

## **Minutes for PREPSEC International`s meeting the 21st of January 2013**

**Present: Sara Salmon, Bengt Daleflod, Borge Stromgren, Knut Gundersen and Robert Calame (secretary)**

**Regrets: Eva Feindler and Bettina Christensen**

### **Information.**

#### **1. Registering the organization**

Borge is now working with registering the organization. There are still some confirmations from board members that have to be sent to him, but as it seems the organization will be registered very soon.

Borge will follow up with the Registry. Robert, Bengt, Sara and Knut have been involved in meeting the requirements and some more details need to be worked out. Time will move all the outstanding issues forward as all members try to comply with the requirements

#### **2. Letter for recruiting members**

Bettina and Robert have drafted a letter in order to recruit members. It seems like it is very expensive to transfer money across countries. They are currently examining the possibilities of using a PayPal account. When we have worked out how to arrange for people to pay for membership, the letter will be sent out as has been agreed in previous meetings.

There needs to be a clear explanation as to how to pay for membership before sending out the letter of invitation to join PREPSEC International. The issue will be tabled pending Bettina`s research and feedback.

### **1. The web-pages**

Background for the item:

Knut has been working with the web-company and the web-pages are beginning to fill up the website. <http://artapp.crosscode.no/> there are still some things missing and each board member should go carefully through the web-site and advise Knut of any missing pieces. In addition, it is important that we decide which organizations should be referred to as partners. Some obvious candidates are Diakonhjemmet University College, Peace4kids, Swe-ART WOLF Social Competencies, ENSEC and Hedebocentret.

In the web-pages you will also find a suggestion of prices for membership based on previous discussions.

“The membership fee will be 20 \$ US or Canadian, 100 Scandinavian kroner, 200 rubel or 15 EURO”. The members will have to submit these fees which are the same price we used at the conference in Sandnes.

The board is also invited to comment the design of the web-page, but we will postpone to the next meeting to decide design / logo changes.

Resolution:

*Knut will continue the work with the web-site and its various pages with the following additions and changes:*

*Two separate categories “links” and “partners” should be changed to one category “Links to Partners”*

*Links to Research Press and Perseus House should be added with their agreement. Further links will be added to the website with Board approval. E-mail addresses will be adjusted, and finally design for the website will be reexamined. It was suggested we give some complements to the web designer for what they have done to date and reserve further discussion regarding the logo till a later date. It was agreed that the people at the top right of the home page are representative of our organization.*

## 2. PREPSEC representation at conferences

According to the statues, one of the goals of the organization is to be represented at different relevant conferences. This includes both conferences within the PREPSEC board members network such as the PEACE4Kids conference in June, but also conferences within the same field that are arranged by others. One example of this is the ENSEC conference in July. The board is invited to discuss how it might be possible to present our programs in these conferences. PREPSEC has not economic power to support representations of board members, but we might form a strategy to promote further dissemination of the programs. However, it is also important that we attend our own conferences and in this way have an opportunity to have a live PREPSEC meeting. The next possibility will be the PEACE4KIDS conference in June in Denver. Colorado.

Resolution:

*PREPSEC International will be represented at Sara Salmon’s international conference in June 2013 by as many board members as economically possible. ENSEC is also important to attend in July but the PREPSEC Board has no funds to send representatives to conferences. So they will be attended by representatives who can afford the conferences.*

## 3. The further process

### Background for the item

The board has required more time than expected to register the organization, publish the web-pages and to recruit members. By the next meeting we will hopefully be on track.

Bettina will try to apply for funding in the Nordic Council – that might bring us some financial support. When enough members are recruited, we will have to appoint national representatives and also members for the different committees. This spring we also have to make a strategy of when and how we shall have an election of a new board.

#### *Resolution*

*The board acknowledges progress is being made on the following strategies and will continue to move forward towards:*

- 1. Registering the organization and publishing the web-page*
- 2. Recruiting for new membership*
- 3. Selecting and pursuing other international representatives*
- 4. Establish committees for the development and research in implementation of Social Emotional Competency programming PREPSEC endorses*
- 5. Making a plan for the election of a new board in 2013 or 2014*

#### 4. Future PREPSEC International meetings planned.

Further meetings are planned for February 25<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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