

Minutes for the PREPSEC board meeting the 8th of October 2012

Present: Knut, Bettina, Borge, Robert

Information:

- a) Research Press has now published the Family TIES book. Congratulations on that to Robert and Kim.
- b) First book in the Prepare Curriculum Series will be Empathy Training soon to be released. Next will be Problem Solving and then Social Perception Training and so on.
- c) Knut has been promoted to the office of Docent – in Norway that is similar to Professor. Congratulations to Knut.

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on the 20th of August at 3p.m. Scandinavian time and also the minutes of the PREPSEC General Assembly and following Advisory Board meeting held in Sandnes Norway at 14:00 and 15:00 September 6th 2012

Resolution:

The interim board approves the minutes from the meetings the 20th of August and the 6th of September, 2012

2. The web-site

Background for the item:

Knut has in cooperation with designer Anette Friestad at Sysco in Haugesund, has started developing a web-site for the organization. It is a lot of work to do, both with designing the different menus and under menus and also writing the content of the web-site. It seems like it is a process that might take some time. However, we made a promise to publish it within this month and as social skilled persons we should keep what we promise. You can see the preliminary site at <http://artapp.crosscode.no/>, but I have an agreement with Anette to upgrade some of the content on Monday – so please look into it Monday morning before the meeting. The logo is still there, but will be taken away (if the board has not got used to it). However, now it is most important to decide the content and we need to discuss some ideas and guidelines on that topic:

-About Prepsec

Should we publish the agendas and the minutes?

What sort of information should be published for members – and the board? How many lines for each presentation?

-About Programs

Establish a Dead line for writing the program descriptions so they can be Published on the website

-Training Materials

What should be published? Moral dilemmas? Diplomas?

Resolution:

The board decided that the following should be integrated into the web.site

- 1) A brief bio on the board members. Knut suggested we use his and Bengt's as a model because they are a bit shorter.
- 2) It was decided that we should publish the agendas and the minutes of each meeting for interested parties.
- 3) A deadline for the program descriptions was set for the 3rd week in October so they could be put on the website prior to the end of October.
- 4) It was not decided what training materials would be put on the website but it was discussed that we would look at that question when we establish some of the committees.

3 Registering the organization

Background for the item.

On the meeting in June 2012 we postponed the registration of PREPSEC International since it might be easier to register after having a general assembly. Now this is fulfilled and we can register the organization in Norway, which seems to be quite simple. Borge will have the responsibility to do this together with Knut. Bettina has opened a bank account in Denmark within her organization. That means eventually that we don't have to have a formal registered organization if we don't want it. ENSEC has decided to run the organization through the web site and will not as an organization arrange conferences or pay salaries. If we do it the formal way, we also probably have to have financial statement and public accountant involved.

Resolution:.

Borge Stromgrem will assume the responsibility to register the organization but will need a signed copy of the minutes from the secretary.

4. Recruiting members:

Background for the item:

By now we have approximately 60 members, nearly all from Norway, Denmark and Sweden. To have a broader selection to recruit members to committees and international represents, we need to recruit more.

Resolution:

Bettina and Robert agreed to write an invitation to become a member of PREPSEC international. The invitation will be spread in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, The Netherlands, Iceland, Canada, Russia, Estonia, the UK and USA.

5. Insurance:

Background for the item:

There has been some discussion whether the board should have insurance for board members. This is unusual in similar organizations in Scandinavia because the threshold for suing is very high and a board member is only responsible for deficit which is not actual for our organization since we not are going to invest or take chances arranging conferences. We are not responsible for the programs we cover; probably the Research Press has insurance that covers the different programs. However, in the USA it seems that a person can sue a board if one board member does something wrong or something happens in a setting where PREPSEC is involved. It is therefore important that we obtain the insurance that is necessary for an organization like ours. When we investigate which level of insurance is necessary we should emphasize that we are not responsible for the different programs, will not pay salaries to persons nor arrange conferences.

Resolution:

Sara was not present but will be asked to investigate which type of insurance an organization like ours should have including the cost of such insurance.