

NoPSA

Nordic Political Science Association

Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Wednesday June 26, 2024, 12:00-13:00 CEST

Bergen, Norway

Present

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

Grétar Þór Eyþórsson, University of Akureyri, Iceland

Hanna Bäck, Lund University, Sweden

Are Vegard Haug, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway

Hanna-Mari Kivistö, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Aino Tiihonen, Tampere University, Finland

Svend-Erik Skaaning, Aarhus University, Denmark

Guest

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

Minute taker

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

1. A round of introduction

There was a brief round of introduction.

2. The presidency of NoPSA handed over to the President of NoPSA, Hanna-Mari Kivistö

Hanna-Mari Kivistö will be the president of NoPSA for the next three years and the new secretary will be announced in early autumn.

3. Members of the upcoming NoPSA board (subject to change):

Sweden: Hanna Bäck and Jörgen Ödalen

Iceland: Svanhildur Þorvaldsdóttir and Auðunn Arnórsson

Norway: Are Vegard Haug

Denmark: Svend-Erik Skaaning and Michael Baggesen Klitgaard

Finland: Aino Tiihonen and Hanna-Mari Kivistö

4. A short status report about the NoPSA 2024 congress

Jonas Linde gave a brief report of the NoPSA Congress. A surplus is to be expected after the congress and the organisation of the congress has been smooth. There were 388 registered and paid participants, this is a new attendance record for the NoPSA Congress. There were 29 workshops, initially there were 33 but some had to be dropped or merged.

The early scholar workshop, organised by Aino Tiihonen, was a success. There were over 40 paper proposals and 15 had to be cut due to time. There were 5 parallel sessions (each with 5 papers) and each had a chair from Finland. Aino Tiihonen will send a post-event survey to those that attended the workshop to develop the concept further.

A discussion from the previous board meeting was visited regarding the specification of workshops.

5. Signing a support letter for the MEDem network

MEDem is a network seeking to be added as a European research infrastructure about electoral democracy. They have requested that the NoPSA board signs a support letter for them, which was agreed on by the NoPSA board.

6. NoPSA budget – status of the current budget is 26.000 Euros

The financial settlement for 2021-2024 will be handed in in September by the Icelandic Political Science Association.

7. Report about travel grant; four grants allocated (one cancellation)

There were 15 applications for the travel grant. The applications and allocations, for each country, were the following:

Sweden: 10 applications, 1 allocation, 1 cancellation

Iceland: 1 application, 1 allocation

Norway: 1 application, 1 allocation
Denmark: 0 applications, 0 allocations
Finland: 3 applications, 1 allocation

The transfers of the grants will take place and be completed before the first meeting of the new NoPSA board.

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

The 15th of July is the deadline for workshop chairs to nominate the best paper, from an early/young scholar, from their workshop.

The next board will be responsible for selecting the best paper, a discussion on the selection process took place. When the nomination process is completed, Eva H. Önnudóttir will coordinate with the NoPSA board on the process of selecting the excellent paper.

9. A reminder about upcoming rotations

- a. SPS editorship 2026-2029: Sweden
- b. NoPSA congress 2027: Finland
- c. ECPR election: 2027: Iceland
- d. IPSA election: 2025: Sweden

10. Any other business

a. The next NoPSA board meeting

- i. September 13th is the preliminary selected date at 10:00 CEST. NoPSA's representative on the IPSA board will be invited to attend the meeting.

Meeting finished: 12:54 CEST