

Minutes of the board tele meeting 26 January 2022

Present: Sigurður M. Magnússon (Chair, IRSA), Carsten Israelson (DEMA), Pia Vesterbacka (STUK), Carol Robinson (DSA), Per Seltborg (SSM), Ari Leppänen (STUK), Kasper Andersson (DTU) and Finn Physant (meeting secretary, FRIT).

1 Opening

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. A special welcome was given to the new board member Per Seltborg representing SSM. The Chair pointed out that the PC's and secretary would be excused from the meeting during the handling of their contracts under meeting item 8.

2 Practical remarks

Practical remarks about the meeting were given by the Chair. Finn Physant was appointed meeting secretary.

3 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

4 Minutes of last board meeting (2021-09-28)

The Chair informed that the approval of minutes would take place in two parts. Under this meeting item the minutes except from the revised Rules of Procedure (RoP) were to be approved. Under meeting item 5 the RoP were to be approved separately. The minutes were then approved.

5 Follow up from the last board meeting

Revisit Rules of Procedure (RoP): RoP aligned with the new NKS agreement for 2022-2025 were approved at the NKS Board meeting on 28 September 2021. Michael Knochenhauer proposed on 29 September 2021 a few editorial changes in the RoP for improved clarity, consistency and language and to replace "the chair may evaluate proposals" with "The Chair may participate in the evaluation of proposals" in the section on the Advisory

Group. The Chair proposed to accept the proposal from Michael Knochenhauer and to add "the Advisory Group works by consensus" in the section on the Advisory Group. The Board agreed.

6 News since last board meeting

a. Report by the Chairman

The Chair stated that the major achievement since the last board meeting had been the finalization and signing by the owners of the new NKS agreement for 2022-25. In addition to this the Chair noted that the work within NKS had been characterized by business-as-usual.

b. News from board members' organisations

The members informed each other about relevant news.

c. Administrative news

Finn Physant informed the board about the status of the two NKS handbooks:

The "Handbook for NKS applicants and activity leaders" in the May 2021 version and the "NKS Administrative Handbook" in the November 2020 version. After the signing of the new NKS agreement for 2022-25 these two handbooks will be given a rundown by the coordination group in order to include any updates or revisions needed according to the new agreement. Furthermore the NKS pamphlet was presented in an updated 2022 version made ready for the upcoming R and B seminar.

The board took note of the administrative news.

7 Financial status

Finn Physant presented the distributed material: Financial status report and financial programme specification, both dated 10 December 2021. At this date the reserve was estimated to approximately 750,000 DKK - in accordance with last year's budget decision of 2 February 2021. The Chair concluded that the financial status was as planned. – The board took note of the financial situation.

8 Contracts

The following four contracts were prepared for the board's decision:

-R-part programme manager 2022 with STUK

-B-part programme manager 2022 with DTU

-Secretariat from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 with FRIT and

-Auditing of the accounts for 2021 with Dansk Revision.

All these agreements were approved by the board.

9 R-part: status

As follow up from the Advisory Group meeting two days ago the Chair asked for any questions or comments about the R-part status. No questions or comments were received.

10 B-part: status

As follow up from the Advisory Group meeting two days ago the Chair asked for any questions or comments about the B-part status. No questions or comments were received.

11 CfP 2022 evaluation and funding of new activities

R-part: The Advisory Group had already supported Ari Leppänen's funding recommendation at the group's meeting 24 January 2022 and recommended the funding of this to the board. After some discussions the board approved the recommendation of the Advisory Group including the following 6 activities in 2022 (all amounts in kDKK):

BREDA 2022	500
FEMMA	500
STATUS	600
WPS-MAF	475
ORTEF	550
POSEIDON	362

The total budget for these six activities is 2987 kDKK.

B-part: The Advisory Group had already supported Kasper Andersson's funding recommendation's first six projects and NUPFLIGHT at the group's meeting 24 January 2022. The decision to fund REHRA or RNSARCARDS was left to the NKS board. After some discussions the board approved the recommendation of the Advisory Group including the following 8 activities in 2022 (all amounts in kDKK):

SOCHAOTIC	485
COMBMORC	507
RESINA	364
ECOFOOD	505
NORDICNANO	480
BIOAPP	582
NUPFLIGHT	146
RNSARCARDS	389

The total budget for these 8 activities is 3458 kDKK.

