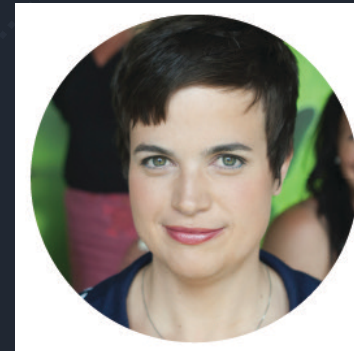
Wolfram Antepohl MD (2021-2023), President
Dep of Rehabilitation Medicine, University Hospital,
Linköping, Sweden

Randi Steensgaard RN (2019-2023)
Specialhospitalet for Polio og Ulykkespatienter, Aarhus,
Denmark

Annette Halvorsen MD (2021-2023), Treasurer
St Olavs Hospital, Trondheim, Norway

Nora Sandholdt MA (2021-2025), Secretary, Dep of
Rehabilitation Medicine, University Hospital, Linköping,
Sweden

Claes Hultling, MD (2019-2022), NoSCoS 2022 OC chair
Stiftelsen Spinalis, Stockholm, Sweden



Board Members:

Hanne Björg Slettahjell, Dietician, (2019-2023),
Sunnaas Rehabilitation Hospital, Norway

Anne Beate Melheim, Consumer (2021-2022),
Landsforeningen for Ryggmargsskadde, Norway

Rikke Middelhede Hansen, MD (2019-2023),
Specialhospitalet for Polio og Ulykkespatienter, Aarhus,
Denmark

Britta Quistgaard, PT (member 2019-2022),
Specialhospitalet for Polio og Ulykkespatienter,
Copenhagen, Denmark

Marie Thodén, MD (2019-2023),
Helsinki University Hospital, Helsinki, Finland

Ingibjörg Tómasdóttir, RN (member 2019-2023),
Landspítali, Reykjavík, Iceland

Johanna Wangdell, OT (member 2021-2023),
Sahlgrenska Universitets-sjukhuset, Gothenburg,
Sweden



Activities

- Four online meetings, one EC-meeting IRL (in Stockholm) March 2022
- Continued working group on Constitution & Bylaws (Rikke & Randi)
- Continuous update and improvement of homepage (Nora)
- NordicSCIR collection of data for 2021 and preparations for annual report.
- Professional Network for SCI nurses – webinar November 2021
- NASCIR 2.0 started April 2022, concept evolved and further improved based on feedback. 38 participants in 9 teams from 5 countries.
- 17th NoSCoS Scientific Meeting in Stockholm



Professional network of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses Governing Panel

WEBINAR FOR NURSES WORKING WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY

Your opportunity to hear about NoSCoS. Why is NoSCoS important for you as a nurse and how can you be part of NoSCoS?

Agenda:

1. Presentation of members of Governing Panel of Professional Network of SCI Nurses in Nordic countries, NoSCoS
2. What is NoSCoS
3. How do we work and what is our aim
4. Benefits from working together (Malin Nordin)
5. How can you join us/ How do we build a strong collaboration between nurses in Nordic countries
6. Questions

**Thursday
November 11th
2021
14-15 PM**

Zoom link for the webinar: <https://aarhusuniversity.zoom.us/j/9326136999>

Please register no later than November 4th, 2021 at mail.ltd@specialhospitalet.dk

Governing Panel of Professional Network of SCI Nurses in Nordic Countries consists of Randi Steensgaard (Denmark), Line Trine Dalsgaard (Denmark), Maria Moschovou (Sweden) and Malin Nordin (Sweden).

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Finances

- NoSCoS established as "ideell förening" with Swedish organisation number in 2020
- "Stable" economy – no in, very little out (25 778,- SEK, for board meeting i Stockholm, webb hotel)
- Balance: 42 846,- SEK
- Solution for a "Nordic" bank account with possibility for a treasurer outside Sweden to control it now in sight with Swedbank



NOSCOS Constitution and Bylaws

- changes proposed
to the General
Assembly 2022

Current text	Suggested changes and amendment	Remarks
12. To constitute a quorum at any General Meeting, there shall be present, live, digitally or by proxy, at least one third of Ordinary Members.	Amendment to 12: All Ordinary Members of NoSCoS and all participants at the General Meeting are alleged to vote at the Annual General Meeting.	Suggestion by the NoSCoS board Motivation: To encourage active engagement in the matters of the society and recruit more members.



