

## Minutes General Assembly

Tuesday 2/4 at 1615-1730, Scandic Bergen City, Bergen

## 1. Welcome and opening

Professor Bente E. Moen, Chair of the board of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research opened the General Assembly. 29 people attended.

## 2. Appointment of Chair for the meeting

Nils Gunnar Songstad was appointed Chair of the General Assembly. Gunhild Koldal took minutes.

#### 3. Appointment of 2 count takers

Anne Berit Kolmannskog and Øystein Evjen Olsen were appointed count takers in the elections at the General Assembly.

## 4. Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved.

## 5. Approval of minutes General Assembly April 11, 2018, Oslo

Minutes approved.

## 6. Report from the Board 2016-2018

The report includes a financial statement and suggestions for future work in Forum

Bente Moen presented the report.

Report, together with comments from Bente Moen, approved.

## 7. Election of new board 2019 - 2021

Jagrati Jani-Bølstad presented the election committees proposal on behalf of the committee. The election committee consisted of Jagrati Jani-Bølstad, Hans Hadders and Kristin Ingstad Friberg.

The election committee suggested the following list as members of the new board:

Jon Øyvind Odland Arne Henning Eide Frode Forland Andrea Winkler Nils Daulaire Katerini Storeng Gunilla Kulla Dawit Shawel Abebe

Bente Moen



Three people were suggested from the floor.

Inger Scheel suggested Johanne Sundby and Margit Steinholt as candidates to the board. Johanne Sundby suggested Inger Scheel as candidate to the board for the board. All three accepted their nomination.

A written election were held. Anne Berit Kolmannskog and Øystein Evjen Olsen counted the votes. The nine candidates with most votes were duly elected as members of the Forum board 2019-2021.

#### Result:

The candidates suggested by the election committee were elected.

#### The new board 2019-2021:

Jon Øyvind Odland Arne Henning Eide Frode Forland Andrea Winkler Nils Daulaire Katerini Storeng Gunilla Kulla Dawit Shawel Abebe Bente Moen

#### **Election for two substitute members:**

The election committee suggested the following two candidates:

Mahima Vekateswaran Håkon Bolkan

There were no candidates suggested from the floor.

The two proposed candidates were duly elected with acclamation as substitute members to the board.

# 8. Election of new Election Committee Suggested members of the new election committee.

Catherine Schwinger Suraj Thapa Mona Kiil

## Suggested deputy members of the election committee:

Johanne Sundby Ingvild Hope Thorkild Tylleskär

There were no candidates suggested from the floor – the members and substitute members were duly elected with acclamation.

## 9. Forum's future - for discussion

Vision/profile for Forum Relationship with Global Health Norway

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## Funding/membership fee

The new Forum board needs to find their way in the new organization with individual members and no more funding from RCN. Forum aims to be more visible in the media.

The relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway should be clarified more. Forum should continue their research activity, while Global Health Norway should try to secure funding for research activities in global health research.

Forum can be active in lobbying for global health research.

The issue of membership fee must be left to the new board, but the income it will generate will maybe not be more than the expenses setting it up and sending out invoices.

Forum has now 125 individual members.

Forum will need to campaign to gain more members.