



Minutes for digital NFGP Board meeting with observers – 18 June 2021 10:00

Participants:

Executive board: Johann Sigurdsson, Louise Hørslev, Salome Arnardottir, Magnus Isacson, Anders Beich, Marte Kvittum Tangen, Juha Auvinen, Sanne Bernard (secretary)

Observers: Katrina Tibballs, Olav Thorsen, Gunnar Tschudi Bondevik and Helena Liira

Guests: Roar Maagaard, Anna Stavdal and Tor Carlsen

1. Election of chair of the meeting (1 min)

Louise Hørslev was appointed chair of the meeting.

2. Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting (1 min)

Sanne Bernard was appointed to take the minutes.

3. Other international activities (Anna Stavdal (WW) and Roar Maagaard (WE)) (5 min)

Information on coming WONCA conferences and council meetings.

WONCA World: Anna thanked all for the support to the organization, and for taking part in the extra ordinary meeting this spring. The conference Abu Dhabi will be a pure virtual conference, and the Council meeting will be virtual too. It is important that everybody takes part in this council meeting in order to maintain the democratic process.

The secretariat has now moved to Brussels, with Harris Lygidakis as new director.

Johann asked how NFGP can support Anna further, which was highly appreciated and pointed out that this collaboration will hopefully be in both directions. Anna will get back to us.

WONCA Europe: Roar informed that the next conference in July also will be pure digital, and the conference in London next year is planned to be a hybrid conference.

Shlomo Vinker has taken over from Mehmet Ungan this spring, and Thomas Freese has been elected as "president elect". Several countries – including NFGP – experience a lack of transparency in the election process in WE.



The plan is to have a physical council meeting this autumn. It is important that the Nordic countries agree upon the direction, when the call for the council meeting this autumn arrives. It is important that the federation has an opinion on this, Johann and Roar will work on a common letter from NFGP.

Roar is part of the WE bylaw committee, where Thomas Freese is chair. Roar informed that so far there has been a lack of communication between the WE EB and the by-law committee

4. Around the table – a 3-minute update from each country regarding the COVID-19 challenges (by Juha, Magnus, Salome, Marte and Anders) (15 min)

All board members gave an update on the current situation in the Nordic countries.

5. Update since our last meeting (Johann) – [see brief report here](#) (5 min)

Johann just went briefly through his report, as all topics will be discussed during this meeting.

6. Update on Congress matters. NCGP in June 2022 to be discussed – (Olav Thorsen) (10 min)

As you all know, we had to postpone the Nordic Congress from 2021 to 2022. We have set a new date, on June 21st to 23rd. All arrangements will be as planned for this year, themes, place, keynote speakers etc.

The Host Organizing Committee has discussed the possible situation next year in relation to the pandemic or other catastrophes and the chances for participants to come to Stavanger. We have decided to arrange the congress whatever the actual conditions will be next year, which means that we will have either a "normal" congress, a digital congress, or a hybrid solution. The final decision about this must be taken latest in December. We plan for a normal congress, but we must prepare for the "worst".

A hybrid solution will be more expensive, because of filming and recording of sessions, the need of more personnel, equipment, and digital platforms, but we can also hope for more people from other parts of the world, to participate digitally.

Therefore, we have many big challenges and possibilities, we hope for the best, and we count on the support of the other Nordic colleges.

We want you to use our promotion film as often as you can, see www.ncgp2022.no

The question is whether we should aim on having a "normal" pure physical conference next year, or if we should aim for a hybrid conference. This topic will be discussed further in Oslo.

We should also look at evaluations of the present/coming digital/hybrid conferences.

If the decision is made having a digital/hybrid conference, it should also be possible to make comments when participating on a digital basis (can however cause problems due to delays when streaming).



7. Schedule of NCGPs the upcoming 10 years (Johann) (2 min)

As you know it takes 4-6 years to arrange a Nordic Congress, therefore we have tried to plan our future congresses for at least 10 years ahead. As a result of the Covid pandemic we have changed the year for NCGP in Norway to 2022 and Finland and Sweden wanted to change their plans accordingly.

So; here is the suggested 10 years plan from now. Hope you have managed to inform and discuss this within your national boards.

No. Year Host country Town Time of the year

22 [2022 Norway](#) Stavanger June

23 2024 Finland Turku June

24 [2026 Sweden](#)

25 2028 Iceland Reykjavik

26 2030 Denmark

27 2032 Norway

Everybody accepted the new schedule above, the NFGP website has been updated accordingly.

8. Update on the work with Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care and the situation regarding publisher (Helena Liira) [See annual report from SJPHC here](#) (15 min)

We have made progress with Taylor & Francis in negotiations on the new publishing contract. A lawyer specialized in publishing matters, Kaisa Fahlund from Berggren has helped us in scrutinizing the contract. We continue the negotiations and trust we will end up in a positive outcome that will not decrease the income from the journal drastically. The Publishers predict a growth for the journal:

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Estimated Submitted Articles	449	538	646	743	855
Estimated Accepted Articles	86	101	119	135	154
Total Revenue	€102,478	€131,269	€168,228	€206,745	€254,132
Total return to the NFGP	€51,238	€65,634	€84,114	€103,372	€127,066

*Until 2021, SJPHC has accepted max 60 papers per year.

