

Danish Development Research Network

Minutes of the board meeting

4 January 2007, Institute of Geography, University of Copenhagen

Participants: Arne Wangel (AW), Alex Percy-Smith (APS), Helle Munk Ravnborg (HMR), Peter Oksen (PO), Mette Kjær (MK), Dean Jacobsen (DJ), Ahmed Jahoor (AJ), Marten Sørensen (MS), Søren Jeppesen (SJ), Bjarke Hesbjerg (BH), Anne Sørensen (AS)

Apologies: Eskild Holm Nielsen (EHN), Ole Mertz (OM), Olav Jull Sørensen (OJS), Claus Jørgensen (CJ), Peter Brorson (PB)

Agenda:

1. Appointment of chairperson and secretary for the meeting
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
4. Election of deputy chairperson of the board
5. Announcements
6. The statutes of the Network - Articles of association
7. The board's rules of procedure
8. Description of duties of the Network coordinator (AMS)
9. Details of the vacancy of the academic associate-coordinator
10. Interim position as communication responsible incl. review of potential applicants
11. Workshop
12. Review of the agreement with the host institution
13. Date for the next general assembly
14. Date for the next board meeting
15. Other

Ad 1. Election of chairperson and secretary to take minutes

MS was chosen as chairperson for the meeting and BH was asked to take notes for the minutes.

Ad 2. Approval of draft agenda

Before the agenda could be approved, APS requested a status on three issues: 1) the funding authorisation, 2) the accompanying letter to the funding authorisation, and 3) the employment contract of AS.

MS responded to these issues by stating that:

1. MS has signed the funding authorisation and send it back to Danida
2. MS had not yet had the opportunity to develop a draft for the discussed accompanying letter
3. MS stated that it was still unclear how and when AS would be employed by DDRN. There are still issues waiting to be resolved with KVLs staffing section.

The agenda was approved.

Ad.3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of 15 December 2006 were approved.

Ad 4. Election of deputy chairperson

There were three candidates:

- Ole Mertz
- Peter Oksen
- Mette Kjær

MS had received one postal vote, which was approved by the board.

By hidden ballots the result of the vote was:

- Ole Mertz got five votes
- Peter Oksen got three votes
- Mette Kjær got 2 votes

Ad 5. Announcements

MS stated that the plan for internationalisation and development of the new University of Copenhagen had not yet been finalised.

The issue of what Danida means in terms of increased focus on the South was discussed at length. It was agreed to invite someone from Danida to discuss the implications and meaning of this at the next board meeting.

The issue of Danida-observers was discussed. It was decided to propose to Danida that they appoint technical persons and/or persons who are rather high-ranking in the system, e.g. the head or deputy head of BFT.

It was agreed that OM should contact Danida with respect to the role as observers in the board.

Ad 6. The statutes of the Network - Articles of association

The following decisions were made:

- The name of the network will not be changed
- §3 (bullets): delete [...in Denmark and in the South]
- §4, stk. 3: It was decided – after some discussion – to keep the current phrasing.
- §9: Changed to follow §5
- The articles should only use the word “chairperson”
- §6: [Active researchers from research institutions] should be changed to [researchers]
- §6: [must be composed of] should be changed to [it is desirable if]
- §6, stk.2: Changed to [board must consist of nine board members and two substitutes]
- §6, stk. 3: Changed to [Danida may appoint...]
- §6, stk. 5: Changed to [Board meetings are open for members]
- §6, stk. 5: Changed to [The board establishes its own rules of procedure. Board meetings are open for network members. Board meetings are announced on the network website. The board can make decisions through virtual board meetings]
- §8, stk. 1: The board, on behalf of the network,...]
- §8, stk.2: Changed to [DKK 15.000]
- §10: Delete from [In the case...]
- §11: Changed to [These articles of association are a modification of the articles of association adopted by the First General Assembly and will take effect after adoption by the Second General Assembly.

It was agreed that APS develop a revised version of the articles of association including the above changes prior to the next board meeting.

Ad 7. The board's rules of procedure

This issue was pushed to the next board meeting.

Ad 8. Description of duties of the Network coordinator (AMS)

The following changes were approved:

- Ændre til: Koordinere, støtte og igangsætte medlemsbaserede aktiviteter[...]
- Ændre til: Sikre formidling af netværksbaserede[...]
- Slette: udbud og efterspørgsel
- Slette: Arbejdssproget i netværket er engelsk.

Ad 9. Details of the vacancy of the academic associate-coordinator

The following changes were approved:

- Ændres: [Akademisk medarbejder] ændres til [medarbejder]
- Ændres: [Kvalifikationer: (bullets)] ændres til [Ønskede kvalifikationer]
- Tilføjes: Under kvalifikationer tilføjes [Mindst kandidatgrad]
- Slettes: [Netværksrelevant PhD]

Ad 10. Interim position as communication responsible incl. review of potential applicants

It was decided to hire Marianne Forti in a temporary position.

Ad 11. Any other business

It was decided to have a combined board meeting and possibly seminar/workshop on networks on 31 January 2007.