12 Budget for 2022

Finn Physant presented the distributed budget proposal of 25 January 2022. - This proposal was approved by the board including R-activities for 2987 kDKK and B-activities for 3458 kDKK. The budget decision is attached to these minutes in appendix A.

13 NKS R and B seminar 2022

The Chair noted that the seminar - originally planned for 19-20 January - now is planned for 24-25 May with the same program. There is an agreed deadline, if needed, with Finlandshuset meaning that the seminar still can be postponed or cancelled until 29 March at no cost for NKS. If the 24-25 May seminar is carried out, a board meeting will be planned for 23 May.

14 **The NKS framework**

Based on the suggestions from the Advisory Group Ari Leppänen proposed the inclusion of the following two texts in the NKS-R Framework: ”and to innovations which can be seen as future steps in nuclear technology” and ”including next generation plants”.

NKS framework was discussed more generally concerning the number of activity participants in the R- and B-part and the handling of possible crossover activities between the R- and B-part.

The Chair concluded that discussions hereby had been started and were to be continued at the next board meeting.

15 **Information activities**

Finn Physant informed the board about the website, newsletters etc. The running user statistics have been focused on the monthly number of visitors, which has been relatively high during the first months of 2021 (especially USA based visitors). A relatively high level of visitors was also noted in September/October – as through many years - in connection with this year’s CfP. Since the June board meeting six NewsFlashes have been distributed. The 2022 pamphlet was presented under meeting item 6. The list of addresses to which NKS newsletters are distributed has been reduced from ca. 540 to ca. 450 addresses due to the use of new software pinpointing not active addresses. A NewsLetter was distributed a week before this meeting and a NewsFlash will be distributed no later than a week after this meeting. NKS now has more than 160 followers on LinkedIn.

16 **Implications of the new NKS Agreement**

Discussions in the NKS board will now focus on strategic issues since NKS policy is set in the Agreement.

Agenda item 18 was addressed before agenda item 17.

18 **The Oxford Report revisited**

The Chair presented an overview of the Oxford Report from 2017 focusing on the conclusions and recommendations of the report. The report had been extensively discussed in the NKS Board in 2018. The Oxford report will be on the agenda for the May 2022 NKS Board meeting and board members were encouraged to read the report before the meeting.

17 **An overview of NKS policy discussions since 2017**

The Chair gave an overview of policy discussions in the NKS Board since 2017. The paper “An overview of NKS policy discussions since June 2017” gives a historical overview of these discussions and provides background and context for future discussions.

19 **NKS 2021-2023**

The Chair presented a paper “NKS 2021-2023 – a discussion paper“ based on interviews of NKS Board members by Anneli Hällgren in late 2020. The paper has not yet been thoroughly discussed in the NKS Board and will be on the agenda for the May 2022 NKS Board meeting.

20 NKS after 2023

The Chair presented a section of the paper “NKS 2021-2023 – a discussion paper “ containing reflections on NKS after 2023. NKS after 2023 will be on the agenda for the May 2022 NKS Board meeting.

Time did not allow for more than a short overview and an initial discussion of agenda items 17-20. There will be an in depth discussion of these and others strategic issues at the May 2022 NKS Board meeting. The Chair asked Board members to send him a list of strategic issues, they would like the Board to discuss, well before the next meeting. A list of all strategic issues raised will be a part of the material for the next meeting.

21 Other issues

None.

22 Next meeting

The next NKS board meeting is planned as a face to face meeting in Stockholm on 23rd May – the day before the NKS seminar. The PC’s and the Secretariat will participate in the first part of the meeting from 10 to 12 in the morning. The second part of the meeting, from 13 – 17 in the afternoon, is board only focusing on in depth discussion of strategic issues. There will be a joint dinner in the evening of the 23rd. The board only meeting will continue as needed from 9 – 11 in the morning of 24th May since the NKS seminar begins at 12:30.

23 End of meeting

The Chair thanked for an efficient meeting with constructive contributions through the meeting.

