

Minutes from the PREPSEC general assembly and the subsequent PREPSEC meeting of the executive advisory board on the 6th of September 2012 in Sandnes, Norway

The inaugural PREPSEC General Assembly was held at 14:00 September 6th, 2012 at the Diakonhjemmet University College 10th Anniversary Conference in Sandnes, Norway: "LEARN HOW TO BUILD SOCIAL COMPETENCE"

Present were 49 interested parties of which 27 were bonafide members of the newly formed PREPSEC International organization. The executive members of the interim board appointed to establish the new organization were introduced by its first President and director, Mr. Knut Gundersen. Knut was asked to assume the leadership of the new organization by the officers of the former ICART advisory board. Mr. Gundersen *Norway* introduced: Dr. Bengt Daleflod (Vice-president) *Sweden*, Ms Bittena Christensen (Treasurer) *Denmark*, Dr. Sara Salmon *United States of America*, and Robert Calame (Secretary) *Canada*. The names of two other advisory board members was also announced with regrets for their absence. They are : Dr.Eva Feindler *U.S.A.* and Dr. Borge Stromgren, *Norway* .

Those in attendance applauded the board members. Knut Gundersen then read and briefly explained the mission of the organization, the statutes which had been prepared by the interim board, as well as a commitment to have democratic elections to replace approximately 50% of the board in 12-18 months. A vote was taken to approve the board's members, the statutes and to kick off the new PREPSEC International organization. Upwards of forty people raised their hands to approve the organization and 27 actual members of the organization unanimously voted to support the organization and its plans to operate effective immediately. Knut also announced that he hoped we would have a PREPSEC website in operation within a two month period.

The meeting was adjourned!

PREPSEC International Advisory Board meeting September 6th, 2012 at 15:00 Sandnes, Norway

Present were: Knut Gundersen , Bettina Christensen , Bengt Daleflod, Robert Calame. Sara Salmon.

Regrets: Eva Feindler, Borge Stromgren

1. Review of minutes: None of the board members had the minutes from the August PREPSEC meeting in their possession. It was agreed to move forward on the agenda as no one recalled any required changes to the meeting minutes. We will look at accepting the August minutes at the next meeting.
2. Dr. Salmon brought up the issue of advisory board insurance for the new PREPSEC board expressing that the risk to not having the insurance put her at too great a risk for

her to participate on the board. She researched the issue and could acquire board insurance in the USA for \$700 approximately. The European experience is that such insurance is not needed and was not seen as a priority as a result. Individuals normally have their own insurance. Due to the difference in these two realities a need for international insurance will be reexamined and discussed again in the near future.

3. Feedback on the conference: Knut and his staff were to be commended for the work they did on organizing a great conference. Some feedback to the organizers was that presenters found themselves limited as to what they could accomplish in a 40 minute time slot. There was much to be said about how the timing allowed for a greater variety of subjects and speakers offered in this format. Nonetheless the conference was deemed to have been a great success.
Another suggestion was made that evaluation sheets were missing and that they could be extremely valuable to all concerned.
4. A brief discussion was had regarding the apparent approval of Dr Barry Glick vis a vis the new organization. With the closure of ICART in Pennsylvania and also now in Europe, Dr. Glick may be more content and less likely to interfere with the further development of the Prepare Curriculum and further development in the Goldstein world.
5. A brief discussion was had regarding the absence of Rune Nensen and Oasen staff and attempts to collaborate with them.
6. Considerable discussion was held on the topic of the website and the proposed logo. The discussion of the logo was tabled till a later date with the focus to be on getting the website up and running in two months. Each author of the new Prepare Series will need to write a 1-2 page description of their booklet.
7. Next meeting was proposed for October 1st previously but will be rescheduled for October 8th 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Calame

Secretary PREPSEC International