



## **Minutes AGM 2023**

Subject: Agenda Annual General Meeting 2023

Date: 18.04.2023

Place: Trondheim: KJL1; Gjøvik: Kobalt K109, Ålesund: Auditorium Nørvasundet; Zoom

Time: 16.00 - approx. 18.00, pizza & mingling from 15.45

Chair: Regina Paul

Minutes by: Line Løkås

Election's administration: Alicia Vallejo-Olivares

### **16.00 - 16.15 Opening & Overview of the board's 2022-2023 achievements**

Presenting present Board:

Regina Paul

Alicia Vallejo-Olivares

Ludwig Kuhn

Fereshteh Mirjalili

Anum Masood

Anastasia Skarpeti

Malene Grove Vognosen

Raed Hlayhel

DION is present at all three campuses, organized 49 events, funded 11 grants, assisted in 28 inquiries, participated in committees, seminars, and conferences arranged by NTNU. Gave 13 presentations, established new collaborations.

Events:

Quis mushroom hunt, canoeing, foraging, ski course among others.

## Projects:

Mental health and awareness month: mental fitness workshop, finding home workshop, qigong.

Transferable skills days: research workshop, improv theatre, workshop communication on presentation techniques.

Communication that works.

## Grants:

Lead an organized event? Mentoring event, climate change workshop, writing group, manufacturing workshop.

## Also active in NTNU:

- The university Research Committee
- Innovation Council
- NTNU International Researcher Support
- Election Committee
- Program for Applied Ethics
- Open panel discussion: Temporary work in academia
- PhD funds survey

Also see in our annual report.

## Collaborations outside NTNU:

- Association of Doctoral Organizations in Norway (SiN)
- Startup Migrants in Norway
- Tekna and Forskerforbundet
- Transfer Technology AS NTNU

## DION in media and public:

Three articles.

Questions about the annual report?

- No questions asked.

### **Approval of the annual report:**

Yes: 31

No: 0

Approved in the meeting.

### **16.15 - 16.45 Presentation of the statutes changes & discussion**

#### **Name of the organization:**

##### **2.1 Name**

Why is “the” part of the name?

Including the article, made more sense.

Yes: 24

No: 0

Approved in the meeting.

#### **Date AGM:**

##### **2.4 Annual general meeting (AGM)**

Budget runs yearly, January to December. Changing then date makes it easier to have better exchange og board members and sin members and also with the budget.

Q: why is the turn shorter this year? Will it be less money. Instead of 1 month, 3 weeks, and 6 weeks instead of 8 weeks. From bord 2024 it will be back to normal.

Yes: 30

No: 2

Approved in the meeting.

#### **Election of president and vice president:**

##### **2.4 Annual general meeting (AGM)**

President and vice president separate from the election of the board members. Earlier the president was separate, and the board decided amongst themselves who is vice president.

Q: are they elected together? Apply for president also equal running for vice president, the one with the most votes wins president and the other becomes vice president.

Yes: 25

No: 7

Approved in the meeting.

### **Board composition:**

#### **2.4 Annual general meeting (AGM)**

Like to reassure that we have candidates from all three campuses. At least one person from Ålesund, one person from Gjøvik, two persons from Trondheim.

Yes: 28

No: 5

Approved in the meeting.

### **Proficiency in Norwegian:**

#### **2.4 Annual general meeting (AGM)**

Requirement about the president speaks Norwegian, we would like to change it to; the president or vice president speaks Norwegian.

Q: Has DION noticed new report from NTNU, PhD postdoc will not be prioritized in language courses at NTNU? What does DION think of this?

- We see this tendency now, about Norwegian language in academia, even though 44% of PhDs is international in Norway. We must sit in councils in NTNU and be able to attend and understand the content of the meeting.

If president or vice president don't speak Norwegian, there must be one or two in the board that speaks Norwegian.

Q: what if one does not have a diploma on the language skills?

- We can change to: must be able to speak Norwegian a level 3at NTNU, Bergen test B2 or equivalent.

Q: do you have interviews, how to clarify level of language skills? Better with the present formulation.

Q: remove the sentence

### **New vote on proficiency in Norway, change statues 2.4 AGM:**

Due to some confusion about the voting, a new vote is proposed clarifying the text.

Giving more flexibility to the board.

Yes: 28

No: 0

Approved in the meeting.

### **Statutes changes. Election procedure:**

#### **2.5 The election procedure**

Yes: 24

No: 6

Approved in the meeting.

### **Statutes changes. Board meetings:**

#### **2.8 board meetings**

It helps in terms of teambuilding that the board meet in person.

Yes: 24

No: 4

Approved in the meeting.

### **Statutes changes. Not substantial:**

#### **2.2 Goal**

#### **2.6 extraordinary board meeting**

## **2.7 board**

## **2.9 sub-chapters of DION**

## **2.10 Change in statutes**

Yes: 23

No: 3

Approved in the meeting.

## **16.45 - 17.10 Presentation of the budget & budget proposal**

A small overspending, 2 348,60, - this is cleared with DIONs economist.

For 2023 the spending is 19. 511, - this leaves the new board with 80. 489, -

We looked for additional funding to support some of the events.

## **Approval of financial overview 2022**

Yes: 24

No: 1

Approved

## **Approval of financial overview 2023**

Yes: 23

No: 1

Approved

## **17.10 - 17.30 Presentation of the candidates for president's and vice president's positions**

**Diana Giovanni Magnano**

**Behnam Balouchi**

**Gabriela Kazimiera Warden**

## **17.40 - 18.00 Presentation of the candidates for the board positions**

**Fei Song**

**Shubham Jain**

**Gabriel Andy Szalkowski**

**Davit Gigilashvili**

**Mobina Mobini**

**Øyvind Eikrem**

**Anastasia Skarpeti**

**Yue Yu**

### **Voting:**

Link on social media and innsida, we announce on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

President and vice presidents all want to run for board seats if they are not elected as president or vice president.

Six board members, one president and one vice president.

If someone don't get any votes, they are not elected even if there is less than 8 persons running.

**Meeting ended at 19:00.**