

MINUTES (DRAFT)

NDA Board Meeting on Friday February 7th, 2025

Date: Friday February 7th, 2025 at 13:00-17:00 – Lunch: 13.00-14.00 CET

Place: Clarion Hotel, Copenhagen Airport, 2770 Kastrup, Danmark

Present:

Denmark: Christian Vestergaard

Finland: Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä, Teea Salmi, Laura Huilaja

Norway: Katarina Zak Stangeland, Petter Gjersvik

Sweden: Lena Lundeberg

On Zoom:

Denmark: Simon F. Thomsen, Rikke Bech

Finland: Veli-Matti Kähäri (for §63 only), Katariina Hannula-Jouppi

Sweden: Mihaly Matura

Iceland: Baldur Baldursson

NDA Office: Agneta Andersson (until 15:00)

Not present: Deirdre Nathalie Dufour, Usha Hartgill, Gisli Ingvarsson

Agenda

§54 Opening and welcome

Christian welcomed all participants.

§55 Minutes from NDA board meeting on Thursday September 26th, 2024

Approved. Potential changes in the NDA Bylaws was discussed later (§64).

§56 Economical report

Agneta presented the NDA economical report for 2024.

Balance was 2.3 mill SEK on 2024-01-01 and 2.29 on 2024-12-31.

Iceland have not yet paid their fee.

The national societies must send Katarina invoices for the NDA residents' travel grants.

§57 Website - information to the Nordic dermato-venerologists

Information on national societies boards and the NDA educational board must be updated. Follow-up: Respective representatives and Agneta.

§58 Nordic courses – an update

Laura gave an update. Three Nordic courses in 2025: Cosmetic dermatology, skin surgery and dermatoscopy. Suboptimal registration for the cosmetic

dermatology course. NDA will guarantee up to 100,000 SEK if economical deficit. Current course plans: Genital dermatoses, lymphoma, skin of color.

§59 National NDA lectures

Christian gave an update. NDA lectures have been made in all countries, except Iceland. NDA lectures will be offered in 2025 as well. Follow-up: NDA board members from each country.

§60 NDA Young Scientist Meeting at EADV 2024

Christian reported from the 2nd NDA Young Scientist Meeting at EADV congress in Amsterdam. Appr. 35 participants from all Nordic countries, except Iceland. Sponsored by Novartis. The 3rd NDA Young Scientists Meeting will be held at the 2025 EADV congress in Paris. Follow-up: Christian.

§61 2024 NDA Research Grants

Teea gave an update. 15 applications. The 2024 grant was split between Laura Suoniemi (60,000 SEK) and Jesse Karppinen (40,000 SEK), both from Finland. A 2025 NDA Research Grant will be announced shortly. Criteria will be the same as for 2024. Follow-up: Teea.

§62 Updates from the national societies

Katarina, Norway: New meeting structure approved. 10 grants to NCDV participants.

Lena, Sweden: Liv Eidsmo has returned to Karolinska as full professor. New board exam rules for specialists are being discussed.

Kaisa, Finland: Board exams are working. Text books are under revisions. All residents attending the NCDV given grants.

Rikke, Denmark: Annual meeting, educational meeting. 6 grants to residents presenting at NCDV. New elections in May.

Balder, Iceland: Spring meeting with board election.

§63 2025 Nordic Congress update

Veli-Matti and Kaisa gave an update on the Nordic Congress in May 2025.

95 abstracts submitted, 9 selected for orals, 10 for poster walks.

Registration: 475 participants so far.

34 sponsors, in total 375,000 EUR

Conference app NCDV 2025

Acta DV will publish the abstracts (n=95)

The NDA board was very pleased. Follow-up: Veli-Matti et al.

§64 NDA leadership and NDA board for 2025-28

Christian and Nathalie are willing to be re-elected as NDA president and secretary general, respectively (and must be re-appointed to the NDA board by the Danish society). One of the NDA board members from Sweden will be invited to be elected treasurer.

§7 in the NDA bylaws include term limits for NDA board members, president, secretary general and treasurer in order to secure renewal combined with continuity. Term limits, however, may be an obstacle for filling the posts with motivated and competent individuals when recruitment is difficult. Petter has

proposed to include in §7 a sentence making it possible to annul term limits in individual cases. The board agreed.

Christian proposed a new position as NDA vice president. The board agreed.

Consequently, the board decided to propose a change in §7 of the NDA bylaws to (new words in **bold**):

The NDA board consists of 14 members, i.e.

- The president of the national society, alternatively a board member, from each country.
- Two additional members from each national society, except Iceland, which will have one additional member.
- All NDA board members are appointed by the respective national societies for three years and may be re-appointed twice for three more years. If vacancies occur, replacement members are appointed by each national society for the rest of the term.

The NDA board elects among its members

- A president for three years. The president may be reelected for three more years.
- A **vice president**, secretary general and treasurer, all for three years. The **vice president**, secretary general and treasurer may be re-elected twice for three more years.

The term limits for NDA board members, president, vice president, secretary general and treasurer may be annulled in individual cases, requiring the unanimous vote from all NDA board members present at a board meeting.

This proposal will be sent to all national society boards and be voted on at the next NDA board meeting in Helsinki in May. Follow-up: Christian and Petter.

§65 Other issues

The next NDA board meeting will be on Tuesday May 6th at 10:30 (Finnish time) at the congress center. On Friday 9th, the new NDA board for 2025-28 will have a short meeting. Follow-up: Christian and Veli-Matti et al.

Christian Vestergaard
NDA President

Petter Gjersvik
NDA board member and locum secretary