

Minutes of the PREPSEC International meeting September 30th, 2015 07:00 Washington State time, 10:00 Eastern Standard Time, 14:00 Sigrid Time and 16:00 Scandinavian time.

Present were: Bettina Christensen, Borge Stromgren, Bengt Daleflod, Knut Gundersen and Robert Calame (secretary)

Regrets Sigrid and Kelli

Introduction and information.

It seems that it was an extremely busy time for all of us this summer, but now, just before the autumn leaves start to fall it is time for a new PREPSEC International meeting. However, even if we have not had a meeting for a while, we have seen some positive PREPSEC activities:

*The Scandinavian version of ART® - AART is now published (Friday the 18th of September) and can be ordered from

<http://www.universitetsforlaget.no/content/search?SearchText=AART>

*Prepsec Norway has arranged a 2 day conference in Oslo the 19th and 20th of September with Terje Ogden, Niels Hjelm, Knut Gundersen and Bengt Daleflod.

*All the edited conference proceedings from the Fjand Symposium of August 2014 are now published on the web pages

*Some of the members of the board had some fruitful discussions in Denver. The following priorities were made:

- More focus on the web pages – Sigridur will try to take the webmaster responsibility together with Nikolai.
 - A review of research on the programs fostered by PREPSEC has to be published
 - The quality assurance guidelines have to be published soon
 - A new conference has been planned for Erie Pennsylvania in 2016.
- The ``Event Planning Committee``had the following discussions at their recent meetings.

1. Prepsec memberships given to earlybird conference registers:

The board thought it is standard procedure to give earlybird rates for those who pay before a predetermined date. That should be done. Giving free memberships will not have as much effect on registrations as cash discounts and might take away revenues needed for PREPSEC International.

2. Profit shares and cost share for conference: Profit shares and cost shares were discussed briefly but no decisions made. Some discussions was made regarding using PREPSEC funds to help European members with costs by inviting them to come speak and pay for their expenses. No decisions were made. %'s re profit that might come to PREPSEC International were not discussed and cost shares if the conference made a loss were not discussed either.

3. Conference title : "Behavioral pathways for social emotional learning"
This potential title was not discussed.

Approval of the minutes from 4th of June 2015

Resolution

There were no objections to the minutes from board members and the minutes are thus approved and can be found on the web-pages.

1. Symposium Proceedings

Background:

The participants of the Fjand Symposium have submitted articles; 9 of which have been edited by Calame, Parker and Gundersen and prepared for the website, as a one volume 60+ page document recording the Fjand Symposium Proceedings and dedicated to Dr. Goldstein and his work. It was thought that the articles should be released onto the web in waves of three articles so that they would be on line before Sara's conference June 10-12, 2014 and still give members something to look forward to.

We asked Nikolai Hamstein and Helena Hammerstrom to facilitate their posting to the website for us. We sent the board members copies prior to the postings for their perusal. Some of the articles have also been sent to Mark Amendola for further editing and possible publication in the journal "Reclaiming Children and Youth", a child and youth care practice journal based in the USA. Dr. Larry Brendtro has agreed to begin to look at collaborating with PREPSEC International in our quest to disseminate social emotional competency training related materials.

This item was discussed also at the last meeting. Since then Knut Gundersen has been in contact with Helena and Nikolai. Helena informed Knut that Nikolai would be to be the main person responsible for the web-site. In the first week of September 2015, Nikolai finished putting all nine articles on the website.

Resolution:

The board recognizes that the edited Fjand Symposium Proceedings were published on the PREPSEC International website in their entirety, with the assistance of our webmaster Nikolai. The board proposes to have Sigridur assume responsibility for maintaining the website in future and Sigrid has agreed to try her best to assume that role.

2. The relationship between PREPSEC International and the national organizations

PREPSEC Norway has sent a letter to PREPSEC International with a presentation of their board and also stating that Tutte M. Olsen is leader of the national board and will be the international representative from Norway. Tutte and Knut had a meeting on the 15th of September and reflections from this meeting are being brought to the board. This issue is also important in the light of new national subdivisions of PREPSEC in Denmark and Norway.

