



Nordic Spinal Deformities Society

Bylaws

This current version of August 24, 2010 incorporates the changes discussed and approved by the members at the General Assembly during the 35th Annual Meeting in Aalborg, 21st to 23rd August, 2009. The underlined text in #7 is visible during the GA, but will be erased in the final version.

The Society was founded in 1975 as Nordic Scoliosis Society. The purpose was to promote research and treatment of scoliosis. In 1996, other deformities of the spine were included. The name of the Society was adapted accordingly to Nordic Spinal Deformities Society.

The bylaws of the Society were revised in 2009. They were accepted by the General Assembly in Aalborg/Denmark, 23th August, 2009.

1. The purpose of the Society is to promote research, prevention, and treatment of spinal deformities. The spinal deformity is the primary scope of the Society. To fulfil its purpose, the Society organises scientific meetings and fosters the collaboration of spine experts in the Nordic countries and on a wider international level.

2. The General Assembly is the highest organ of the Society. It convenes at least once a year during the Annual Meeting.

3. Membership is open for physicians and other professionals primarily from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden, who spend a considerable part of their working activity in the field of spine deformities and related problems.

4. New members have to be approved by the General Assembly. Membership applications are collected by the Country Representatives for each of the member countries. Applications have to be supported in writing by two members of the Society. The Country Representative presents the applications to the next General Assembly for voting.

5. Membership in the Society lasts lifelong. Membership can be terminated if

- a member announces to withdraw from the Society
- a member is absent from three Annual Meetings of the Society in a row (without sufficient reasons)

The Country Representatives are obliged to keep the membership list of their country up to date and to inform the Secretary of the Society if changes occur.

6. The proposal for Honorary Membership is made by the Board of the Society and it has to be approved by the General Assembly.

7. The Board members are elected by the General Assembly. The President and the Secretary (may) serve for one two-year term. (The ban against the re-election of the secretary and the president was removed. The rotation of the presidency between the Nordic countries makes it impossible for a member to be re-elected immediately after his/her term and a specific ban against re-election would be superfluous.) They can be re-elected. Their terms in office overlap in the way that a new President is elected in odd years, and a new Secretary is elected in even years.

The Country Representatives may be re-elected by the General Assembly.

8. The Society organises at least one scientific meeting a year (Annual Meeting). The location of the meeting rotates between the member countries. If there is more than one application from an eligible country for the same year, the final decision on the venue is made by the General Assembly.

9. Combined scientific meetings with other national or international spine societies can be organised. For a combined meeting, a venue outside the area of the member countries can be chosen. The decisions concerning a combined meeting and its venue are made by the General Assembly.