There are a couple of uncertainties to be discussed:

- The new contract and the change of the editorial system will be a challenge for the editors in 2022. The editors need to meet late 2021.
- If the growth is as predicted by the Publisher, should NFGP recruit a deputy Editor-in-Chief? What does the board think of the predicted growth and its consequences?



T&F suggests making the same fee for all (1500, - euro), but with a 30% discount for members. The editorial board does not see this as a problem.

(Just for information, - Helena and the NFGP secretariat have already been screening the market for alternative publishers earlier in the process).

When the draft for contract with T&F is ready later this year, the NFGP board will have to decide if we can accept this new contract. For the time being the NFGP board gave the mandate to continue the negotiation with T&F, - the NFGP board will of course be presented with the contract before signing.

Are the suggested numbers from T&F realistic? And if so - it will indeed demand some extra effort/work for the SJPHC editorial board.

Helena suggests hiring a deputy editor-in-chief. This subject (including suggestion for salary) was not discussed further. Helena will come back with more detailed information on this.

Helena has accepted to continue one or two years more than originally planned to secure a good handover to the coming chief editor.

9. Update on the work with NYGP (Katrina Tibbals) [See annual report from NYGP here](#) (10 min)

Short presentation of [NYGP's Specialist training statement](#). Ideas for further dissemination. Brief discussion.

The main topics of the statement are:

- Overall features and time requirements
- Essential elements in the GP training
- Supervision, peer groups, mentorship and assessment
- Financial and institutional structure

The NYGP statement will be presented at the Nordic Leader seminar in August in Oslo, and we will discuss how to make the suggestions relevant in our respective Nordic countries. NYGP is also working closely together with the NFGP committee on specialist training (with Roar as chair) about how to bring these recommendations further.

Orientation about NYGP pre-congress, NCGP 2022: Quality improvement workshop in collaboration with SKIL.

The NFGP board expressed their admiration to NYGP for their work!



10. Update on Nordic Leader Seminar in Oslo 26-28 August 2021 (NFA) (Tor or Marte) (10 min)

The plans for the Leader Seminar follow the pattern of previous meetings, attempting to include elements which had to little time in Helsingør 2018. A slot for the NYGP group as well as the wider international perspective have been included. There will be time for country reports including the Covid-19 experience. The five member countries are asked to contribute according to the themes agreed in Aalborg 2019, with an introduction, a group discussion, and a plenary roundup for each theme. It has been suggested that the duration of the meeting from Wednesday night until Saturday lunch might be somewhat shorter. The core values document /implementation will be given attention. At the moment (June 7), Norway sustains quarantine regulations for persons entering the country, regardless of corona vaccination status.

[See preliminary agenda here.](#)

The agenda will also leave time for giving a Covid-19 update from each country.

The Nordic leaders will meet Wednesday night, and the program starts Thursday morning and ends Saturday by lunch time. **NB! The NFGP Board will meet already Tuesday night in order to record our Core Value film early Wednesday morning.**

Registration forms for the leader seminar will be sent out soon.

Our Nordic Core values will be discussed (and hopefully agreed upon with the unions too) on Saturday morning.

The NFGP is planning to have a short board meeting Wednesday afternoon the 25th.

11. Update on the work with Core values of Nordic General Practice and Nordic GPs (Louise) (5 min)

A fresh update on the work with our planned Core Value film including our thoughts about rehearsal/preparation before recording the film in Oslo.

The NFGP secretariat will suggest for a plan for the roles to be played for each board member. We hope that all of you will participate in individual “live performance training” with Sine in week 32. You will be contacted individually in order to set up a 30-minute Zoom meeting/training session in week 32.

Remember – the NFGP Board will meet Tuesday night in Oslo!

Should you wish to transfer your role as “actor” to another person from your country, YOU must make sure that this person can be in Oslo on 24 August. However, we really hope that you are all still willing to participate as “actors”, as the NFGP Board are already well balanced in both gender and experience.

12. NFGP meetings in Copenhagen in September (Johann) (5 min)

SJPHC and possible others would like to meet. Purpose and economy in connection with a September meeting to be discussed.



The congress committee will have a Zoom meeting on 9 September, Olav is in charge as chair of the congress committee and will make further arrangements.

Johann will participate together with Louise and Dorthe, when discussing the contract with T&F.

13. Dates for the annual NFGP meeting in Copenhagen in 2022 to be decided (Johann) (2 min)

The following dates were suggested,

PLAN A: 7 – 8 April 2022 (just before the Easter holiday)

PLAN B: 31 March – 1 April 2022

Further information will follow soon.

14. Any other business (4 min)

The question was brought up whether observers should participate in the NFGP board meeting in Oslo Wednesday afternoon. This will be discussed, and suggestions announced later.