



Digital meeting of the Executive Board with observers Friday 27 March 2020

08.15 in Iceland, 09.15 in Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and 10.15 in Finland

Participants:

The Executive Board: Johann Sigurdsson, Louise Hørslev, Salome Arnardottir, Magnus Isacson, Anders Beich, Anna Stavdal (represents NFA/Marte Kvittum Tangen with proxy) and Juha Auvinen, Sanne Bernard (secretary)

Observers:

- SJPHC: Editor-in-chief Helena Liira
- Congress Committee: Chairman Olav Thorsen and Gunnar Tschudi Bondevik
- Member of Wonca Europe Executive board, and Chair of the working group of specialist training: Roar Maagaard
- Wonca World president elect: Anna Stavdal
- Nordic Young General Practitioners /NYGP): Katrina Tibballs (chairmanship of NYGP),

AGENDA (below times is local Danish, Swedish and Norwegian times)

- 1. 9:15-9.27 Welcome by Johann Sigurdsson and presentation of all participants**
- 2. 9:27-9:28 Election of chair of the meeting – Johann Sigurdsson suggests Louise Hørslev as chair of the meeting**
- 3. 9:28-9:29 Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting – Louise Hørslev suggests Sanne Bernard to take minutes**
- 4. 9:29-9:30 Approval of the agenda**
- 5. 9:30-9:45 A short update on the current corona situation in each country (3 minutes per country)**
- 6. 9:45-9.55 Oral presentation of the work with Core values of Nordic General Practice and Nordic GPs (Johann Sigurdsson)**
- 7. 9:55-10:05 Oral presentation of the work with Specialist training in the Nordic countries (Roar Maagaard)**
- 8. 10:05-10:10 Evaluation of NCGP 2019 in Aalborg (Louise Hørslev)**
- 9. 10:10-10:20 Update on Congress matters. NCGP in June 2021 to be discussed (Olav Thorsen)**

10:20-10:30 10 minutes break

10.10:30-10:40 Update on the work with Scandinavian Journal on Primary Health Care (Helena Liira)

11.10:40-10:45 NYGP – future plans and visions (Katrina Tibbals)

12.10:45-10:50 Update on Nordic Leader Seminar in Oslo 27-29 August 2020 (NFA)

13.10:50-11:00 Other international activities (Anna Stavdal and Johann Sigurdsson)

We propose that the Executive Board approves that NFGP co-badges the Reform Disease Definitions (ReDD) meeting to be held in Oxford 11-12 of September 2020.

Background

NFGP has been in the frontline fighting for sustainable health care. In this connection NFGP has approved a position paper how to minimize Overmedicalization, Overdiagnosis and overtreatment (2017). This Nordic initiative was later introduced and partly adopted by WONCA Europe 2018 agreed upon as a position paper "Overdiagnosis and Action to be Taken". Both these documents enlist a continuous process to improve quality of healthcare by avoiding OD/OT. Inspired by these activities, an independent working group was established focusing on Reforming Thresholds on Disease Definition, now called the ReDD group. The group published a paper in BMJ-EBM 2019, where their action plans were described. At the NFGP annual meeting 2019, the paper was endorsed. The ReDD working group has now planned to arrange a 2 days meeting with invited guests around 50 persons, consisting of stakeholders of health care to initiate further action plans and strategies.

Late in 2019, our NFGP chairs approved by e-mail our participation in this meeting.

Furthermore, by co-badging we provide financial support

This meeting is at present arranged by, The Bond University, BMJ, Royal College of General Practitioners, NFGP, WONCA World, mmm

We propose that the Executive Board approves that NFGP is co-badging a reception in Abu Dhabi in honor of Anna Stavdal as a new president of Wonca World

Background

At the NFGP annual meeting 2018, NFA announced the nomination of Anna Stavdal as a candidate for the position as President Elect in Wonca World. NFGP supported this idea, followed by a support letter to the WW EB. At the Wonca World council meeting in Incheon, South Korea in November same year the election took place. Anna won this election. She will formally take over as president of Wonca World at the upcoming Wonca World congress in Abu Dhabi November 28th 2020. At this occasion and by tradition, the national college (NFA in this case) and supporters (NFGP in this case) invite to an honorary reception the day before installation. Key persons within WW will be invited. Estimated number of guests about 200, Time schedule: 18.00-20.00

14.11:00-11:05 We propose that the Executive Board approves the amended By-Laws.

