Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Date: April 12, 2021 17:00-20:00

Place: Digital meeting at Zoom

Present: 26 participants inclusive the DION board

Board members attending: Idd Andrea Christensen, Anne Kristin Kvitle, Irina-Mihaela Ciortan, Aida Akbarzadeh, Elodie Besnier, Lisa Tietze, Masab Annaqeeb, Faiga Alawad.

AGM chair: Lisa Tietze

Welcome
Kine ensured that participants could join the meeting. Idd welcomed all participants and reminded participants about the rules for the elections. She went through the agenda for the meeting.

Presenting the annual report
Idd presented the highlights of DION last year’s achievements.

Voting
The annual report for 2020 was approved by acclamation.

Presenting and approving budget for 2021
Elodie presented the financial overview for 2020 and the budget of 2021.
There were 3 questions from the participants about the budget. A suggestion arose for the next board: to align the fiscal year to the board year (January to December).

**Voting**
The budget for 2021 was approved by acclamation.

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**Presentation of all candidates for the 2021-2022 board**

Lisa presented the process of election first and made sure the candidates were all present in the meeting.

**Candidates running for president**
- Martin Brattmyr, PhD candidate
- Gabriela Kazimiera Warden, PhD candidate (spontaneously running for president)

**Candidates running for the DION board**
- Ahmed M. Ibrahim, PhD candidate
- Aida Akbarzadeh, PhD candidate
- Alicia Vallejo-Olivares, PhD candidate
- Amanda Holstad Singleton, PhD candidate
- Gabriela Kazimiera Warden, PhD candidate
- Martin Brattmyr, PhD candidate
- Olga Cherepkova, PhD candidate
- Payel Chatterjee, PhD candidate
- Regina Matveeva, PhD candidate
- Siamak Karimi, PhD candidate
- Wolf Ludwig Kuhn, PhD candidate

The two candidates for the president position presented themselves. There were questions from the audience for both candidates. Then, the voting process was opened for 15 minutes. While we waited for the presidential elections to end, Masab entertained the audience with a recap of this year’s social events.

After the presidential elections, the meeting moved forward to the election process of the board members. The candidates for the board presented themselves by live presentations. After the presentations, followed a lengthy session of questions from the
audience. During the allotted timeslot for voting, Masab chaired a Kahoot quiz to entertain participants.

**Numbers of votes**

**Election of president**

The total number of voters were 25

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**Election of the DION board**

Total number of voters were 101

2606 employees at NTNU were eligible to vote at the time of the AGM.

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**Voting**

The DION board for 2021/2022 are:
Martin Brattmyr (president)
Aida Akbarzadeh
Amanda Holstad Singleton
Olga Cherepkova
Payel Chatterjee
Regina Matveeva
Siamak Karimi
W. Ludwig Kuhn
Idd thanked all candidates for running and congratulated the newly elected board.

On behalf of the 2020-2021 DION board, Idd thanked all participants for attending before closing the AGM. The old board expressed their unanimous happiness with the last year activity and teamwork, as well as their sadness to having to quit the membership. Nonetheless, everyone was optimistic towards the future and growth of DION as an organization.

The meeting was adjourned by 20:00 o'clock.

Idd Andrea Christensen  
DION President 20-21

Martin Brattmyr  
DION President 21-22

Referent  
Irina-Mihaela Ciortan