

Minutes for SBSP Board Telephone Meeting 6 Apr 2017, 13:00-14:10

Members Present:

Jakob Skov (JS)

Pikka Jokelainen (PJ)

Vaidas Palinauskas (VP)

Gunita Deksnė (GD)

Andrea Miller (AM)

Rebecca Davidson (RD)

Age Kärssin (AK)

1. Accepting new members (if any?) (all)

There is still some checking and updating to do in the list of members, but RD is working on it. All new members who have applied for membership using the new system have been warmly welcomed.

2. Decision on Student Travel Grants (all)

Four applications were received, and the Board (without PJ and VP who had conflicts of interest) decided to support all four applications. Congratulations to Dovilė Bukauskaitė (Lithuania), Aurelija Miliūtė (Lithuania), Kärt Must (Estonia), and Maarja Tagel (Estonia)!

As the Board had budgeted to offer seven grants (350 Euro each), the Board decided to offer further support to these students. If accommodation/travel costs exceed budgeted costs, SBSP will reimburse these students for up to 100 Euros more. For expenses exceeding that granted, the students should save receipts and turn them into the Treasurer after the conference.

AM and JS will prepare response letters to send to the grant recipients.

3. Future SBSP Board (all)

The SBSP Board should consist of seven members (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Local Representatives). The elections are open to any member of the SBSP and all positions are open for running. Elections will be held at the General Assembly in Riga in June. AM will draft an election notice for JS to send with the GA announcement to all members. This notice will include details about the positions and a list of those who have already indicated interest to run.

4. General assembly (GA) call to members (JS)

The call for the GA should be made six weeks in advance of the meeting. This allows all members time to make suggestions for the agenda. JS will draft this announcement and send to the general membership after the Board has approved.

5. Final bank account figures prior to the bank account fusion (RD)

RD requested PJ, VP, and JS to send her the final statements from each local bank account (Jan 1, 2015 to when it was closed) before fusing with the Swedish account. This is for the Treasurer report at the GA.

6. CSBSP7 update – any news/important messages? (GD)

There are some registrations already. The Board approved a Facebook boost and encourages everyone to advertise the conference in their home universities/countries.

GD will work with RD to reimburse the plenary speaker travel/accommodation as soon as possible.

VP will format this year's Young Scientist Award certificate. The panel of judges will be chosen after registration closes.

7. AOB (all)

The Board plans to formulate a suggestion for one or two new honorary members. These will be presented to the GA.

VP has summarized the grant recipients from the past SBSP conferences. This list will be sent to the Board for approval. There is still some missing information, and this will be discussed at the GA.