

Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Draft Minutes January 13, 2017, 09:00-13:00 Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

Present: Bente Moen Frode Forland Jagrati Jani- Bølstad Johanne Sundby Elisabeth Dari Hans Hadders Elin Dvergsdal Graziella Van den Bergh Turid Austin Wæhler (deputy for Erik Anda) Miriam Christ Stine Hellum Braathen Wenche Dageid Ingvild Hope Elinor Bartle Gunhild Koldal

- 1/17 Approval of agenda Agenda approved
- 2/17 Approval of minutes from December 2, 2016 Minutes approved
- 3/17 The result from the Committee evaluating the essay
 The Board supported the final decision from the Committee (see enclosed committee
 decision), and expressed their gratitude to for a task well performed. The Board decided
 that next time the guidelines needs to be in more detail, to make it easier for the Committee
 to elect among the candidates.
- 4/17 Changes in the Forums Statutes.

The Board decided to remove the sentence on gender balance from the Statutes: "Each sex shall be represented with minimum of 4 members." The Board made a note to consider this later, if the result over time shows a lack of gender balance.

The Board discussed making the membership more formal. This has been on the agenda earlier, but we made no decisions. The start-up of NIGH raises some questions for the Forum. Is there space for both, and what would our role be?

After an elaborate discussion, the Board agreed on continuing working close with NIGH. And reconsider in 2019 if we should merge with NIGH. The collaboration might make us stronger and more visible. This can also benefit when it comes to applying for funding.

5/17 The Board election at the General Assembly March 14, 2017

The Forum will hold the General Assembly at the GLOBVAC conference. For the election of the new Board, the committee for 2017: Ottar Mæstad, Jeanette Magnus and Kristin Sandberg.

The Board decided to keep the composition of the Board as stated in the Statutes. The Board also set a draft for the agenda at General Assembly:

Economy

Annual report

New Statutes

Election

Any other business from the members or Board.

Agenda and documents needs to be ready 14 days before the meeting, which is 1st of March. This should also be sent in a newsletter.

6/17 Update on the GLOBVAC conference

We need to spread information to our members and colleagues, to sign up for the conference.

We are responsible for a session on the SDGs. Who will be in charge of that? There will be a price for best posters, the Board nominates a committee for this.

7/17 Plans for 2017

Input from each Board member

Suggested plan for meetings spring semester 2017:

Januray 13 (Oslo)

February 17

The rest of the dates: Announced in February

8/17 AOB

NIGH has their first meeting January 19.

