

**Minutes**

**Meeting No.:** 90  
**Time:** 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2020  
**Virtual meeting** Virtual Zoom meeting

**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 virtual Sctp Board meeting 05.10.2020; 13.00 – 16.00:**

- 1) Welcome and ensuring everybody is “on board”:**  
Bo-Göran bid everybody welcome and told us about the former meetings and that this was actual our second virtual board meeting.
- 2) Minutes of last Board Meeting (virtual: [http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-board/Minutes Board No 89\\_virtualmeetingonJitsiplatform\\_29.April2020.pdf](http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-board/Minutes_Board_No_89_virtualmeetingonJitsiplatform_29.April2020.pdf)):**  
Kaj went swiftly through the minutes of the last board meetings. These were accepted. The participants in the meeting were not able to follow the minutes on the screen due to a technical problem that Kaj was not aware of.
- 3) Any other issues for the agenda:**  
There were no other points.
- 4) Status at the Office:**  
Kaj told them that the Covid shutdown and the summer actually went well in the office. The yearly talks in Danish called "MUS" with all employees have been conducted in September. We are in contact with the Central Region Denmark IT for updating our SLA (Service Level Agreement). Kaj told them that we have made a very minor change in the application form for the travel grant asking for information on who in their institution is to be contacted in order to send a correct invoice to Scandiatransplant. Kaj went on to tell them that there are people in the office who are getting themselves further educated. Regarding the economy, which had worried Kaj a bit, this seemed a lot better, transplantation activity was approaching normal and there has absolutely been less expenditure on meetings and we have also increased the price per transplantation, so it was Kaj's expectation that we would reach the desired assets.
- 5) Evaluation of the virtual Council meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020:**  
Kaj went through the minutes and there were no comments. He said that in preparation

we had put issues on the agenda which we thought would be clear and not need much discussion. The discussion could come up on increasing the price per transplantation, but then a document explaining this had been sent out beforehand. We had also made times for people to try to log on the system to see if it works before the meeting. Kaj had sent out a survey. The actual feeling is that people are satisfied and trust in the work we are doing in Scandiatransplant. There was an issue on the voting procedures, some people also thought that it was difficult to get questions to the different groups and some people thought that the meeting was quite long and wanted a pause. Most people say that virtual meetings are okay and can be used sometimes, one person thought that we should use virtual meetings everytime. There came a suggestion that virtual meetings should be held every other time, and the suggestion was that we could have virtual meetings in the council every other year, and then have face-to-face meeting every other year together with the STS. There was a general discussion in the board on virtual meetings and we should look into voting procedures if we use these more. There was an agreement that the next council meeting in Helsinki should be a face-to-face meeting if it is in any way possible. There was a discussion of options like having the meeting on a ship, maybe postponing the meeting so it comes closer to summer and so on, but the conclusion was that we have to see what the future brings.

**6) Report from working group on more donor information in YASWA (~iSMaRT):**

a. At 14:00-14:45 Surgeon Carl Jorns, Transplant coordinator Charlotte Lowén and Clinical data and office manager Ilse Weinreich participated.

Carl Jorns, Charlotte Lowén and Ilse Weinreich joined the meeting from 14:00-14:45.

The group had prepared a Powerpoint presentation where Charlotte Lowén told about the iSMaRT seen from the coordinators' perspective. They use it in Sweden all the time, and they are very happy, and it helps the coordinators a lot. Then Carl Jorns told us the benefit of this program from a surgeon's view, the surgeons also use it a lot and are very happy for it. Then Charlotte Lowén went through the functions that are in the iSMaRT system in relation to the donation process. There was a discussion of how the situation is in Sweden. Scandiatransplant had been contacted and asked if it could be incorporated in YASWA, because some people meant that they could not keep on using iSMaRT.

Charlotte Lowén told us that there are negotiations going on and that Skåne actually has to use the iSMaRT in the future, because they also have all the recipients in this system not just the donors like the rest of Sweden does. Ilse Weinreich pointed out that there are many variables in iSMaRT, which also are present in YASWA today. Therefore coding the YASWA to incorporate these functionalities is possible and can be done with reasonable time depending upon how high priority it gets. The board agrees that we should try and work to having just one system that we put data in and this should be YASWA. But of course there are local considerations and it may not be possible, but we should work at trying to make YASWA the registry regarding transplantation and donation in these countries. These suggested new functions in YASWA need to be discussed in other countries than Sweden, who are used to iSMaRT and really like the system. It was therefore decided that the working group keeps on the work in finding out which variables should be implemented in YASWA. In this work the working group should ask each center to appoint a person with whom they can discuss these facilities. We then expect the working group to present the list of variables that should be incorporated in YASWA to the board before the board meeting in March 2021. Kaj was asked to send the Powerpoint presentation that the group had made to all participants in this board meeting.

**7) Suggestion for procedure for evaluating Latvia/Lithuania membership:**

Kaj then presented a suggestion for procedures and timetables for evaluating the application for membership from Latvia and Lithuania. The suggestion had been sent out before. It was discussed and some misunderstandings were clarified. It was stressed that no decision should be made today, but it was a very preliminary discussion on how to proceed. The conclusion was that we will have a board meeting in January where the main topic will be exactly these procedures. The main point in the suggestion is that Scandiatransplant lets the Council form a working group to clarify the situation in these countries. It was suggested that Latvia and Lithuania each should appoint three people, who could answer the group on questions regarding the situation in the countries. There were also several suggestions of who should be in the working group and how large it should be. A mandate was suggested, but this should also be worked on. Of course, such a group should have a clear mandate of what they are working for. These matters should be discussed on a board meeting in January and a conclusion of how the working group should be and how the mandate should be and the timetable could be made in a board meeting in March. The working group could thereafter be formed by the Council at the next Council meeting in Helsinki after the countries have made their presentations. The suggestion is now that the working group should make a written report to the Council in a meeting in Reykjavik in 2022 to decide how to go further with the matter or if applications should be rejected. Virge Pall brought up the question of Estonia becoming a full member of Scandiatransplant, now they have been an associate member for three years. It was decided that we will discuss this issue later.

**8) GEGO device for organ tracking:**

The Scandiatransplant office had been contacted by the company behind the GEGO tracking device asking us if we wanted to try this out and go into using this system. The board discussed it but decided that there is no need for this device in Scandiatransplant now, so the office will not put any more work into trying this out.

**9) Preparation for NTC meeting 06.10.2020:****a) Agenda:**

Kaj went through the agenda for the meeting and there were no comments. There were some discussions on the SAE/SAR reporting since there had only been four this year until Sept 1. and there was discussion of one of these reports if it should be reported as a serious adverse event. It was actually because the containers that the kidneys are in are small and some kidneys are too big for these. They are also very expensive and at least in Oslo they use another method, when they are not exporting an organ. It was concluded that this is another discussion and it maybe should be taken up in the NKG.

**b) COVID Sctp presentation:**

Kaj then quickly went through the presentation he would give at the NTC meeting the next day, there were no comments to this.

**10) Any other business:**

No point here.

**11) Next Board meeting:**

**It was decided** to have a meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 with focus on the Latvia/Lithuania membership application. This meeting will probably be virtual. It was decided to have a meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2021, and we should really try to make this a face-to-face meeting. It may be like the last time a "Fru Larsen/Scandiatransplant office" meeting or it could be a meeting on a ship or some other place, but we have to wait and see what the future brings.