Sigurður M. Magnússon
Chairman

Finn Physant
Meeting secretary

Appendices:

A: Budget decision for 2022 dated 26 January 2022

B: Action from the board meeting

Appendix A: NKS budget for 2022 - decision 26 January 2022

Budgets	Budget for 2022	Budget for 2022	Budget for 2021
	EUR	DKK	DKK
R-part			
Activities	401.667	2.987.000	3.018.000
Fee PC	61.857	460.000	460.000
Travels PC	2.017	15.000	15.000
Coordination/Young scientists' travel	2.017	15.000	15.000
R total	467.559	3.477.000	3.508.000
B-part			
Activities	465.004	3.458.000	3.174.000
Fee PC	61.857	460.000	460.000
Travels PC	2.017	15.000	15.000
Coordination/Young scientists' travel	2.017	15.000	15.000
B total	530.895	3.948.000	3.664.000
Seminar 2022			
Seminar 2022	13.447	100.000	50.000
Seminar 2022 total	13.447	100.000	50.000
Common			
Common various according to specification	24.205	180.000	180.000
Common total	24.205	180.000	180.000
Others			
Fee Secretariat	82.820	615.894	628.469
Fee Chair	52.444	390.000	390.000
Travels Chair	2.689	20.000	20.000
Travels Secretariat	1.009	7.500	7.500
Others total	138.962	1.033.394	1.045.969
TOTAL	1.175.068	8.738.394	8.447.969
Expected incomes according to app. 1	1.086.406	8.079.060	8.091.999
Surplus	-88.662	-659.334	-355.970

Any deficits to be covered by the reserve available for the board, which according to the financial status report of 10 December 2021 is:	747.134,00
Proposed budget for 2022	-659.334,25
Present reserve and surplus/deficit	87.799,75
Funding reserved for use in 2021, but not used, will amount to ca.:	165.000,00
Gain/Loss due to the development in exchange rates 2021-2022 ca.:	30.000,00
Old reservations from before 2019, not claimed, amount to:	501.423,00
Total reserve end of January 2022: ca. DKK:	784.222,75
Total reserve end of January 2022: ca. EUR:	105.455,89

Specification of "Common" for 2022

	2022	2022	2021
	EUR	DKK	DKK
Common			
Reports, materials etc.	1.681	12.500	12.500
Bank fees etc.	2.689	20.000	15.000
Equipment	1.345	10.000	10.000
Internet	9.413	70.000	70.000
Auditing, consulting	7.060	52.500	52.500
Information material	672	5.000	10.000
Various expenses	1.345	10.000	10.000
Common total	24.205	180.000	180.000

Appendix 1 for budget for 2022

Pledge for funding in 2022 - Incomes

	Pledge for 2022	Pledge for 2022	Actual for 2021
	EUR	DKK	DKK
SSM	444.201	3.303.300	3.365.635
TEM	370.000	2.751.505	2.678.148
BRS	50.427	375.000	375.000
GR	24.000	178.476	178.543
DSA	80.242	596.720	564.240
Total EUR / DKK	968.870	7.205.001	7.161.566
SSM contribution SEK	4.550.000		
DSA contribution NOK	800.000		
BRS contribution DKK	375.000		

	EUR	DKK	DKK
Fortum	27.500	204.504	200.861
TVO	27.500	204.504	200.861
Fennovoima	11.500	85.520	79.972
IFE	12.036	89.508	84.636
Forsmark	13.000	96.675	96.711
Ringhals	13.000	96.675	96.711
OKG	13.000	96.675	96.711
SKB	0	0	73.970
Total EUR / DKK	117.536	874.059	930.433
Complete EUR / DKK	1.086.406	8.079.060	8.091.999

IFE contribution NOK
SKB contribution SEK

120000
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Exchange rates 2021/22:

NKS 2022:	
DKK	100,0000
EUR	7,4365
NOK	0,7459
SEK	0,7260
NKS 2021:	
SEK 2021	0,7397
EUR 2021	7,4393
NOK 2021	0,7053

Appendix B

Action from the board meeting (if nothing else is mentioned the actions will be carried out by the coordination group)

Action A - ref. item 6: After the signing of the new NKS agreement for 2022-25 these two handbooks will be given a rundown by the coordination group in order to include any updates or revisions needed according to the new agreement.