

Minutes:

NACS General Assembly

07-11-2020

Agenda NACS AGM November 7th 2020

1. Approving the invitation and the agenda
2. Electing the chair, secretary, two tellers and inspectors for the Assembly
3. Approving the minutes of the previous General Assembly
4. Approving the last year's Accounts, Financial Statement, and an Annual Report
5. Approving the Annual Action Plan, the Budget and membership fees for the upcoming year
6. Decide on membership issues
7. Other matters

1. Approving the invitation and the agenda

Proposal: Approved (Some people have not received the invitation)

2. Electing the chair: Proposal: Tonny B Hertz

Electing the secretary: To be elected at the AGM

Electing tellers: Zoom poll – supervised by:

Inspectors for the Assembly: To be elected at the AGM

THF and Tiina are suggested.

Tore FH: Explains the implications of the new statutes. The number of delegates is based on how many members each country has. For this years GA observers are allowed but cannot speak or make proposals.

Several members are questioning the way in which the delegates were appointed. Some find it undemocratic (Elsa Almås). The Presidents explain how it has been done in their countries. THF argues that it is more democratic than just sheer numbers (often from the host countries).

Tommi also comments, and suggests that people are allowed to observe but not comment.

Comments from Jette, who suggests an election of delegates instead of the board appointing delegates.

3. Minutes of AGM 2019:

Proposal: Approved

Approved

4. Approving last years Accounts and Financial Statement:

As NACS just recently have been formally registered, membership fees have not been charged and there are at the moment no funds in any NACS account.

Proposal: Approved

Approved.

Annual report: (by Tonny)

The NACS board consists of:

Tore H. Follestad representing Norway

Tiina Vilponen representing Finland

Tonny B. Hertz representing Denmark

Paul Korrovits representing Estonia

Sigga Dögg representing Iceland

Luz M. Diaz representing Sweden

(note - Hanna Byström represented Sweden until May 2020)

This year the NACS board held eight online meetings.

There were certain topics that were discussed that required a more in-depth approach such as board members meeting in person but due to Covid-19 such meetings have not been possible therefore certain matters have not been fully resolved and continue to evolve.

The NACS board has been implementing an Ethical committee, a Membership committee and a Curriculum committee with representation from all countries in order to establish a more formal protocol for NACS members to work with in and to get a clearer view of the state of each country. It is the hope of the NACS board that this work will allow NACS to establish a formal protocol for authorisation and evaluation of education that is the same in each country. This relies heavily on co-operation with NACSAC but NACS has not had a recent response from them regarding their work. This relationship needs mending.

NACS will be / is now formally registered as an organisation in Finland. (Tiina)

Paul K: Functionality more important than beauty.

The website for NACS is underway. NACS sent out a questionnaire to members and analyzed

what their requirements were regarding the website. This work continues. As does the plan to host a facebook group - NACS will search for a moderator to work with a designated board member to manage that group.

The annual NACS conference 2020 is now online in a series of webinars and lectures on Zoom due to the pandemic. The next NACS conference in 2021 will be held in Reykjavík, Iceland.

There have been certain conflicts and disagreements between DSS and NACS regarding how DSS is classified within NACS. Representing for the consensus board of the DSS - Gabriella Rehfeld said in AGM 2019; "DSS is not an alternative to DACS but should be seen as a mere supplement." A quote taken from Gabriella's speech. Following email communication between NACS and DSS have been in clear contradiction to this statement.

NACS premise for their conclusion that DSS is a professional organisation was clearly stated in the AGM in Gothenburg in 2019 as the quote shows.

There is much work still to be done with refocusing NACS and its goals and future vision and board members continue to work towards this mission.

Proposal: Approved

5. Action plan 2020 – 2021:

THF is no longer president of NACS, it is Tiina Vilponen, no explanation is given.

Executing the new Statutes

The Association will concentrate its resources mainly on implementing the Statutes. In accordance with the new Statutes the Board will form Membership Committee, Ethics Committee and Authorization Committee, and together with the Committee members will compose the code of conduct for all the Committees.

Curriculum Reform

The Curriculum Task Force will be appointed by the Board, and start its work in order to evaluate and update the curriculum and also the authorization guidelines. The draft for the new curriculum and authorizations will be presented for the General Assembly in 2020.

Board Meetings

The Board continues its monthly online meetings, and will schedule one meeting for

2019-2020 in a NACS country decided by the Board members. The Board will manage the official responsibilities of NACS, and will actively support and monitor the work of the Committees and Curriculum Task Force.

Web Page update Within the year

NACS will renew its web page. The web page (nacs.eu) will serve NACS members, media, and general public. The content of the web page will be carefully drafted in consideration with the member association's needs, focusing on up to date information.

Finance

Membership fees will be used to fund the renewal of the NACS web page and for the Association's necessary expenses such as registrar fees, and travel costs for one board meeting before the next General Assembly.

Networking

The Board will open a social media channel for updates, and create an e-Newsletter to be sent out for members three times a year.

Proposal: Approved

Budget 2021:

Income:

Membership fees 2020 € 1150

Membership fees 2021 € 1150

Potential new fees 2021 € 150

Total € 2450

Costs:

Travel costs € 2000

Website € 350

Administration € 100

Total € 2450

Proposal: Approved.

Membership fees 2021:

Proposal: Same membership fees in 2021 as 2020.

All countries/delegates approve.

Tommi P asks if 350 is enough for the website.

Paul: it depends, if we can find someone within NACS who can do this free of charge, yes. This is the right amount to service the website for a year.

6. Membership issues

No applications received.

7. Other matters

- Orientations:

- Next NACS conference: Iceland 2021

- New webpage

Tiina: thank you for arranging this conference.

Tommi: chat regarding the statutes. No reason to open up this discussion now about who can participate. This can be discussed in the countries, and can easily be changed, to enhance transparency etc.

Tore HF: We need transparency for all to watch and listen. It will be different when we are able to meet again. We should write in the statutes that it should be possible to participate as observers.

Elsa A comments, that it was only the delegates who were supposed to speak.

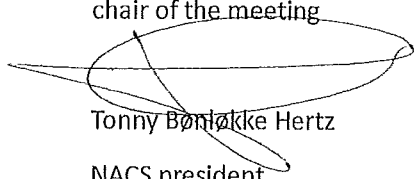
Trude: It would be nice to know who the delegates were. It will be easier to know who observers are and who are delegates.

Elsa A: who is in the NACS board? (Tonny: each country chooses the representative).

Tore: There is a boardmeeting tomorrow, and it will be decided then.

Sign by

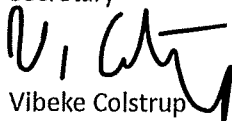
chair of the meeting



Tonny Børjelle Hertz

NACS president

secretary



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