

Nordic Neuromodulation Society's 1st General Assembly

ORTON Hospital
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1) *NNS accounts*

NNS Treasurer Kari Sulkko reported that the NNS meeting has a projected profit of around €2.000. It was noted that the NNS currently *does not* ask any membership fee in excess of the \$150 (\$50 for students and nurses) annual membership fee paid to the INS.

As the NNS currently has no other source of income, any profit from the congress constitute the current financial balance.

The GA accepted the accounts.

At this meeting the participant fee was €50 for NNS members and €150 for non-members.

It was suggested that at future meetings the difference in participant fee would set so that it would finance a year's worth of automatic INS/NNS membership for the participant, the same way as INS congress fees do.

The GA accepted this suggestion.

2) *NNS Bylaws*

Kaare Meier (Chairman) presented the suggested changes to the INS Bylaws template (primarily sections 3.2, 3.6, 4.6, and 6.5). The suggested changes had been sent out (rather late, for which we apologize) to all NNS members before the meeting.

The suggested changes had been pre-approved by INS secretary Tia Sofatzis as being in accordance with the INS Bylaws.

The GA accepted the suggested Bylaws in their current form (attached to this email along with a short presentation of the major changes).

3) *Election of Directors-at-large*

The NNS Bylaws allow one Director-at-large from each member country.

The current board had decided to put up their positions for new election even though their term was not ending for another year.

The GA elected the following Board of Directors for the NNS for the next 2 (two) years:

Chairman: Kaare Meier (DK)

Secretary: Anders Wåhlstedt (SE)

Treasurer: Kari Sulkko (FI)

Audun Stubhaug (NO)

No members were present from Iceland.

We welcome Professor Stubhaug in the board and look forward to a fruitful collaboration!

4) NNS annual meeting 2015 and 2016

2015: The GA decided to hold the 2015 meeting during the INS meeting in Canada.

The meeting is scheduled to be arranged an afternoon during the main congress and will include a GA and, by request of the GA, a special session for nurses.

2016: The GA decided that the 2016 meeting will be held in Sweden.

NNS secretary Anders Wåhlstedt offered to be responsible for the event that is likely to take place in or near Stockholm.

We thank Dr. Wåhlstedt for the offer and look forward to the meeting!

5) Any other business

The GA accepted a suggestion from Kaare Meier to hold a logo contest. Members will be encouraged to design a logo for the NNS with or without help from outside. The winner will receive a free meeting registration for the NNS 2016 meeting in Sweden.

The GA accepted a suggestion from Steffan Svärd that the INS web site include a calendar of events for upcoming meetings, courses, etc. of relevance for the Nordic region.

Steffan Svärd agreed to be responsible.



Kaare Meier
Denmark
Chairman