

NoPSA

Nordic Political Science Association

Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Friday February 18, 09:00-11:00 CEST

Online – Teams

Present

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

Grétar Þór Eyþórsson, University of Akureyri, Iceland

Flemming Juul Christiansen, Roskilde University, Denmark

Douglas Brommersson, Lunds Universitet, Sweden

Kjell Englebrect, Swedish Defence University, Norway

Are Vegard Haug, (Attending in Marianne's place)

Marianne Riddervold, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway

Isak Vento and Staffan Himmelroos - absent (Finland)

Minute taker

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

1. The next NoPSA Congress in Norway 2023/24

The University of Bergen suggests that the next NoPSA Congress will take place from the 13th to the 18th of August 2024. The possible venue of the Congress was discussed. In addition, the registration fees/packages and financial matters were discussed. The possibility of having two registration packages, one included with a dinner and one without, was discussed. *It was decided to discuss with the local organisers about this suggestion.*

The board agreed on the dates of the next congress. The next steps would be to contact the organisers of the congress to discuss the aforementioned points. Are Vegard Haug and Marianna Riddervold will be in contact with the organisers.

2. NoPSA Travel Fund for Young Scholars.

Eva H. Önnudóttir introduced the drafted document. It was discussed to add other items to the draft; e.g. flights and all the autonomous areas in the Nordic countries (Greenland, Faroe Islands and the Åland Islands).

The grant amount and the amount of grants to be given out was discussed. It was discussed that there should be five grants given out, the same amount of grants as the amount of Nordic countries. *The board decided that the grant amount should be increased and that the grants given out should be up to five per year.*

The procedure of the grant application was discussed, when the grants would be given out and whom from the board would be responsible for the procedure. *It was decided that the grants would be given to PhD students to travel to other Nordic countries than the ones they are studying in.*

A further discussion on the procedure will take place during the next board meeting. It is foreseen that this be implemented in late 2022/early 2023.

Eva H. Önnudóttir will revise the draft and send an updated draft to the board.

3. The Status of the Skytte Lecture in the SPS

There are limited updates since the last board meeting. The board wants to continue the Skytte Lecture in the SPS.

It was decided that Douglas Brommersson will be in contact with the board's contact to take this matter forward.

4. The next SPS Board 2023 - 2026

This is in process; the Icelandic Political Science Association is responsible for this matter.

5. Other points

- NoPSA website

- Eva H. Önnudóttir informed the board that the minutes from the last board meeting are now accessible on the NoPSA website.

- IPSA and ECPR

- IPSA 2023. There was a discussion on the IPSA election. Eva H. Önnudóttir will be in contact with Isak Vento and Staffan Himmelroos and the current Finish representative Emilia Palonen about whether she intends to run as a candidate for her second term on the Executive Committee of IPSA.

- Eva H. Önnudóttir informed the board that the ECPR elections are in 2024.
- **Next Board Meeting**
 - Eva H. Önnudóttir suggests that the next NoPSA board meeting will be in May.

Meeting finished: 10:46