

NoPSA

Nordic Political Science Association

Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Friday November 3, 2023, 10:00-14:00 CEST

Online – Teams

Present

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

Grétar Þór Eypórsson, University of Akureyri, Iceland

Hanna Bäck, Lund University, Sweden

Are Vegard Haug, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway

Hanna-Mari Kivistö, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Svend-Erik Skaaning, Aarhus University, Denmark

Guests

Jonas Linde, University of Bergen, Norway (Organiser of NoPSA Congress 2024 in Bergen)

Silja Bára R. Ómarsdóttir and Stefanía Óskarsdóttir, University of Iceland, Iceland (Editors of SPS)

Minute taker

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

1. Welcome and round of introductions

Hanna Bäck, Lund University, Sweden, has joined the board. There was a round of introductions.

2. NoPSA Congress 2024 in Bergen - status and update from local organisers

Jonas Linde gave an update on the organisation of the 2024 NoPSA Congress in Bergen, Norway.

A call for papers was sent out on the 1st of November 2023. They received 33 applications to hold workshops and they were all accepted. There are work-shop chairs from all the Nordic countries, except from Iceland.

Michael Bang Petersen, Aarhus University, will be one of the keynote speakers. Following his keynote speech, there will be a panel discussion. The panel participants will be Hanna Bäck, Sirianne Dahlum, Gunnar Helgi Kristinson, and Åsa von Schoultz. The reception will, perhaps, be postponed by 30 minutes to accommodate the panel discussion.

There was a discussion on allowing attendees to move between workshops to take part in discussions outside of their primary workshop.

There was a discussion on the official languages of NoPSA and if Finnish and Icelandic should be included in the official languages of NoPSA and the NoPSA Congress.

A board meeting is planned to take place during one of the lunches. It will take place on Wednesday 26th of June.

Jonas Linde left the meeting at 10:32 CEST.

3. NoPSA budget

Eva H. Önnudóttir presented the status of the NoPSA budget.

4. NoPSA travel grant

A NoPSA travel grant was established in the fall of 2022 for junior and early career scholars. So far, there has been one grant awarded.

There was a suggestion that the travel grant be used for the NoPSA Congress. It was highlighted that the travel grant is important for young scholars that need it for financial reasons. There was a discussion on including a lottery

It was decided that the travel grant would be around €1200 per grant given out for the upcoming NoPSA Congress. It was decided that there would be three to five grants given out to PhD students in a university in the Nordic countries.

There was a suggestion to have a "excellent paper" award for young scholars (For PhD students and those that have received their PhD degree in the last 3 years). The workshop chairs will be asked to nominate papers to be considered for the award. It was decided to keep on developing this idea and the possible criteria for choosing the best paper and discuss it at the

next NoPSA board meeting. Eva will draft a budget for the award and present it at the next NoPSA board meeting.

5. Next NoPSA chair (taking over in June 2024)

Finland is next up in the rotation. The Finnish Political Science Association will discuss this in December. The next president needs to be an individual that is working in academia and is on the NoPSA board.

6. Election to the ECPR executive committee in 2024

There was a discussion on the process and rules of nominating to the ECPR executive committee. The Nordic universities will be asked to endorse and vote for a scholar from one of the Swedish universities in the upcoming election for the ECPR executive committee, per an internal agreement within the NoPSA board on rotation.

Break at 11:24 CEST.

Grétar Þór Eypórsson left the meeting.

7. SPS

a. Meet the new editors

Silja Bára R. Ómarsdóttir and Stefanía Óskarsdóttir joined the meeting 12:15 CEST.

The new editors of SPS are Professor Maximillian Conrad, Professor Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir and Associate Professor Stefanía Óskarsdóttir, all at the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Iceland (UI).

Silja and Stefanía introduced themselves and gave an introduction about Maximillian. They then gave a general update on how the transition to the editorship and work has been going.

There was a question about the structure of the editorial team. The editorial team has support from the University of Iceland to employ an assistant to assist with administrative tasks.

It was highlighted that the NoPSA board is the editorial board of SPS. The communication between the SPS editors and the editorial board has been different depending on the editorial team of SPS. The NoPSA board is open to being more involved in the process of the SPS and inviting members of the editorial team of SPS to its board meetings.

b. **2024 NoPSA Congress**

i. ***“Excellent paper award”***

There was a discussion on connecting SPS to the congress by involving them in the “excellent paper” award. There was a discussion on “fast tracking” the winning paper for a review in the SPS. It was decided to further develop this idea.

ii. ***SPS plenary speaker at the 2024 NoPSA Congress***

The editors have reached out to a potential speaker and will make a formal invitation soon.

c. **Overview of expenses and income during the Danish editor term**

There was a general update of the SPS expenses and income during the Danish editorial team.

d. **Publisher report**

The board and the SPS editors went over the publisher report and had a general discussion on the main points of it. As the journal is going fully online next year, the word count restriction will no longer apply.

The board agreed to Wiley’s proposal to raise the APS by 5%.

e. **Annual report from Wiley**

A general overview of the annual report from Wiley was given by Eva H. Önnudóttir.

Silja Bára and Stefanía left the meeting at 13:30 CEST.

f. **Remuneration for SPS editorship**

The current remuneration for SPS is now at £5000. It is up to the editorial team how this is divided.

There was a discussion on raising the remuneration. It was decided that the remuneration would increase by 10%, resulting in £5500.

8. Any other business

a. **Next NoPSA board meeting**

The next board meeting is scheduled to take place on the 2nd of February at 10-12 CET time

b. **IPSA**

Emilia Palonen was elected to the IPSA executive committee. Hanna-Mari Kivistö will reach out to Emilia to invite her to the next NoPSA board meeting.

c. **Representatives on the board**

Are Vegard Haug will give an update on the Norwegian representation in the NoPSA board at the next board meeting in January.

Svend-Erik will also give an update on the second representative from the Danish Political Science Association.

Meeting finished: 13:43 CEST