

DION Board Meeting Minutes (25.11.2021)

Date: November 25, 2021

Time: 1500 – 1700

Place: Vannkraftslaboratoriet 41 Gløshaugen and Teams

Invited: DION board members 2021/2022

Attended: Martin, Regina, Siamak, Aida (partly), Amanda, Ludwig and Olga

Meeting chair: Martin

Minutes by: Amanda

1) Opening

The meeting started with everyone sharing what they are doing and workload.

2) Approval of the previous meeting minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3) Previous work

MHAW:

- The opening on Monday went well in Trondheim and in Gjøvik, however technical problems were an issue in both locations. Martin mentions being facilitator, mediator and lecturer roles should not be combined.
- Tuesday mediation went well. Almost 30 people joined. People were very enthusiastic. People were satisfied with the time point and the cakes. Overall good experience. One person thought it was too spiritual and not so scientific, but we did not advertise it as such.
- Gjøvik did not have many participants at meditation on Tuesday. However, people enjoyed the session.
- Wednesday physical activity day went well, except the number of people meeting up to sessions before 1600 was very low. The people who came liked it though. Same applies to Gjøvik.
- Thursday bibliotherapy was not very scientific but the lecturer had a soothing voice. In Gjøvik, Olga grabbed people from the hallway. The talk was not so practically useful. Movie night was successful in Trondheim. Many people showed up.
- Friday improv was a good event, but only 6 people showed up. The mental health aspect was good because they encouraged failing, which is important for mental health. Ordered too much pizza.

Lessons from MHAW:

- Plan on having events after work hours.
- Timing was poor, first week of November popular for workshops and conferences.
- Too much information given at once. Decrease the density.
- Perhaps Mental Health Month. Maybe too much with one week.

- Hard to reach out to everyone.
- Merge all the events into one sign-up sheet. Everyone can choose which events they want to attend.
- Make another document for comments/lesson from MHAW.

Swing and folkdance:

- Arranged by students but they are busy with exams. Planning something for January

Autumn photo contest:

- Winners have been announced and movie tickets handed out by Regina. We forgot at the previous board meeting to discuss how we would end the event. Regina ended up taking the workload.

Ludwig:

- Kick-off meeting with language council about thoughts and expectations. They will also have two webinars open to NTNU employees with panel discussions.
- Meeting with sentral ansettelsesorgan.

Amanda:

- Meeting with innovation council about TTO function, duties, and expectations for the future. Should it remain an AS? Also discussed science conversations @NTNU.

Martin:

- Had a talk about mental health and promoted DION.

4) Upcoming events

Future technology studies:

- Not physical, it will be a webinar. 15 min interview session with different participants stating their opinion on the future of technology. The 10th of December. Ludwig will represent DION.

Holiday movie night:

- 10th of December in R9
- Christmas snacks and soft drinks

Potluck:

- Is corona an issue? Can we have such an event.
- Perhaps on the 11th of December.

Free to think:

- Martin will attend meeting the 26th of November

Ask Kine: how much money do we have left?

Gjøvik:

- Wants to arrange a December event. Depends on how much money we have. Options: concert, bowling, movie night. Also interested in doing secret santa.

MHAW feedback:

- Send feedback form to all participants.
- Everyone who sends in a reply has a chance to win 2 movie tickets.

5) Expert control (Aida) (Switched places with SiN AGM during meeting)

Issues with security checks for new PhDs. New PhDs coming from certain countries have to pass security check. Supervisors might be discouraged from choosing PhDs from these countries since the project might be delayed due to these checks.

Questions brought up:

- a. Should it be clearer for people applying for these positions?
- b. Can delays or other indirect effects to the project affect who is employed in a position due to these security checks?

Should DION push for NTNU adding a note in job descriptions that you might be liable for a security check? Who should we speak to about this?

If we decide to act, we need more information about laws and regulations about this. Should we ask a union (Tekna, Forskerforbundet?).

6) SiN AGM

Martin and Siamak going to the AGM in Bergen. We need people to try out for the board. One from NTNU considering it and Siamak also thinking about it.

Ludwing and Martin meeting with potential candidate to determine fitness and will nominate her if she will be a good candidate.

7) Science conversations @NTNU

Webinar with different topics. Next topic is networking, and we were contacted by Janne from the dean's staff about feedback for the next webinar.

"Hydropower association" president could be a good candidate to discuss how to network.

Siamak: Innovation responsible for his institute might be open to speaking about innovations topics.

8) Other questions

When will we meet with Cybernetics and Ålesund representatives?

- Ålesund representatives from 1630-17 at the next board meeting.
- Cybernetics at next board meeting from 17-1730.

9) Adjournment

Next meeting is December 14th from 1530 to 1730.