



Minutes for the PREPSEC International meeting November 14th 2014

Present were Knut, Bettina, Bengt, Kelli, Sigridur and Robert (Secretary)

Introduction and information.

1. Sigridur and Kelli were the only nominated candidates for positions on the board. The new board members were informed about this by the election committee and are invited to this meeting. All board members have agreed that Sigridur and Kelli indeed fill the criteria and that we don't need more nominees or an election. We have therefore decided to invite Kelli and Sigridur to the November meeting and also give them a short summary of what we have done and how we see the future. 2 new board members will also give us a change to consider reorganizing the positions in the board.
2. Robert has forwarded 5 articles to Dr Brendtro and to Mark Amendola who is the ART editor for the Reclaiming Children and Youth journal. They will look things over and see how these might be useful. A few months ago Dr Brendtro and Mark were talking about a link between ART / PREPSEC and the journal.
3. Bettina has received \$1000 dollar from Bob Oliver regarding Borge and Knut's stipend from the Social Perception Training volume of the new Prepare Series. Robert, Kim, John and Andy have received separate cheques for their stipend which they will return to Bob who will make one payment of \$2000 directly to PREPSEC via Bettina (treasurer).
4. The information to the members where we ask them to join committees was sent out with a dead line of the 8th of December. That means that we appoint members to these committees in the December meeting. We have already decided the mandate. (See attachment 2)

1. Approval of the minutes from the 17th of October

There came up a question from the secretary if the board actually made a final decision according to the proposition to solution on *Item 5; Organization membership and proposal from Poland*. I have enclosed the reflection and proposal to solution as an attachment to the agenda.

Resolution:

The board approves the minutes from October 17, 2014

2 Appointing two new board members to the board

Background for the item

Sara and Eva resigned from the board and the election committee has asked the members of PREPSEC to nominate themselves or others for an election to the board. Two nominations were received (Sigridur and Kelli) and they fill the criteria set in the statutes for having at least 2 board members from each continent. The election committee has therefore decided to accept the nominations as board members by acclamation and informed them about the nomination. The new board members are therefore invited to this meeting.

Resolution:

The board enthusiastically welcomes Sigridur Thorsteindottir and Kelli Parcher as new board members of PREPSEC International.

3 Possible Reorganizing of the positions in the board

Background for the item

One of the backgrounds for establishing PREPSEC International was to make a democratic organization with elections and also to eventually renew the organization with younger people taking responsibility for the initiatives. Eva and Sara have decided to leave and we are very glad to have Sigridur and Kelli on board. Sara and Eva did not have any special function in the board, but having new members in the board gives us a possibility to change positions. Both Robert and Knut have had their position from the start and it might be a good idea to let different people assume the responsibility.

Resolution:

As of November 14th,2014 The PREPSEC International advisory board consists of the following:

President Knut Gundersen, Vice President Bengt Daleflod, Secretary Robert Calame and Treasurer Bettina Christensen and 3 more members: Kelli Parcher, Sigridur and Borge Stromgren with portfolios to be determined as needed . It was decided that Robert and Knut remain in their positions for one year to give the new members a chance to settle in before making changes to the board.

4. A cooperation with Reclaiming Children and Youth

Background for the item

Mark Amendola and Larry Brendtro will be discussing whether it could be a good idea to collaborate with (PREPSEC International) in the publication of the Journal *Reclaiming Children and Youth*. It is a little difficult to evaluate the status of the journal on the net.

<https://reclaimingjournal.com/> Robert indicates that this is not a level 1 journal. It is not about research per se. It is designed as a child and youth care practice journal. Robert thinks it is peer reviewed but will contact Mark Amendola to confirm. However, having a special journal to collaborate with can be a big step forward for the organization and we therefore should investigate the possibilities. Borge is editing a Norwegian journal and it will be an advantage if he participates in a meeting with Knut as the President and Robert who has had contact with Mark Amendola and Larry Brendtro

Resolution:

Robert, Knut and Borge invite Larry Brendtro and Mark Amendola to discuss possible ways of collaboration between “Reclaiming Children and Youth” and PREPSEC International

5. Approving the minutes

The board has had a routine of approving the minutes at the next meeting. This has sometimes led to a delay in following up the items that we have discussed and concluded with. It could therefore be an improvement that the minutes are sent to the board members within 2-3 days after the meeting and if we not hear anything from the board members within 2-3 days the minutes is considered to be approved

Resolution:

The procedure for approval of minutes after the meeting will be: the secretary will send the minutes to the members within five (5) working days after the board meeting and the board members should read and send their approval via email to the Secretary and/or President within 3 days. The minutes will be considered approved when everyone sends their agreement.

6. The Next Meeting

Resolution:

Friday the 12th of December at 06:00 Washington State time, 09:00 Eastern Standard Time, 14:00 Iceland time and 15:00 Central European time will be the next board meeting.

