



General Assembly of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology Copenhagen, September 11, 2013

MINUTES

Persons present: see the enclosed list

Opening of the meeting: President Brian Lassen opened the General Assembly (GA).

- a) Election of a meeting Chairman
Jakob Skov was elected.
- b) Acceptance of the agenda
The agenda of the meeting was accepted.
- c) Election of Secretary of the meeting
Eva Osterman Lind was elected
- d) Election of two Members who shall ratify the minutes of the GA
Andrea Miller and Mohammad Nafi Solaitman Al-Sabi were elected.
- c) The Board's Business Report for the previous period (Brian Lassen)
 - Meetings. Four conference calls have been held, September 2011, September 2012, April 2013 and June 2013. The board members have had weekly contact by e-mail.
 - The official web site (sbsp.eu) has been actively updated and frequently visited.
 - The Facebook page has been actively used and attracted an international audience of over 100 followers. Members are encouraged to post links to Scandinavian-Baltic publications, positions, and events related to parasitology of the region.
 - Members. Figures of members in the different countries were presented.
 - Grants. 1. Travel grants: three applications granted out of five available; 2. Mobility grant: none granted and 3. Review grant: no applications.
 - EMOP XII. At the EMOP XI meeting in Rumania, it was announced that the next meeting in 2016 will take place in Finland (Turku) and that SBSP will be the hosting society.
 - The Bulletin of the Scandinavian Society for Parasitology and the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology. Thanks to Jorun Tharaldsen, Karl Skirnisson, and the library of Estonian University of Life Sciences, the journals have been scanned and are now available electronically on the web site.



- Board manual. The board started to write a manual which aim is to make the change between boards as easy as possible. The manual is not yet finished.

- f) The Treasurer's Report of the financial situation and the Auditors' Report (Inger Hammes)
The finances were presented, see attached treasurer's report. The total amount of money on the five bank accounts was 23567.51 € as of 1st May 2013. The auditors, Einar Strømnes and Rebecca Davidson, recommended approval of the financial report.

- g) The GA's approval of the Business Report and accounts, and granting of freedom from liability for transactions performed during the preceding business period
Both reports were approved by the GA and the Board was released from responsibility.

- h) Election to the vacant posts on the Board
 - Vaidas Palinauskas (LT) was elected new Board member. He will also be the local treasurer for the Baltic account.
 - Ulrika Forshell (SE) was elected new Secretary and Swedish representative.
 - Gunita Dekšne (LV) was elected new Board member and Latvian representative.
 - Rebecca Davidson (NO) was elected new Head treasurer. She will also be the local treasurer and representative for Norway.

The other board members will stay on their posts:

Brian Lassen (EST), President and Estonian representative

Pikka Jokelainen (FI), local treasurer and representative for Finland

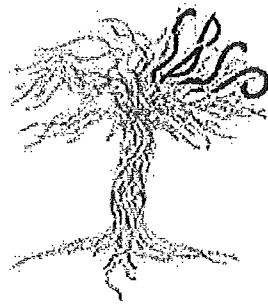
Jakob Skov (DK), vice-president, local treasurer and representative for Denmark

Karl Skirnisson continues as treasurer and representative for Iceland

The attendants of the General Assembly approved the new board.

- i) Election of two Auditors: Inger Hammes (NO) and Vilmantas Stunzenas (LT) were elected.

- j) Establishment of fees for the next business period.
The same fees, 50 € for ordinary members and 20 € for students and members who have retired, were approved by the GA attendants. The fee will cover a membership for the whole period between two assemblies.



- k) Establishment of the place and time for the next GA and appointment of the organizing committee for the next SBSP meeting
Suggestion which was approved by the meeting attendants: Sweden.
- l) Other matters
No matters have been sent to the board.
- Announcement of CSBSP6 (Eva Osterman Lind)
Uppsala, Sweden, most likely in the spring.
 - EMOP2016 (Pikka Jokelainen & Brian Lassen)
SBSP has the honor of being the hosting society for EMOPXII in Turku, Finland, July 2016. The organizing committee calls for interested volunteers to contact the head organizer Antti Oksanen
 - Travel grants (Brian Lassen)
The board suggested that grants given for students to attend SBSP-conferences should be paid prior to the conference rather than as a reimbursement. The meeting attendants approved.
 - Benefits of honorary membership (Brian Lassen)
The board proposed that honorary members should be allowed to attend SBSP conferences either for free or at a lower (student) registration fee and that the society compensates for the difference in registration costs. A reduced fee would encourage honorary members to attend these meetings also after their retirement. Moreover, honorary members contribute with a lot of knowledge, particularly in traditional parasitology.
The majority voted (show of hands) for registration to SBSP conferences to be free for honorary members by covering of their registration fees by the society.
 - Proposal of allowing company membership (Jakob Skov)
The proposal is that a company could pay for a number of memberships and that the company and parasitologist from the company are registered as members (and on the web site). The proposal was discussed and the GA delegates were positive. It was decided that Jakob will come up with a more detailed suggestion which will be passed around. A decision will be taken at the next GA. Statutes will also have to be changed.
 - Proposal of reforming the membership payment system (Brian Lassen)



The board has discussed the following changes for approval to reduce management of memberships and making payment more flexible:

1. Collecting SBSP finances to one account to reduce management expenses;
2. online payment system integrated into website (eBay or PayPal payment system) allowing easy payment for exchange of a small percentage of the transfer to the payment system;
3. possibility for members to choose to pay for 2 years, 4 years, 10 years, or a lifetime membership (cost?).

All three suggestions were accepted but without the lifetime membership option.

- Changing of Lithuanian bank account name (Asta Križanauskienė)

In order to change from "Baltic Society for Parasitology" to "Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology", the Lithuanian bank requires the GA to approve this change due to local legislation. The members at the GA confirmed that the "Baltic Society for Parasitology" and the "Scandinavian Society for Parasitology" have been joined to "Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology". Despite it was decided that all the society's finances will be collected to one account, the change of the Lithuanian bank account name may still be relevant to allow transfer of the account holdings and eventually closing the account.

- Change in paragraph 3 of statutes (Pikka Jokelainen)

It was suggested to change the criteria for membership as: applied with interest in parasitology and paid fee. This was discussed and several expressed the need of a board approval to be a prudent approval stage to keep.

- Honorary members election (Brian Lassen)

The board proposed election of new honorary members of the society. Tor Bakke (Norway), Karl Skirnisson (Iceland), Svetlana Bondarenko (Lithuania) and Jesper Montad (Denmark) were accepted as honorary members by the GA.

- Announcement of the young scientist award recipients

The following members received awards:

Oral award: Per Skallerup

Poster award: Ulrik Bo Pedersen

Audience award: Rita Kazlauskienė

m) Close of meeting

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Eva Osterman Lind

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Mohammad Nafi Solaiman Al-Sabi

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Andrea I. Miller

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