

SSG Board meeting, November 29, 2015

Attendance: Thor Alvegård, Bodil Bjerkehagen, Jacob Engellau, Mikael Eriksson, Toto Hølmebakk, Nina Jebsen, Halldór Jónsson Jr, Anders Krarup-Hansen, Fredrik Mertens, Eva-Mari Olofsson, Anders Rydholm, Mikael Skorpil, Emelie Styring (substituting Henrik Bauer), Kirsten Sundby Hall, Fredrik Vult von Steyern, Charlotta Våde, and Johnny Keller (specially invited)

Excuse: Otte Brosjö and Jan Åhlén (both due to stormy weather), Henrik Bauer, Paula Lindholm

1. ***The Minutes*** from the last board meeting in Stockholm, May 19, 2015, were approved without further comments.
2. ***The SSG Secretariat*** in Lund will in the near future be re-located from Regional Cancer Center South (RCC) in the research area Medicon Village in Eastern Lund to the Kamprad building at the University Hospital in Lund, and formally thereby becoming a unit within Lund University. Since no real support has been provided from RCC during later years, the costs being located there on the contrary have increased, and SSG already has its accounts under the University, this solution has been found adequate. Furthermore, a closer proximity between the secretariat and several SSG active clinicians in Lund is an extra advantage.
3. ***Economy status of SSG*** was reported by the cashier, Thor Alvegård. Presently, we have about 2.5 million SEK totally on our accounts, most of which are support money from the pharmaceutical industry related to on-going clinical trials where high future costs are expected. We have a yearly support of 200,000 NOK from “Nasjonal Kompetansetjeneste for sarkomer” in Norway, and furthermore 100,000 SEK yearly from the Swedish Cancer Fund until 2016, an application for prolongation of the latter will be submitted during next year. Other potential sources to strengthen the economy in the future were discussed, mostly funds and donations, and these may be considered.
4. ***SSG Board Reorganization and Modifications of Statutes***. The suggestion from the special committee for this task, and the comments on some sections by KSH and ME, were presented by ME. While the chairman of the committee, Ole Jacob Norum, was not present, some of the committee members were (BB, NJ, ES), and constructive discussions followed during the presentation, especially regarding election periods, rotation of posts within the board, and the composition of the organization committee for the plenary meetings. This discussion was a preparation of the similar discussion planned at the start of the Working Group meeting the next day. If a consensus hopefully will be reach during that discussion, the final version will be presented at the homepage.

5. ***The 38th SSG Plenary Meeting in Aarhus, May 9-11, 1917*** was discussed, mainly focusing on the planned possible workshops which were presented by Johnny Keller. One workshop is planned on pelvic surgery for the surgeons with both theoretical lectures/discussions and practical training on cadavers. Economical support has already been promised for this workshop. The maximum number of participants will be 24. Radiotherapy planning for sarcoma treatment will be the subject for another workshop with oncologists as the main target group, also with 24 attendees as maximum. Finally, a third workshop open for all will discuss diagnostics in sarcoma, both imaging and histopathology/genetics. The board generally approved the ideas with these three workshops, planned for the first day of the meeting, May 9. It was also decided that Johnny Keller will be the chairman of the organization committee for the plenary meeting. The committee will also include further members from Aarhus and may be some from Copenhagen as well. The board will be represented by KSH and ME, and furthermore the working group for nurses and physiotherapists will be represented. Meetings of the committee may be foreseen in 2016.
6. ***Report from subcommittee chairmen*** was withdrawn from the agenda due to lack of time, and would instead be presented during the summary session at Tuesday December 1.
7. ***Upcoming meetings*** included the formal decision of the dates for the Plenary Meeting in Aarhus as stated above. The next Working Group Meeting is planned for December 5-6, 2016 in Malmö, with board meeting the day before.
8. ***Other matters***
 - a) KSH reported about a European project on synovial sarcoma, EuroJoSSS(European Joint Synovial Sarcoma Study) aiming to in a first phase identifying prognostic factors including what may be found in gene panels, and in a second phase hopefully suggest clinical trials based on these findings. There has been a first meeting recently in Paris where SSG was represented by Heidi Glosli, pediatric oncologist from Oslo. During the discussion at the board, it was suggested that SSG also should suggest a pathologist from SSG for the international EuroJoSSS group, and it was decided that the pathology working group would suggest a member among them.
 - b) The need for an improvement of the homepage for SSG (www.ssg-org.net) was discussed, and it was decided that this must be solved by a coming limited and fully active board.
 - c) The need for an up-date of the SSG member register was also discussed, and without any specific decisions it was also expected to be taken care by a coming limited board.

Addendum:

New bylaws with changes of board member composition and function periods were adopted by the General assembly early Monday. Therefore, it was necessary to have a second board

meeting Monday evening to discuss the coming year for the functioning board. The reorganization committee is willing to find potential new candidates for the board who can be formally elected on the Working Committee meeting Dec 2016. There are two alternatives for a functioning board the coming year: 1) The present board with 20 members continue until Dec 2016. 2) An interim board consisting of the present chairmen, secretary and cashier, and two members with on-going mandate periods (KSH, OB, ME, TA, AKH, PL) will function for one year. At the common meeting on Tuesday alternative 2 was supported. The function time for KSH and ME will last until May 2017. They are willing to adapt their operating time so that it becomes possible to train the new board members. That has to be formally discussed at the General assembly Dec 2016.

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Mikael Eriksson, secretary

Kirsten Sundby Hall, chairman