Resolution

The board appreciates both the establishing of PREPSEC Norway and the initiative to clarify the relationship between PREPSEC International and all the national organization(s). A committee will be struck with the following representatives Robert Calame, Tutte Mitchell Olsen, a member from PREPSEC Sweden and a member from the soon to be PREPSEC Denmark. Participants from Finland the USA and Poland will also be invited to participate. Robert Calame will chair the first meeting to create guidelines as to how the national organizations will operate vis a vis Prepsec International the (parent organization). The committee will propose guidelines in the areas of: requirements of memberships in both national and international organizations, potential sharing of information and fees for membership at both levels, manner in which the national organizations will do business with PREPSEC International and other matters to be identified by the committee.

3. Proposition from the election committee

The board has received the following from the election committee:

The PREPSEC Election Sub-Committee has met and we have found some difficulties with the Elections Procedure. We request that the following be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Suggested amendments to the Election Procedure

As it stands now,

a 3 year period ends Sept. 2015 for:

Knut, Bengt, Borge, Bettina, and Robert (5 members)

3 year period ends December 2017 for

Sigridur, Kelli

Elections should be every 2 years, which was respected in November, 2014

Should we respect the 3 year term of membership, we would need to call an election now for 5 members: a problem with the statutes:

- this is another election in 1 year
- there are 5 to be replaced when there is a maximum of 2 allowed
- losing 5 members would be very difficult for the remaining 2 members
- having 7 members and 2 or 3 being able to be replaced is a logistical problem!

Proposal: to be presented to the Board for ratification

Change bylaw to a 4 year term with elections every 2 years, with a maximum of 3 members being replaced or put up for re-election per election.

Election 2015: to respect the present by laws:

- 2 members of the original 5 to resign or be re-nominated
- the other 3 members, as well as Kelli and Sigridur, agree to extend their term by one year

Election 2016: with respect to the new amendments

- The remaining 3 members of the original 5 to resign or be re-nominated

Election 2018: with respect to the new amendments

- Kelli and Sigridur and one other member to resign or be re-nominated

In the event that the Board ratifies this proposal as is, or with further suggested amendments, the Board would send the amendment to the general PREPSEC membership, via email, for approval. Once that is done, the Election Sub-Committee would proceed with the 2015 elections, to be initiated in October, 2015, with a final vote prior to December 31, 2015 (as per last year's process)

Respectfully yours,

Bengt Daleflod

Tutte Mitchell Olsen

Kim Parker

I responded the following to the election committee:

Elections are arranged via the web every second year. The executive board clarifies which board function is subject to election and from which country/countries new members may be elected.

Members are asked to nominate candidates before a deadline set by the executive board. Nominated candidates must agree to run for election and if they agree, post a short biography and mission statement for the board service. Common majority elects candidates.

4.6 Extraordinary elections

If one third of the members demand so, or if the executive board is supported by at least one third of the members, an election process can be arranged outside of the regular election process.

Prepsec was formally established with an elected board in September 2012. Before that date there was an interim board consisting of the same board members as was appointed / elected in Sandnes 2012. In 2014 two of the board members were replaced by new board members elected from the members and according to the statutes. So according to the statutes there will be a new election in 2016 and so on. So formally we are on the right track, but I can understand arguments for both reorganizing the positions in the executive board and also replace some of the members of the current board earlier. In this case a solution could be arranging an extraordinary election according to point 4.6. for instance this autumn and then next autumn again according to the statutes. I will bring this to the board and appreciate your always welcome initiative.

Further comments: The executive board of PREPSEC International was formally elected / appointed on the establishing meeting in September 2012 and the next election was in 2014 according to the statutes. However, when summarizing the period of the interim board and the executive board it could be a benefit to renew the board quicker in order to get new blood into the organization. According to the statutes the board can arrange an extraordinary election if one third of the members demand so. In this case the election committee proposed a quicker reorganization not one third of the members. However I suggest that the board can decide to have an extra election if they want. In case the board decides to have an extra election in 2015, we can either have the next election in 2016 to be on track again or wait 2 year more.

Proposition to Resolution

The board decides to have an extraordinary election of two members in 2015. Borge Stromgren and Robert Calame will resign from the board when the newly elected board members join the board: The election committee is asked to proceed with the 2015 elections, to be initiated a.s.a.p. in October 2015, with a final vote prior to December 30, 2015

Another election will be held in 2016 to replace Knut Gundersen and Bengt Daleflod and perhaps Bettina Christensen.

The board will change the bylaws to agree with the above proposed election criteria so the election protocols can be adhered to as per the statutes in future..

