

Minutes

Meeting No.: 87
Time: 2-3 Oct., 2019
Venue: Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

Participants: The board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN: Bo-Göran Ericzon, Stockholm
SWEDEN: Johan Nilsson, Lund
FINLAND: Arno Nordin, Helsinki
NORWAY: Morten Hagness, Oslo
ICELAND: Jóhann Jónsson, Reykjavik
DENMARK: Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen

Invited associate member representative:
ESTONIA: Virge Pall, Tartu

Director of Scandiatransplant:
DENMARK: Kaj Anker Jørgensen, Aarhus

Leader of meeting: Bo-Göran Ericzon

Writer of minutes: Kaj Anker Jørgensen

Agenda

1) Welcome especially to the new members:

Bo-Göran Ericzon bid everybody welcome especially the new members and after that everybody made a short presentation of themselves.

2) Approval of minutes from last Board meeting (86th: May 8th 2019, Aarhus) ([link](#)):

These were approved. Kaj pointed out that there is still missing a substitute for the board from Sweden.

3) Status at the Office:

Kaj told the board about how the status is at the office. Kaj and Ilse had made a scheme for what functions we need and which we have and which we still are missing a little. The status on the data processor agreements is that 10 centers have now signed and we are only missing Oslo. Bo Pedersen, Ilse Weinreich and Kaj went to Oslo in June to try and facilitate solving this problem, and we hope that it will be solved soon, so that we have a data processor agreement with Oslo also. Since there were many new members in the board, Kaj also made a short presentation of all the staff at the office.

4) ONT: Transplant Newsletter. Who receives requests for data?:

The problem here is that Scandiatransplant usually gets a reminder to send these data with very short notice. This was just information so that the board members

can act if they get request from ONT or hear who gets request. It is Scandiatransplant who has the data and therefore it should be them who deliver the data. This would also be discussed on the NTC meeting the next day.

5) Latvia application for membership:

Kaj showed the initial mail from Juris Bormotovs, the answers from Vlrgē Pall to similar request, and then finally Bo-Göran Ericzons draft for an answer. This draft was discussed extensively and a few changes were suggested. Bo-Göran Ericzon and Kaj will incorporate these changes and it will be sent to Latvia very soon.

6) Follow-up: Scandiatransplant 50 year jubilee:

Kaj said that the goals of having the jubilee attracting attention from authorities and administrators, donation people and collaborators seem to be fulfilled. Attention from media and the main public did not reach what we wanted to primarily because we did not get royalties to participate. The other goal was actually a get together and celebration for important people in Scandiatransplant and pioneers, and this goal seems to have been achieved. The event was good and we have only received very positive reactions. It also seems that we will be very close to keeping the budget that Kaj presented for the council two years ago.

7) STS in Helsinki May 2020:

Arno Nordin told about the preparations for the STS in Helsinki from 6-8 of May 2020. There will be a liver meeting on these days in Turkey, the things have been said and it is too late to change the dates. There will be parallel sessions at the STS in order to be able to get sponsorships.

8) Statistics from Scandiatransplant Office ?:

This was also discussed extensively with pros and cons and how much. The board however sees it would be positive if Scandiatransplant moves towards to be able to give survival data for example your own centre compared with all of Scandiatransplant. The board would also be in favour if Scandiatransplant would work through checking with the countries' person number registries if transplanted people are dead or alive to increase the quality of the data in Scandiatransplant.

9) NTC meeting October 3rd:

The board went through the agenda and discussed the issues which were to come up with the meeting with the competent authorities later.

10) Any other business:

The board confirmed that it had decided new guidelines for imbursement of transportation of organs in June 2019. These guidelines are now on the homepage. Kaj suggested to the board that we increase the support to group meetings from 20.000 DKK to 25.000 DKK and this was accepted.

Bo-Göran Ericzon had suggested some courses in Yaswa, the thought was to have at least one course a year, it should be in Aarhus and with participation of 10-20 people. In this connection it was discussed if there are missing data in the Scandiatransplant registries because people do not put them in. A suggestion was

that the organ groups could be presented for the missing data comparing centers, and there was also the suggestion that this could be sent to administrators. This seems to have worked in Skåne. It was also suggested to present some data on missing data at the council meeting. The responsibility for this is the hospitals' and the organ groups'.

The Organ Preservation Alliance has contacted Scandiatransplant asking for many data. They have the vision of sending surplus organs from the USA to Scandiatransplant. It was decided that Bo-Göran Ericzon will investigate this matter further. On the front page of the SAE/SAR report form in Yaswa there is a text warning people not to report if it is not an unexpected and unwanted event. Bo-Göran Ericzon wants this text replaced and will come with a suggestion for the replacement.

11) Next Board meeting

Next board meeting will be held on March 5-6, 2020 at "Fru Larsen"/Aarhus.