

Minutes NoSCoS digital General Meeting (GM) meeting, May 4th, 2023 (For agenda and documents see attachment 1)

1. Election of chair, secretary and two adjustors/voice counters for the meeting

Claes Hultling was elected chair for the meeting.

Annette Halvorsen was elected secretary.

Angelica Carlson and Vegard Strøm were elected adjustors and voice counters.

2. Minutes from the 2022 general meeting

The minutes have been available on the NoSCoS home page, [NoSCoS – The Nordic Spinal Cord Society](#). The main points from the minutes were highlighted by Nora Sandholdt. No questions or comments from the audience. The minutes of the meeting in 2022 were approved by the GM.

3. President's report

Wolfram Antepohl presented the board's activities. Main activities:

- Four online board meetings, one board-meeting IRL (in Stockholm) March 2023. Four additional EC-meetings (three virtual, one IRL in Vancouver)
- Continued working group on Constitution & Bylaws, Membership & Financing
- New membership structure for individual membership. To apply for membership please visit: [Membership NoSCoS – NoSCoS](#)
- Interaction with ISCoS
- Continuous update and improvement of homepage
- Professional bank account with appropriate access to and control over all financial resources.
- 17th NoSCoS Scientific Meeting in Stockholm
- Nordic Spinal Cord Injury Registry (NordicSCIR)
- NASCIR course, which is a course for experienced interprofessional teams working with spinal cord injury rehabilitation in the Nordic countries. The course is offered by the Institution for Neuroscience and Physiology, University of Gothenburg, in collaboration with the Gothenburg Competence Centre for Spinal Cord Injury and the Neurology Development Unit at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, as well as the Nordic Spinal Cord Injury Society, NoSCoS.
- Special Interest Groups and Professional Networks
- Continued preparation of NoSCoS 2024 in Helsinki and NoSCoS 2025 (joint meeting with ISCoS)
- Proposal NoSCoS award. The NoSCoS Society would like to acknowledge persons and/or organizations who have contributed to the mission of NoSCoS: to improve the well-being of persons with spinal cord injury and disease and their close ones in the Nordic countries throughout life. The NoSCoS Award consists of a diploma. This is work in progress. The first award winner will be presented at the upcoming 18th Meeting of NoSCoS in Helsinki.

4. Financial report

Nora Sandholdt presented the financial report of NoSCoS:

- A NoSCoS bank account was established in June 2022

- Transferred money from, and closed old Gothenburg account
- Swedish tax declaration for the first time
- Currently looking over the accounting system for NoSCoS
- Suggestions for next year:
 - accounting year NoSCoS = calendar year
 - Budget proposal at general meeting
 - Internal auditor looks over accounting prior to general meeting
- 78 823 SEK Outgoing balance

5. Granting discharge for the NoSCoS board

The president's report and financial report was approved by the GM. The NoSCoS board was granted discharge by the GM.

6. Reports from our Professional Networks & Special Interest groups

- Line Trine Dalsgaard presented the report of Nordic Network of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses
- Hanne Bjørg Slettahjell presented the report of the special interest group NutriNord SCI
- Per Erzgaard presented the report of the special interest group Pediatric SCI Rehabilitation

7. Proposals for revision of NoSCoS constitution & bylaws

Rikke Middelhede Hansen presented the boards suggestions of revisions of the constitution & bylaws. All suggestions have been published on the NoSCoS homepage in advance of this meeting. The GM approved all suggestions by voting.

8. Proposal of membership fee for 2023-2024.

It was approved by the GM that the personal membership is free of charge for 2023-2024.

9. Elections

Election of new board member and re-election of EC and other board members.

Executive committee members for election:

President: Wolfram Antepohl MD* (2017-2023), re-election

Vice President: Randi Steensgaard, RN (2019-2023) re-election

Treasurer: Annette Halvorsen* (2017-2023), re-election

Other NoSCoS board members for election:

Hanne Bjørg Slettahjell, dietician (2019-2023) re-election

Rikke Middelhede Hansen, MD (2019-2023) re-election

Ingibjörg Tómasdóttir, RN (2019-2023) re-election

Marie Thodén, MD (2019-2023) re-election

*Wolfram and Annette have been on the board for six years and can only be re-elected if there is no other candidate.

Resigning candidate:

Johanna Wagndell OT would prefer not to candidate again.

New candidate:

Lisa Holmlund, OT announced her candidature in advance of the meeting.

Lisa Holmlund was elected and the other executive committee and board members were re-elected by voting during the GM.

10. Applications Special Interest Groups and Professional Networks

The following applications Special Interest Groups and Professional Networks were presented and approved during the GM

- Professional Network – Psychologists
- Special Interest Group – Consumer involvement in rehabilitation & research
- Special Interest Group – Neuropathic pain
- Special Interest Group – Spina Bifida

11. Presentation of the General Meeting in Helsinki 2024

The 18 th NoSCoS meeting will be in Helsinki 22-24 May.

Information is available on the homepage: [Noscoss 2024 | University of Helsinki](#)

12. Any other business

All participants are encouraged to follow NoSCoS on facebook [NoSCoS - The Nordic Spinal Cord Society | Facebook](#)

13. Closing of meeting

The meeting was closed by chair Claes Hultling.

Claes Hultling, chair

Annette Halvorsen, secretary

Angelica Carlson, adjutor

Vegard Strøm, adjutor