



Minutes General Assembly
Wednesday May 27, 1230-1330 on Zoom

20 people attended.

1. Welcome and opening

by Bente E. Moen.

2. Appointment of Chair for the meeting

Decision:

Nils Gunnar Songstad was appointed chair by acclamation.

3. Approval of the agenda

Decision:

Approved without comments.

4. Approval of minutes General Assembly April 2, 2019, Bergen (attachment 1) –

Decision:

Approved without comments.

5. Changes in the Forums Statutes (attachment 2)

Bente E. Moen presented suggested changes in the Forum statutes article V from the Bord.

Thorkild Tylleskär suggested additional clarifications.

Revised suggestion: (changes marked in red)

“The Board of the Forum is responsible for all activities of the Forum and is accountable to the General Assembly. It consists of nine members and five substitute members, recruited among members of the Forum with a view of securing continuity, spread, geographically as well as according to institutions and scientific fields. It is an ambition to have gender balance in the election of board members. **The substitute members are elected as substitute member 1 – 5.** The substitute members will be invited to all board meetings. **Only substitute members replacing ordinary members have voting rights in the board.**”

Vote: 20 out of 20 participants at the time of voting approved the suggested changes. New members to be elected at the next ordinary election of board members.

Decision:

The suggested changes suggested changes in the Forum statutes article V presented at the meeting is approved.

6. Report from the Board 2016-2018 (attachment 3 and 4) The report includes a financial overview and updated activity plan. Bente Moen presented the report.



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Comments:

- Forum's resources have been spent on the secretariat. The Board needs to discuss future organization of the secretariat.
- Can Forum have an official role in the GLOBVAC conference working group? It can be an important opportunity to influence priority settings for future global health research. Forum should be included as an active member, not just observer. Several of Forum's members have requested to be part of the working group. Five of the volunteers will be asked to participate. The election process must be transparent. To be continued in Forum's next board meeting.
- GLOBVAC and the ECTMIH conferences will both be held in 2021. Important to coordinate the programmes to ensure optimal interest for both.
- Some universities will have online master programmes in global health in the autumn semester of 2020, due to the corona situation. It is important to share experiences and tools in the Forum.
- Global Health Norway allocates funds to Forum. It will be important for Forum to document their activities related to fulfilment of role in the next report.

Decision:

The assembly thanks the secretariat for the report with attachments