



Minutes

Meeting No.:	106
Time:	11 th and 12 th March 2024
Participants:	The Board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN:	Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen
DENMARK:	Michael Perch, Copenhagen
SWEDEN:	Johan Nilsson, Skåne
NORWAY:	Are Martin Holm, Oslo
FINLAND:	Marko Lempinen, Helsinki
ICELAND:	Jóhann Jónsson, Reykjavik
ESTONIA:	Tanel Laisaar, Tartu (alternate for Virge Pall)
DENMARK:	Medical director: Kaj Jørgensen
Leader of meeting:	Allan Rasmussen
Writer of minutes:	Kaj Anker Jørgensen

Minutes: Board meeting on March 11th at “Hotel Fru Larsen” in Laurbjerg and March 12th at Aarhus University Hospital, 2024.

AGENDA:

- 1. Welcome.**
Allan bid everybody welcome.
- 2. Issues for any other business.**
It was agreed that there were several issues regarding Riga/Latvia and that we would take these together under any other business. Are had a question to the board regarding the Board members communication with their departments after Board meetings.
- 3. Minutes of last Board meeting.**
Kaj went through the minutes of the last Board meeting and these were all accepted. Are has some problems with getting permission to compare data in YASWA with the person registry in Norway, but he will keep on working with this issue. Johan believed that they had filled in the papers necessary regarding permission to compare with the Swedish person registry. This check has now been completed for all the other countries.
- 4. Follow up on points from last meeting.**
 - a. Guidelines for non-SCTP citizens: All Board members had been involved in the process of producing this document and a consensus was achieved. The document can now be put on the homepage. Since it changes the “guidelines” to rules, Allan will address this under the chairman’s report at the Council meeting in May.

- b. AUH<-> SCTP cooperation. Kaj has signed the local agreement with the medical director of AUH. It states that SCTP will continue to have access to all the support functions at AUH, but only SCTP is responsible for the use of the SCTP means.

5. **Status at the Office.**

SCTP is now advertising for a new secretary. YASWA is now being tested for security by an independent company.

6. **Accounts and Budget.**

In 2023 we have a surplus of 1.2 million DDK mainly due to the increase in transplantation activity. The liquidity at the end of the year is 3 million DDK. Kaj will at the Council meeting in May ask for the same budget of 6.8 million DKK for 2024 as was granted at the Council meeting in 2023. He will ask for a budget of 7.1 million DKK for 2025 due to increased salaries. The documents from the independent auditor had been sent to the Board members earlier. They were all signed by the whole Board.

7. **Research and Travel Grants.**

All 6 travel grant applications were rejected because they were either not prioritized or were outside the scope. The money will be transferred to the next granting. Future invitations to seek grants should state: "**Please read the rules for granting**" together with the link that is currently in the invitation. These rules will again be reviewed and Are will start the circulation of this among the Board members.

There were 6 applications for Research Grants and 2 met. Application from Susanne Dam Poulsen on the study: **Prediction of progression from urinary tract infection to bloodstream infection in kidney transplant recipients** was granted 260,000 DDK and the application from Vera Nilsén on the study: **Outcome of split-liver transplantation with extended right grafts in the Nordic countries – a donor matched analysis** was granted 100,630 DDK.

8. **The Board after Council meeting 2024.**

Virge is willing to take 3 more years on the Board and Tanel is willing to take 3 years more as a suppliant. They are the only ones up for election this year, so the suggestion is that the Board continues unchanged until 2025.

9. **Riga and mandatory variables in YASWA.**

Ilse Weinreich from SCTP Office participated in this discussion. The discussion was about which deceased donor data points that are necessary for optimum allocation. Each organ group should be asked to define these variables. The Board agreed on the following definitions for this purpose.

In all case of organ donation, there are two types of data that must be available:

The immediate data: This is the data that is needed to complete or to turn down the current organ offer, specified for each organ.

The complete data: This is the data that must be entered into YASWA within ten working days after the completed donation. This data must comprise all data necessary to ensure retrospective accountability of the acceptance or non-acceptance of each specific organ.

Each organ group of SCTP must determine precisely what data points that must be registered as immediate and as complete data. Ilse Weinreich will try to prepare a suggestion for each organ group to complete.

10. **Any other business.**

New developments and uncertainties about the situation in Latvia were discussed. It seems that Juris Bormotovs has left his position, or his role has been changed. Information from other sources seems to indicate, that there some dissent in Latvia regarding joining SCTP. There is still a Swedish problem regarding the role of Skånecare has in this matter. It was concluded that Allan and Kaj should write a letter to Ilze Kreicberga and ask about the current situation and the intention right now. The primary concerns are right now regarding the donor/donor coordinator situation. It is outside the scope of SCTP if Lund teaches Riga how to do lung transplantations if it does not involve SCTP donors or/and SCTP recipients.

Finally, Are asked the Board members how they communicate back to their hospitals after SCTP Board meetings. Some do communicate to their hospital leadership on important matters.

11. Next meeting:

May 29th, 2024, in connection with the STS congress.