



# Nordic Spinal Deformities Society

## NSDS General Assembly 2019 Bergen, Norway, Friday August 23

### Minutes

1. NSDS president Paul Gerdhem opened the general Assembly.
2. The minutes 2018, Kolding, Denmark was approved.
3. Paul Gerdhem was elected to be the chairman of the NSDS general assembly.
4. Ane Simony is currently secretary.
5. The participants of the meeting agreed, that the general assembly was properly announced.
6. The presidential report was presented by Paul Gerdhem.  
It has been a very nice and well-planned meeting, several members did not receive the invitation due to changes of their email address. The membership list is passed on from year to year, and we need an update of the contact information.  
The NSDS webpage does feature a membership list, but there is a need for a password which Karen Højmark will distribute to the members of the society, together with a reminder to update the contact information.

René Castelein had as discussed last year approached the British spine society and invited them to participate in the meeting next year.  
Kariman Abeline-Genevois will try to invite French spine surgeons to participate next year as well.

### 7. Country representative's report

#### **Denmark** by Mikkel Andersen

We have worked on a conservative addition to the Danespine Database for surgical spine treatment of deformities. The goal is to monitor the results from brace treatment.

Denmark suggest a collaboration between the countries in a study on conservative treatment, night time bracing versus full time bracing and it is decided that Mikkel Andersen and Ane Simony distribute a list of outcome measures by email to all interested parties, as a start to a collaboration of data collection.

#### **Netherlands** by René Castelein:

The reimbursement of spine surgery has improved, and the rate of surgery is increasing at the private hospitals. This is increased the interest in spine surgery among young surgeons.

**France** by Kariman Abeline-Genevois: Has been in contact with French spine surgeons regarding the meeting next year.

**Norway**, the previous country representative has stopped working, so there is a need for a replacement. Thomas Natvik is elected the Norwegian country representative.

**Sweden**, the Swedish country representative Hans Tropp is not present at the meeting, but Paul Gerdhem reports no news from Sweden.

**Finland**, the Finnish country representative Timo Laine is not present at the meeting, but Dietrich Schlenzka confirms that the meeting in 2021 is already in the planning fase.

**8.** Paul Gerdhem has served as president the last 2 years, and it is time to elect a new president of the Society. The president should be elected from Denmark according to the bylaws and Ane Simony is elected new president.

Karen Højmark is elected as the new secretary.

#### **9. New members of the society:**

Jon Dahl, Norway

Ted Patrick Lundgren, Norway

**10.** Report from this year's meeting, by Thomas Natvik.

It has been a well-planned meeting, but only 5 sponsors have contributed to the meeting.

120 delegates have participated this year.

**11.** NSDS 2020 will be held at Duin & Kruidberg, and the meeting is arranged by René Castelein and Marinus de Kluwer. The updated list of relevant email addresses for participators will be distributed. Mikkel Andersen invites Rene and Marinus to contact Cerapedics who might be interested as sponsor for the meeting next year.

**12.** Future meetings will be held in:

2021 Kuopio, Finland

2022 Linköping, Sweden. Ane Simony will email Hans Tropp to get an update about the plans for the meeting

2023 Denmark

The list of previous meetings has been updated and will be added to the webpage soon.

The original bylaws of the society will be translated to English and will be approved at the general assembly at the meeting next year.

A correction to the bylaws is proposed, since the bylaws state that the board should consist of a president, a secretary and a cashier. It is suggested to reduce the board to only 2 members, since the society doesn't have any cashier or financial obligations.

There will be a vote regarding the change of the bylaws at the General Assembly next year.