



**Minutes of the PREPSEC International meeting January 6, 2016 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

**Approval of publishing reflections from the Board meeting December  
14, 2015**

**Resolution**

The Board approves the minutes from the meeting December 14th.

**1. Reorganizing the board**

With two new members it is natural to reorganize the Board.

**Resolution**

All Board members will keep their same positions, with Kim Parker assuming the position of secretary. Knut will remain Chairperson for the next 6 months.

**2. Status for different ongoing issues / information to new  
members**

**a) The relationship between PREPSEC International and the national  
subdivisions of PREPSEC**

This committee has been given the mandate to work out a proposal of guidelines that describe the relationship between the PREPSEC International organization and the PREPSEC national organizations. This to include:

- Possible delineation between the responsibility of the International and the national organization
- Membership (National membership / membership in both organizations / separate membership),
- Guidelines for variation between the national and the international standards for quality assurance of the programs

The committee shall eventually propose changes in the statutes accordingly, to meet actual approved guidelines. The guidelines should be sent to the board before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2016.

The Board is interest in knowing how this is progressing and Kim will contact Robert Calame for an update.

### **Status for the Research committee**

Unfortunately the research committee has not made any proposals to the Board and Chris Hayes has not been included into the group. Borge Stromgren has now left the Board and Knut will ask him if a new chair may now need to be appointed. Discussion was had around the need to put research and articles on our website. Kelli will contact Chris Hayes to get an update on this committee's activity as well as ask for some peer-reviewed articles from Washington State. Knut will contact Frode to invite him to be a part of this committee and to provide ART articles and research from Norway. Bengt offered a Campbell collaboration report from 2010 and Kim will check to see if the Family TIES research can be put on the website. Bengt and Knut will discuss further and also approach Terje Ogden for articles he could contribute. He is a member of a government expert group to assess the knowledge and support for a range of programs of care, including ART.

### **Status for the Quality Assurance committee**

On the December meeting 2014 Shannon Burns, Niels Hjelm Veirup, Robert Calame, Tutte M. Olsen, and Kristin Hreinsdóttir was appointed to form PREPSEC's Quality Assurance Committee.

Shannon was contacted and little progress has been made on this committee's mandate. We will ask this committee to reset a date to publish the general Quality Assurance Guidelines and the specific quality assurance systems for each program on the web page

### **Status for the web pages.**

Cecylia has agreed to head up the Web committee. She has expertise in this and has her husband's technical support as wee. Along with Sigridur and Nikolai, she will work on a marketing plan for the website and social media, with little to no cost to PREPSEC. Knut will add her as an Administrator on the site.

## Resolution:

- a) Bengt Daleflod and Knut Gundersen initiate a meeting of the research committee in order to investigate how the work could be fulfilled, whether some members in the committee wish to be replaced/change position, and whether the Board should eventually appoint another committee.
- b) Cecylia will lead the Media committee and, with Sigridur, work out a plan of how we can improve our media image.
- c) The Quality Assurance committee will be asked to set a new date to publish the general Quality Assurance Guidelines and the specific quality assurance systems for each program on the web page

### **3. How to secure the progress in the organization?**

In the December meeting, it was agreed that the possibility for a conference in Poland or Iceland should be explored, with an extension of 2 days for the Board to meet.

Cecylia proposed the conference be held in Wroclaw, Poland. It would be less expensive than in Scandinavia and she feels the ministry of Education would help finance. The location is also less expensive than in Warsaw, interest here in ART is high, and it is close to Germany, the Czech-Republic, and Slovakia. Knut added that a conference soon would also interest ART trainers in England, Estonia, and Denmark. Cecylia feels that enough income could be earned to pay for Board members to come and speak (airfare and hotel). We could then meet after as a Board, with Kim suggesting we could pay our own accommodations for that.

Kim will send Cecylia information and ideas from the Event committee, as they had done ground work for Erie, Pennsylvania. She will set up a meeting on Skype shortly with all concerned.

### **Proposition to resolution**

Cecylia will begin inquiries into having a conference in Wroclaw, Poland in October 2016. The events committee will help her with this and report back at the next Board meeting.

### **4. A gift to Robert and Borge**

Robert and Borge have served the organization tremendously since the first interim board meeting 4 years ago. They should be honored by a gift. It was suggested they be given a letter of thanks and an honorary life-time membership to PREPSEC. This will be framed and presented to them (Borge's by Knut; Robert's by Kim). Bettina will be consulted for ideas for a small additional gift. Knut would like all honorary members to have a similar letter.

## **Resolution**

Kim will draw up a letter for Knut's approval.

## **5. New date for the meeting**

## **Resolution**

19<sup>th</sup> of February 2016