

Minutes of the PREPSEC International meeting February 19th 07:00
Washington State time, 10:00 Eastern Standard Time, 14:00 Sigrid Time and
16:00 Scandinavian time.

Present: Knut Gundersen, Kelli Parcher, Bengt Daleflod, Sigridur Porsteinsdóttir, Kim Parker, Cecylia Bieganowska

Regrets: Bettina Hedegård Christensen

Introduction and information presented by Knut.

Since our meeting in January, different board members have done a great job with different issues.

*Sigridur and Cecylia have made some great suggestions to web improvements (further information to follow)

*Cecylia, Kim, Shannon and Kelli have come far in planning the conference in Wroclaw, Poland October 20 and 21 2016 (further information to follow)

*Kim reports on her follow up with Robert:

Robert has sent emails to the national PREPSEC organizations and not had a response, to date. Bengt informs the board that either himself or Per Astrom will represent SWE-ART, Kim believes Tutte Mitchell-Olsen will be the PREPSEC Norway representative, and Knut feels that Jette Grønne should be contacted for PREPSEC Denmark.

Robert suggests that Bettina will have the names of all honorary members

* Kelli reports that the Quality Assurance Committee (Shannon, Niels, Kristina) have been in contact and intend to move forward.

*Cathrine Kaunitz and colleges have investigated the effect of ART with the following conclusion:

“There is an insufficient evidence-base to substantiate the hypothesis that ART has a positive impact on recidivism, self-control, social skills or moral development in adolescents and adults. Further research is warranted by independent investigators exploring the effects of ART on clearly-defined target groups using high standard evaluation designs”

That does not mean that ART is not working, but that research up until now has not had sufficient high standard evaluations. This review was limited to adults and two of the Norwegian studies was therefore excluded. Bengt points out that the 16 studies did report that ART shows promise .

Kelli mentioned that there was a new CJAA study coming soon. It may be possible to see parts of this study but, due to funding and legislation, it is not clear when and who might see it. Knut expresses interest as he has been invited to work with the Norwegian center for best practice “Ungsinn” in which ART is a part. Bengt confirms that the last Swedish study was done in 2008.

1. Approval of the solutions of the Board meeting January 6, 2016

Resolution

The Board have already approved the minutes from the meeting January 6, 2016. There were no objections and the minutes are published on the web pages

2. The web-pages.

Introduction

Cecylia and Sigridur have made some suggestions to improvements. They have provided suggestions to the board, with favorable response. Kim is able to provide a link for free access to a Family TIES research article. We realize that some articles may be downloaded onto our website and others will just need posted links, due to copyright issues. Knut would like the PREPSEC news to be more active, as this is a good reflection on our organization. He asks that we all take responsibility to post news, however big or small. Cecylia and Sigridur will try to have a news bar on the main page, that readers can scroll. They are having difficulties at the moment with Word Press but are working hard to correct this.

Resolution

Sigridur and Cecylia are appointed as responsible for the web pages and media profile. The board gives Sigridur and Cecylia power of attorney to implement the suggested improvements in the web-pages.

2. The conference in Wroclaw

Introduction

The event committee has proposed details for the conference which will be held in Wroclaw the 20 and 21 of October. The idea with the conference was partly to spread knowledge of PREPSEC in Poland and partly for the board members to have 2 extra days for working with board issues.

The conference will consist of a combination between 4 key note speeches (2 each day) and 32 work-shops. As soon as Key Note speakers have been arranged, a call for presentations will be sent out to PREPSEC members, as well as ENSEC. Kelli and Knut will send Kim samples of a format for this. Workshops should be in 60 minute time slots, where one can have the whole 60 minutes or share the spot, giving two 30 minute workshops.

Financing the conference:

Kim asked, and received agreement, that the conference must pay for itself. If there is profit, some goes to PREPSEC International for its operational budget and the rest to help pay for the board to have a 2 day meeting.

A decision was made to fix the registration fee at 400 Plz (\$100USD) which will be the maximum Cecylia feels the Polish attendees can afford. After the snacks and 2 lunches are paid, this leaves 200 Plz (\$50USD) to cover Keynote speaker expenses and some left (hopefully). We will not be able to pay workshop presenters. Cecylia has a letter from the Event Committee and has made appointments with some large companies to discuss sponsorship. As well, she has approached the hotel to see how late we can leave making a deposit for the presentation rooms and awaits an answer. Cecylia request 2 bank accounts for the conference: one for the international people, paying with Euro and one for the Polish attendees, paying in Zloty. This will be much easier for them and her transactions with the hotel, caterers, etc.

If possible, we should have the conference and the program advertised on Facebook and the web-pages, registration through the website, and call for papers as well. All by the end of March.

Program format:

Knut and Bengt offered a half-day Preconference, for those who know nothing about the Prepare Curriculum, however Cecylia feels this will be poorly attended. It is, therefore, suggested that there be an ART stream with workshops catering to this need to inform. The other workshops should offer a moderate level of information. There may need to be a translator in each workshop as abilities will vary around English comprehension. 10 minutes should be left in each workshop for questions and clarification, as well as a break in between each workshop time.

Key note speakers must be chosen by March 15, 2016. Knut has agreed to be one on the first day., discussing Social Competencies. Cecylia is asked to find an appropriate speaker from Poland. The committee will discuss 2 others but any suggestions are welcome.

Resolution

The board asks the event committee to judge, just prior to putting a deposit of any monies (ie hotel deposit), whether enough registrations have come in to move forward. They may have to, otherwise, choose to cancel or delay the conference. -

3. The research Committee

Introduction

Knut has sent a letter to the research committee in order to investigate if they are able to go forward, as the committee stands now. Borge has responded and has notified the board that, due to time constraints on his part, he can not remain as leader or participant.

There was, therefore, discussion on who could become the new leader of the committee, as well as bringing on new members. Bengt was asked to be the leader but he feels his access to research is too limited to be effective. Frode is willing to be a participant, but not a leader at this time. Bengt suggests *Tore Andreassen* and will approach him. As well, there is Chris Hayes. Knut suggests that Katrine Kaunizt and Johannes Langefeldt might be good candidates if we need to appoint new members.

Resolution

Bengt Daleflod is appointed as the temporary leader of the research committee, with the mandate to find/recruit a permanent replacement. The present research committee (Bengt, Frode and Chris) discuss and decide if it is necessary to have an extra member. *The mandate of the committee is to present relevant literature and research on the PREPARE programs on the PREPSEC web-pages prior to the 1st of April 2016. The committee will be responsible for presentation and eventually for publishing relevant research articles on the web-site. Further the committee will also be responsible for proposing evaluation and research design including an overview of relevant assessment tools*".

4. Certificate of membership of honour

Introduction

Kim has suggested 2 examples of membership of honor certificates. One is in the form of letter to be sent to all honorary members, according to Bettina's list. The certificate version will be framed and sent to retired board members. To date, that is Borge, Robert, Sara, and Eva.

Resolution:

Knut and Kim will send out all letters and framed certificates.

5. Date for the next meeting

March 18, 2016 at the same time

6. Tabled items

Discussion needs to be had on the subject of the PREPSEC International logo being present on training certificates. Should it be there? Is it good for exposure? Who has permission to use it?

