

The NPA general meeting

Date: 30. October 2021

Present: Those members of NPA that attended the NPA conference in Lübeck and Dace via zoom.

Opening of the meeting

Aase, as former president of the NPA, opens the meeting due to the current president; Kai Santavouri not being able to attend.

Information

Max Schön, Possehl Foundation, welcomes NPA to Lübeck.

Bjorn Voss, as representant for IPS in Europe,

- Encourages NPA members to also join IPS
- Introduces the centennial of the planetarium and encourages people to translate material to their native languages: planetarium100.org
- Next IPS conference is in June 2022 and NPA members are encouraged to attend.

Election and confirmation of NPA board members

Aase informs the members of NPA that Kai has wished to step down as president.

After some discussion the NPA members present (physically and on zoom) anonymously approved the following configuration of the NPA board.

President: Karen Torsteinbø

Tressurer: Lars Petersen

Representing Estonia:

Margus Aru

Rauno Pilvik

Representing Lithuania:

(none)

Representing Latvia:

Dace Balode

Reinis Balodis

Representing Iceland/North Atlantic:

Anna Arnadottir

Snævar Guðmundsson

Representing Norway:
Sven Gundersen
Karen Torsteinbø

Representing Denmark:
Aase Jacobsen
Lars Petersen

Representing Finland:
Kai Santavouri
Lauri Hynninen

Representing Sweden:
Mariana Back
Lars Broman

Anna and Sven put forward the suggestion that we need a group titled “Advisors to the Board” to ensure that as experienced board members step down they are still available to give advice to newer board members. This was discussed but no adjustment to the bylaws was made at this time.

Anna furthermore raised that there is a need for a digital webmaster/secretary so it may be time to split the secretary/treasurer title into two positions again. No adjustment to the bylaws was made at this time.

Financial report

Lars presented the financial report for the NPA. It was decided by the NPA board last year that the current funds would be distributed as travel grants to NPA members who wanted to attend the Lübeck conference. As travel grants were distributed priority was given to planetarians who have been negatively effected by the pandemic and new/young planetarians (that have not attended NPA before). The NPA board furthermore gave special attention to ethnic/cultural/gender diversity and tried to spread the support across a wide area within the Nordic/Baltic countries.

After distributing travel grants the NPA funds went slightly into the negative, covered by Lars himself. The balance of the NPA account is now -89 DKK (or -12 Euro) but new funds will be coming in now as members pay their membership fee.

The financial report was anonymously approved.

Bids for the next conference: NPA 2023

Ideas were discussed, but it was left up to the board to continue these discussions.