

DION Board meeting: March 2022

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 14:00-16:00

Place: Teams

Attended: Martin, Siamak, Payel, Aida, Olga, Amanda, Regina, Ludwig, and Line Løkås

Minutes taken by: Payel

1. Opening:

- Line Løkås is the new HR consultant for DION. She introduced herself to the board members
- Siamak asked Line about the possibility of getting the salary for the DION's duty work instead of extending the PhD contract

2. Previous protocol

- Previous board meeting minutes were taken by Regina. Small changes were suggested by Martin.

3. Previous events:

- **Movie night in Ålesund:** Payel and Amanda attended the event. Approx. 20 people participated. A summary of the event has been uploaded by Payel.
(https://studntnu.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/o365_DION848/EYgwBEeRUcdKokS2mbbWjD0B1TN6EzgQf6ZyKyuWC5uKDg?e=gSixZi)
- Olga started a discussion about having a quota for Ålesund in the DION board. Most of the board members were against having quota. It is preferable to increase outreach activities in Ålesund. Discussion was done about helping the candidate from Ålesund to get more votes during the election.
- **Event in Gjøvik:** Trip to Hunderfossen.
- **Language committee meeting:** Ludwig is attending language committee meetings. Panel discussion is on March 24, 2022. Payel is participating in the discussion. Final meeting is in April 2022.
- **Research council:** Martin attended the research council meeting. Extension of contract due to pandemic was discussed. Tor Grande is trying to make faculties more aware about the negative effect of pandemic on PhD candidates and need for extension of contract. The necessity to improve the onboarding procedure for PhDs was also discussed. SiN is conducting a survey about COVID. This survey could give a better insight about the negative effect of COVID pandemic on temporary scientific employees. Question about anonymity of this survey was also discussed.

4. Upcoming event

- Bowling event in Gjøvik at the end of March
- Annual general meeting on April 7, 2022

5. AGM

- Regina and Ludwig will run for the board.
- **Responsibilities for AGM**
 - Pizza: Registration form for Trondheim (Regina) and Gjøvik (Aida). Regina is responsible for ordering Pizza in Trondheim
 - Snacks & Drinks: Ludwig
 - Chairman: Martin
 - Voting (Valgweb): Siamak
 - Technical support: Amanda
 - Online Platform: Amanda (Teams will be used)
 - Clicking picture of the candidates who stepped up during the meeting: Payel
- **Meeting time:** Official program starts 16:30. 16:00-16:30 socializing
- **Agenda**
 - Opening and presentation: Martin; 15mins
 - DIONS's statutes: 10 mins
 - Budget: Amanda, 10 mins
 - Voting opens after the presentation of presidential candidates and board members
 - Voting: Portal open until Sunday midnight (72 hrs)
 - Fun events and socializing
- All the board members agreed that 10 mins of voting time is too short. A quick voting was done among the board members to decide whether to increase the voting time window during AGM. All the board members agreed unanimously (8 votes) to increase the voting time to 72 hours.

6. Annual report:

- Annual report should be shared at least one week before meeting
- All the other documents (Meeting minutes, Newsletters) should be available on the website before AGM
- **Responsibilities for annual report:**
 - DION grants: Payel
 - Newsletter: Aida
 - Previous events: Siamak
 - Social media: Regina
 - Representations at faculties: Everyone

7. Other questions and discussion:

- Information about the candidates running for board will be posted on website after April 4 before the AGM
- Announcement of new board on April 11

- Online transition meeting for the new board: April 12, 15:00

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00