Current text

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Suggested changes and amendment

Suggested change to 15
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Remarks

Suggestion by Fin Biering Sørensen

Motivation:
Suggest Chair instead of Chairman and minor language adjustments



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<p>17. The Board consists of member of the Executive Committee of the Society as well as six elected members, giving rise to a Board of ten members. There shall be at least one member from each of the five Nordic countries. As far as possible the following should be represented in the Board: physician, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, nurse, social worker, psychologist, and consumer.</p>	<p>Suggested change to 17: The Board consists of members of the Executive Committee of the Society as well as six elected members giving rise to a Board of ten to twelve members. There shall be at least one member from one of the official public highly specialized units for SCI/D from each of the five Nordic countries. As far as possible the following should be represented in the Board: physician, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, nurse, social worker, psychologist, and consumer.</p>	<p>Suggestion by Fin Biering Sørensen, supported by the NoSCoS Board</p> <p>Motivation: This to make sure the centralization of the treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with SCI/D is continuously of the highest priority for NoSCoS.</p>

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<p>18. The election of all members of the Executive Committee and Board Members shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>The open positions in the Executive Committee and Board shall be announced to the members by the Secretary 8 weeks in advance of a General Meeting.</p> <p>Candidates applying for a position in the Executive Committee and Board should present their candidature by distributing an application to the Secretary no later than 6 weeks in advance of the General Meeting.</p> <p>The list of eligible candidates will be distributed to the members by the Secretary together with the agenda of the General Meeting.</p>	<p>18. The election of all members of the Executive Committee and Board Members shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>The open positions in the Executive Committee and Board shall be announced to the members by the Secretary 8 weeks in advance of a General Meeting.</p> <p>Candidates applying for a position in the Executive Committee and Board should present their candidature by distributing an application to the Secretary no later than 6 weeks in advance of the General Meeting.</p> <p>The list of eligible candidates will be distributed to the members by the Secretary together with the agenda of the General Meeting.</p> <p>The president elect should be representing one of the officially public highly specialized units for SCI/D in the Nordic countries.</p>	<p>Suggestion by Fin Biering Sørensen</p> <p>Motivation: Suggest the president of NoSCoS should be representing one of the officially public highly specialized units for SCI/D in the Nordic countries.</p> <p>This to make sure the centralization of the treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with SCI/D is continuously of the highest priority for NoSCoS.</p>

Current text

22. Any member of the Board may, in writing, appoint another member of the Society, who is approved by the majority of members of Board, to be substitute and act in his or her place at any Meeting at which the member is unable to attend. Notice of any such proposed substitution should reach the Secretary at least eight weeks before the Board Meeting. Every such substitute shall be entitled to notice of Meeting of the Board and to attend and vote there as a member of the Board when the person appointing him is not personally present. A member of the Board may, at any time, in writing revoke the appointment of the deputy nominated by him or her.

Suggested changes and amendment

Suggested amendment to 22:

If a member of the Board defaults on the duties as a board member (e.g., does not respond to continuous messages/emails/phone calls on and does not attend meetings) the Board can exclude the member by a majority vote in favour of the exclusion.

Remarks

Suggestion by NoSCoS Board

Motivation: Enables the board to handle a situation with a board member defaulting on his or her duties (due to illness, lack of time, lack of interest etc) and proceed to election of a new board member if necessary.

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<p>24. NoSCoS was formerly known as NORDIC MEDICAL SOCIETY of PARAPLEGIA, NMSOP</p>	<p>24. NoSCoS was formerly known as NORDIC MEDICAL SOCIETY of PARAPLEGIA, NMSOP and before that Scandinavian Medical Society of Paraplegia.</p>	<p>Suggestion by Fin Biering Sørensen supported by the NoSCoS Board</p> <p>Motivation: Just to include all previous names</p>

Elections

- Three ordinary board members to be elected
- Preferably one physiotherapist, one psychologist/social worker, one consumer representative

Candidates

- [Henrik Hagen Poder](#), PT, nominated by the Department of Spinal Cord Injuries, Copenhagen University Hospital
- [Irene Christiansen](#), psychologist, nominated by the Department of Spinal Cord Injuries, Copenhagen University Hospital
- [Cathrine Guldberg](#), nominated by the Danish Consumer Organisation RYK

18th Scientific Meeting of the Nordic Spinal Cord Society

- May 22-24 2024, Helsinki, Finland
- <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/noscoss-2024>