Background

After going through old minutes and the By-laws of NFGP ApS, we have discovered that decisions made in 2013 unfortunately have not been incorporated in the By-laws.

The following was decided upon in 2013:

- Only members of one of the Nordic Colleges can be elected as Chairman
- Maximum term of office as Chairman is 6 years
- There are 6 members of the congress committee, one from each country and two from the country organizing the next congress

Please see the actual minutes from 2013 here:

https://www.nfgp.org/files/17/minutes_nfgp_annual_general_assembly_4_may_2013.pdf and the By-laws here: https://www.nfgp.org/flx/nfgp/about_nfgp/by_laws/ (The By-laws are unfortunately only in Danish).

Therefore, you will find enclosed proposed revised By-Laws.

In the revision of the By-Laws you will also find the proposal regarding the change of period of elected term from 2 years to 3 years. This is to ensure the Chairman enough time to learn about the organization and all the tasks that the election brings along.

In addition to this, the colleges of each of the five countries have been choosing the members of the committees over the past years; and not the general assembly. We therefore propose that this is changed in the By-laws too.

15. 11:05-11:08 We propose that the Executive Board discusses and decides to reelect the Chairman.

Background

When going through the By-Laws of NFGP ApS it has been discovered that the Chairman must be formally elected every two years. Unfortunately, we missed this last year. Johann was elected as Chairman in 2017, and his first term was 2017 to 2019. His second term (also the current term) is 2019 to 2021. Therefore, we formally have to reelect the chairman. According to the By-Laws the term is for two years, which will be through 2021, as the current term runs from 2019 to 2021.

Proposal has been made that the Chairman is to be elected for a three years term instead of a 2 years term. If this suggestion is approved by the Executive Board, it will be possible to reelect Johann for a 3 years term in 2020 that will end in 2023. This will also be Johann's last term as he will have to resign due to function time.

16. 11:08-11:10 We propose that the Executive Board approves general recommendations regarding the use of Logos used within the regi of NFGP

Background

At present there exist three types of logos within the paraply of NFGP, that is a) logo for Scandinavian Journal of General Practice; b) Logo for the Nordic Congresses of General Practice and: c) logo for the Nordic Federation of General practice. Some of these logos or at least the ikon of these have existed before the Nordic Federation was established year 2005. There does 't exist any recommendations on the use of these logos.

Recommendations:

We recommend that the logo shall be used when expressing the meaning: "On behalf of", or "supported by". In this context, the logo for the Scandinavian Journal can be used on all

internal matters within the Editorial board. In a similar way, to Congress logo can be used by the committee and organizers of the congresses.

However, when the NFGP committees and working parties are expressing their mandate for bigger audience, the NFGP logo shall be considered. For example, when announcing the Nordic congresses the NFGP logo should be used, not, the Congress logo. Furthermore, our Scandinavian journals shall be identified by the NFGP logo.

17. 11:10-11:15 Proposal ([based on letter from Ronny Gunnarsson and Magnus Isacson](#))

It is proposed that the Nordic congresses will be changed from Nordic to European, from general practice oriented to research oriented congresses, and from focus on general practice to focus on primary health care.

Background

Changes in Europe the last decades affect research activities in primary health care. At present, many primary care researchers are competing for large research funds within EU. Close research collaboration between primary care researchers within EU is considered to be a key to success. To succeed with the EU funds we have to take notice of the fact that the EU commissions prioritize proposals based on inter-disciplinary/inter-professional and inter-sectoral fellow networks.

18.11:15-11:20 If there are any matters to be discussed before the Annual General Assembly, they can be presented at this item.

19.11:20-11:25 Information of current matters (Johann Sigurdsson)

20.11:25-11:30 Presentation and discussion of the annual financial account (by accountant)

- Annual Financial Report 2019
- Audit Records 2019
- Internal Annual Financial Report 2019

21.11:30-11:35 Preparation of the discussion of the budget 2020 and 2021 (by accountant)

22.11:35-11:40 Any other business

23.11:40-11:45 We propose that the Executive Board decides a date for the Annual Meeting in year 2021.

Background

The Executive Board meets every year for the Annual NFGP Meeting in Copenhagen.

The Chairman and the Director suggest that the Annual Meeting will take place on March 25-26 March 2021 or 8-9 April 2021.

The Executive Board is asked to decide upon one of the suggested dates for the next meeting. The secretariat will book venue and hotel and call the board meeting through e-mail as usual.

15 minutes break before we start the general assembly 12:00