

Minutes from the NSA General Assembly 2020

The General Assembly of the Nordic Sociological Association was gathered the 2nd of September 2020 digitally at 16.05-17.15.

1. Meeting of assembly and recording of attendance

The General Assembly was constituted, and participants were enrolled in the digital meetingroom. There were 14 participants and all five national associations were represented.

2. Election of chairman of the meeting, secretary of the meeting and two persons to check the minutes

Decision: Kristian Berg Harpviken (Norway) was elected chairperson and Sverre Wide (Sweden) was elected secretary of the meeting. Sebastian Svenberg (Sweden) and Sirpa Wrede (Finland) were appointed to check the minutes.

3. Approval of the notice and the agenda

The notice and the agenda were published on the NSA website one month before the General Assembly (as stated in the statutes). It was noted by the chairperson that the supporting documents, however, were published well after this time.

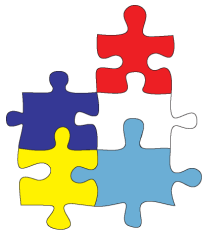
Decision: The notice and the agenda for the General Assembly were approved.

4. Approval of the report from the Board for the Congress period August 2018 to August 2020

Kristian Berg Harpviken presented the report and the work done by the board during the period 2018-2020.

Decision: The report from the Board for the Congress period August 2018 to August 2020 was approved.

5. Approval of the accounts for 2018 and 2019, including auditor's reports



Sverre Wide presented the accounts for 2018 and 2019, including auditor's reports.

Decision: The accounts for 2018 and 2019 reports were approved.

6. Approval of the activity plan for the upcoming period

The elected chairperson of NSA for the period August 2020 to August 2020, Sunna Símonardóttir (Iceland), presented herself and an activity plan for the next congress period. She stressed the three tasks specified in the statutes: 1) Acta sociologica, 2) the NSA biannual conference, and 3) Project support.

Sunna Símonardóttir also thanked the outgoing chairperson of the association Kristian Berg Harpviken for his excellent work during his time as chairperson.

Decision: The activity plan for the upcoming period was approved.

7. Approval of the membership fee

Decision: The decision was taken not to change the membership fee.

8. Approval of the budget for 2018-2020

Sverre Wide presented a budget for 2018-2020.

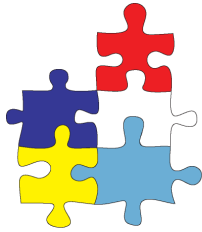
Decision: The budget for 2021-2022 was approved. The board was also authorized to take the final priorities in the budget for 2021-2022.

9. Report of the state of ACTA by the editors

Unfortunately, the editors were not present at the General Assembly. Instead Kristian Berg Harpviken informed about the current situation for Acta sociologica. He described the transition to the new editorial team in Iceland. He discussed the recently decreased impact factor, but reported that the journal never the less is doing well and that close follow-up will be performed in close contact with Sage. He also reported that the editors are present at the board meetings, so that the board can follow the editorial work closely and regularly. Kristian Berg Harpviken pointed out that the implementation of Plan S will most certainly lead to negative economical consequences for the journal and for the association.

Decision: The report was approved.

10. Election of auditor



Decision: The board was authorized to select an external auditor.

11. Other business

Pelle Korsbæk Sørensen (Denmark) suggested that the board, as a consequence of the low number of attendants at the General Assembly, should evaluate the format of the 2020 General Assembly.

Erika Willander (Sweden) introduced herself as the new vice chairperson of the association. She also welcomed Sunna Símonardóttir as the new chairperson and thanked Kristian Berg Harpviken for his time as chairperson.

12. Closing of the meeting

Kristian Berg Harpviken thanked for the opportunity to chair the association for two years, wished the new chairpersons good luck and then closed the meeting.

Sverre Wide: _____

Sebastian Svenberg: _____

Sirpa Wrede: _____