

NoPSA

Nordic Political Science Association

Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Friday February 2, 2024, 09:00-11:00 CEST

Online – Teams

Present

Eva H. Önnudóttir (Chair), University of Iceland, Iceland

Grétar Þór Eyþórsson, University of Akureyri, Iceland

Hanna Bäck, Lund University, Sweden

Jörgen Ödalen, Mälardalen University, Sweden

Hanna-Mari Kivistö, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Svend-Erik Skaaning, Aarhus University, Denmark

Minute taker

Sara Þöll Finnbogadóttir (Secretary), University of Iceland, Iceland

1. Excellent NoPSA Congress paper award by a PhD student/early scholar

There was a discussion on the new *Excellent NoPSA Congress paper award by a PhD student/early scholar*. It was agreed that the award would be €1000. An updated document on the process of the award and an updated NoPSA budget will be sent to the board members following the board meeting.

2. Update on the upcoming chair of NoPSA (taking over in June 2024)

There was a discussion on the upcoming chair of NoPSA. Per an informal agreement by the board of NoPSA, the next chair should be nominated by the Finnish Political Science Association. The Finnish Political Science Association will elect a new board in the spring and following that a nomination for the NoPSA board will be decided.

3. ECPR Executive Committee

Jonathan Polk, Sweden, is the NoPSA nominee. The election is currently taking place and is open until the 23rd of February.

4. Any other business

a. NoPSA Congress 2024

i. Participation fee of board members for the NoPSA Congress

There was a discussion on the participation of board members in the upcoming Congress. Since 2020, the cost of board meetings has decreased as they are now online, with the exception of an onsite meeting at the NoPSA congress. In light of this, the board agreed that NoPSA would cover the participation fee of the secretary and the board members who will attend the 2024 NoPSA conference.

ii. NoPSA Congress Travel Grant

There was a discussion on the eligibility criteria. It was decided that the eligibility criteria should stand as is and no exceptions would be made.

iii. Workshops, registration and the next board meeting

1. There was a discussion on the registration for the conference and the topics of the workshops. It was noted that the next board should examine if there is a need for a clearer framework for the workshops, i.e. guidelines on how specific or broad the suggested workshops should be.
2. The next NoPSA board meeting will most likely take place on the Wednesday of the Congress.

b. Open access publishing

There was a discussion on the process of *open access publishing* in the Nordic countries. In Sweden, Denmark and Finland, most of the universities have an agreement with the publishers.

Meeting finished: 10:45 CEST