

## Minutes from NDA board meeting on April 19, 2022

**Date:** Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 11:00-14:00 CET  
**Place:** Tivoli Hotel & Conference Center, Copenhagen

**Present:**

Denmark: Tove Agner, Christian Vestergaard, Gregor Jemec  
Deirdre Nathalie Dufour, Ditte Saunte, Simon F. Thomsen  
Finland: Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä, Teea Salmi  
Norway: Katarina Zak Stangeland, Usha Hartgill, Petter Gjersvik  
Sweden: John Paoli, Anna Josefson

**On Zoom:**

Finland: Katariina Hannula-Jouppi  
Iceland: Gisli Ingvarsson  
Sweden: Amra Osmancevic, Johan Dahlén Gyllencreutz  
NDA Office: Agneta Andersson

Not present: Baldur Baldursson

**§51 Opening and welcome**

The meeting was chaired by John, who wished everyone welcome.

**§52 Minutes from NDA board meeting on Zoom on October 12, 2021 and review of actions requiring follow-up**

The minutes, already approved and corrected by e-mail, were reviewed. All actions had been taken care of. NDA will not have to pay Swedish tax on its surplus for 5 years and must apply again for this exception in 3 years.

Katarina and Agneta will follow up.

**§53 Proposal for change in the NDA bylaws – final vote**

The board's proposal for a change in the NDA bylaws had been sent to the boards of each national society. No society had opposed the proposal. The board voted unanimously to change the last paragraph of §7 in the NDA bylaws from:

*All NDA board members are appointed by the respective national societies for three years and may be re-appointed for three more years.*

to:

*All NDA board members are appointed by the respective national societies for three years and may be re-appointed **twice** for three more years.*

Agneta will update the NDA bylaws on the NDA website.

**§54 Appointments of NDA board members and election of NDA president, secretary general and treasurer for 2022-25**

The national societies had appointed the following members of the NDA board for the period 2022-25:

Denmark: Christian Vestergaard, Deirdre Nathalie Dufour, Simon F. Thomsen  
Finland: Katariina Hannula-Jouppi, Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä, Teea Salmi  
Iceland: Baldur Baldursson, Gisli Ingvarsson  
Norway: Katarina Zak Stangeland, Usha Hartgill, Petter Gjersvik  
Sweden: Anna Josefson, Johan Dahlén Gyllencreutz + one to be decided

The NDA board elected this leadership for the period 2022-25

President: Christian Vestergaard  
Secretary general: Deirdre Nathalie Dufour  
Treasurer: Katarina Zak Stangeland

Agneta will update the NDA website.

**§55 Nordic courses – an update**

Tove gave an update on the Nordic courses, which had either been held virtually or postponed due to the covid-19 restrictions. Three NDA courses are planned for 2022, one combined online and face-to-face course (in dermatoscopy) and two face-to-face courses (in skin surgery and lasers, respectively). New initiatives are welcome, and some ideas for new courses were discussed.

Tove will continue as chair of the NDA education committee, but wishes to step down during the coming term. The committee will meet during this congress to discuss future plans.

**§56 2022 NDA research grants**

The 2021 NDA research grant was given to Laura Krogh Herlin, Denmark (30,000 SEK) and Sinja Kristiansen, Sweden (30,000 SEK).

The board decided to announce a 2022 NDA research grant of 80,000 SEK to be given to one grantee or split between two grantees. PhD students, residents and postdocs may apply. Based on the board's discussion on grant criteria.

Teea will make a draft announcement to be sent to Christian for review and then to the rest of the new NDA board for final decision and announcement.

**§57 Economic update and budget for 2022**

Katarina presented the treasurer's reports for 2019, 2020 and 2021, which had been audited by the NDA auditors Olle Larkö and Antti Lauerma. The report from 2021 had a surplus of 79,424 SEK, increasing the balance to 1,688,004 SEK.

The financial reports were approved.

Katarina presented a proposed budget for 2022. The NDA research grant was set to 80,000 SEK. With an estimated surplus from the 2022 Nordic congress of 350,000 SEK, the expected surplus for 2022 will be appr. 237,000 SEK.

The proposed budget with a 2022 NDA research grant of 80,000 SEK were approved.

Katarina and Agneta will contact Olle Larkö and Antti Lauerma to ask if they can continue as NDA auditors for the next three years.

**§58 Updates from the national societies**

Christian, Teea, Amra and Katarina gave short updates on what is going on in Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway, all to be repeated at the NDA board report meeting on April 22. Baldur will then give a similar update from Iceland.

**§59 NDA board report for the period 2019-22**

A preliminary report was presented and slightly revised and corrected.

**§60 NDA board report meeting on April 22**

The board report meeting will take place on Friday morning and will be announced during all scientific sessions.

John will send the final changes in the report to Agneta.

**§61 2022 Nordic Congress – final update**

Gregor gave a final update on the preparations for the 2022 Nordic congress. A record number of more than 700 participants have registered. With a record number of sponsors and exhibitions, the surplus is expected to be at least 700,000 DKK.

**§62 The 2022-25 NDA board meeting on April 22**

The new board decided to skip a post-congress board meeting on Friday afternoon and instead to meet on Zoom in mid-May (following a board meeting in the Finnish society; see below) and then at a face-to-face meeting during the EADV congress in Milan in September.

Natalie will send out a doodle for these meetings and get Agneta to book a meeting room in Milan.

**§63 Other issues**

The board decided to prolong the contract with Agneta Andersson as administrator for our Main Office for two more years (until December 31, 2023). Her fee will be increased to 28,000 SEK plus 25% VAT (35,000 SEK in total).

Gisli informed the NDA board that the Icelandic society board has decided to withdraw the offer to host the next Nordic congress in Reykjavik in 2025. The NDA board members from Finland were open to host the Nordic congress in Helsinki in

2025, but had to wait for a final approval from the Finnish society board, which will meet in early May.

**Addendum:** At the NDA Board report meeting on April 22, it was decided to postpone the final decision for the choice of host for the next congress until the NDA Zoom meeting in mid-May. If the Finnish society accepts to host the 2025 congress, Iceland may consider to host the 2028 congress. Next in line will be Norway.

Amra Osmanovic will continue as a NDA board member from Sweden until further notice.

The Swedish health authorities have decided to accept 4-year practice (2.5 years for board-certified general practitioners) at private dermatology clinics as sufficient for being certified as a specialist in dermatology and venereology. This will decrease the quality of future dermatologists and venereologists in Sweden and also in the neighbouring countries due to emigration.

The NDA education committee has decided to write a short, explicit and detailed summary on the requirements for specialisation in the other Nordic countries in order to facilitate a change in these rules. The issue will be discussed again at future NDA board meetings.

**Petter Gjersvik**

NDA Secretary General 2019-2022

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