

NoPSA

Nordic Political Science Association

Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Friday May 27, 09:00-11:45 CEST

Online – Teams

Present

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

Flemming Juul Christiansen, Roskilde University, Denmark

Douglas Brommersson, Lunds Universitet, Sweden

Kjell Engelbrekt, Swedish Defence University, Sweden

Are Vegard Haug, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard, Aalborg University, Denmark

Aino Tiihonen, Tampere University, Finland

Hanna-Mari Kivistö, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Guests

Sophia Marcelia, Wiley

Elizabeth Brophy, Wiley

Carsten Jensen, SPS

Jonas Linde, University of Bergen

Minute taker

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

1. Welcome to new members on the board (Finland)

Members of the board introduced themselves.

2. SPS

a. A report from the editorial team

Carsten Jensen, an editor of SPS, gave a report on behalf of the SPS editorial team.

Carsten Jensen noted that no special issues are foreseen in the near future.

The current editorial team suggests that the board discuss the following points:

- The next SPS editorial team.
- The possibility of one of the members of the SPS editorial teams being an associate board member.

b. The Annual report from Wiley / the Publishers report from Wiley (see attached)

Sophia Marcelia and Elizabeth Brophy, publishers at Wiley, gave a report from Wiley. 6,363 institutions accessed the content of the SPS in 2021. They noted that access to content has been moving towards open access rather than through subscriptions.

The comparison between SPS and other journals is difficult due to the specificity of SPS. However, the number of engagements is about the same as other publications from Wiley. The first issue of the 44th volume currently holds the most downloaded articles.

To increase the number of submissions, the board should look into targeted marketing towards the countries (outside of Europe) that are engaging with SPS.

c. Pricing letter for 2023 (see attached)

For the year 2023, the Wiley subscription pricing will decrease. This is due to changes in the industry (move towards open access, preference for online subscription). Due to the change in subscription pricing, a decrease in revenue is foreseen. The APC (Article Publication Charges) pricing is the more important pricing for SPS.

d. A draft of a new five year contract with Wiley, starting 2024 (see attached)

Sophia Marcelia and Elizabeth Brophy propose a five-year contract (2024-2028) for SPS. This proposal includes that the journal moves fully online.

The proposal includes a point on content review. The content review is a department that provides support where journal editors deem necessary, they are not responsible for the content of the journal. They provide management and admin support - not editorial support.

The publishers deem the content review to be a positive step for the SPS.

There was a point of concern made about the selection of reviewers should SPS adopt the content review. It was clarified that the content review department would solely provide management and admin support.

Timeline of the contract: By the end of 2022, it would be best to have a verbal agreement on the points that should be included in the five year contract with Wiley. By October 2023, it would be best to have a signed contract. The decision on the APC pricing needs to be finalised by November 2022.

Sophia Marcelia and Elizabeth Brophy left the meeting 10:27.

e. Other matters concerning SPS

There was a short discussion on the Johan Skytte lecture. SPS would be willing to continue publishing the lectures given that the Johan Skytte foundation would express an interest in that.

3. The next NoPSA Congress in Bergen 2024

a. A status report and discussion with the local organizers

Jonas Linde, member of the organising committee of the next NoPSA congress at the University of Bergen, gave an update on the organisation of the next NoPSA congress. The planning process is in its early stages. The congress will be held at Bryggen (Bergen city centre). It is not possible to host the congress at the University due to the start of the fall semester.

Venue(s): Main venue will be the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel. There are other hotels nearby that can serve as the congress' venues.

It is foreseen to have a reception at Håkansonhallen, Bryggen (sponsored by the City of Bergen).

The estimated costs per person (at 300 participants and before contributions from the organising institutions) is 5.460 NOK (including gala dinner and four lunches). A discussion on the costs took place. A point was made to re-evaluate the lunches covered by the participation fee and if the organisers could explore other options for lunches (e.g. providing lunch tickets).

A point was made that the call for workshops needs to be sent out at least one and a half year before the congress takes place. Regarding

the speakers, during the 2021 NoPSA Congress there were two keynote speakers, one proposed by the NoPSA Board and one proposed by the SPS editorial team.

Aino Tiihonen proposed to organise a workshop for early scholars. Are Vegard Haug shared that in Norway these kinds of workshops have been held one day prior to regular program taking place. The board agreed that a workshop for early scholars should be organised on the Thursday or Friday of the next congress.

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard left the meeting 11:13.

4. Travel fund for PhD students (see attached)

Eva H. Önnudóttir presented the draft of the travel fund for PhD students. The travel grant would be 500€ and be limited to one grant per conference of the national associations where applicants from universities in one of the other Nordic countries than the one the conference is held in, can apply.

A drafted application date can be found in the draft, due to this there was a point raised on the difference of the timing of the conferences in the Nordic countries. It was decided that applicants can apply prior to each conference instead of one set deadline per year. National representatives on the NoPSA board should be consulted when the grants are allocated.

5. Other matters

The next NoPSA board meeting was discussed. Eva H. Önnudóttir will contact the board members to organise the next board meeting.

Meeting finished: 11:45