

1. Opening of the meeting, excuses

Present:

Lena Claesson-Welsh (President)
Mauro Siragusa (Secretary)
Judith Sluimer (Treasurer)
Kari Alitalo (joined at 14:50)
Hellmut Augustin
Graeme Birdsey
Paola Campagnolo
Józef Dulak
Agnieszka Jaźwa-Kusior
Friedemann Kiefer
Justin Mason
Jaap Van Buul
Fiona Wilkinson
Beata Wojciak-Stothard
Karina Yaniv

Excused:

Gilles Pagès
Guido De Meyer
Massimo Santoro

2. Council's comments on and approval of Board Regulations

Appendix 1; board regulations

Discussion:

1. Publishing of the minutes of each Council meeting or only of the general meeting (GM) in the EVBO website.
2. Introduction of a maximum number of 15 Council members (in addition to President, Secretary and Treasurer) in the board regulations and "ex officio council members", i.e. EVBO members who become temporarily Council members within specific tasks and activities.
3. Lena's changes to the board regulations are presented, discussed

Decision:

1. The Council votes and agrees that all minutes must be published in the EVBO website following the Council's approval.
2. The maximum number of Council members will be set to 15 in the board regulations with the possibility to involve ex officio Council members as needed.
3. The changes suggested by Lena are approved by the Council.

3. Date for the GM: **Monday, June 21st 1 pm CEST**

4. EVBO seminar series, continuation fall 2021

Appendix 2, Spring schedule

The Council discussed the continuation into Fall 2021 and possible changes of the frequency, e.g. every two weeks (Lena, Hellmut) or once a month (Karina).

Hellmut: new format, plan ahead but also invite first or last author of recent publications, maybe similar to the summer school?

Decision

The seminar series will resume in Sept 2021. A new committee is to be formed to work on the schedule.

5. Council's approval of NCs suggestion for council and president-elect nominations to bring to EVBO members (council members stepping down will remain and council members for re-election will be excused)

Appendix 3 (to be shared at the meeting)

The NC has followed the criteria stipulated in the board regulations to choose the nominees to present to the Council. Reasons for rejection of each nominees are shared and discussed. Geographical spread is discussed further, considering the high number of nominations received from the UK.

Decision

The Council votes - 10 yes and 1 abstained (Józef Dulak) - and approves the nominees suggested by the NC. The following nominees will be brought forward for voting by the EVBO members:

Christoph Binder	Austria
Guido De Meyer	Belgium
Johanna Laakkonen	Finland
Minna Kaikkonen	Finland
Laurent YVAN-CHARVET	France
Alma Zerneck-Madsen	Germany
Lars Maegdefessel	Germany/Sweden
Sebastiano Sciarretta	Italy
Jaap van Buul	Netherlands
Neli Kachamakova-Trojanowska	Poland
Claudio Franco	Portugal
Rui Bedito	Spain
Ljubica Matic	Sweden
Taija Mäkinen	Sweden
Tatiana Petrova	Switzerland
Joseph J Boyle	UK
Fiona Wilkinson	UK
Helle Jorgensen	UK
Claudia Monaco	UK

Lena will communicate the Council's decision to the rejected and selected nominees. The selected nominees will be asked to submit a synthetic document

(name and affiliation, short biography, network and motivation) that will be sent to all EVBO members prior to the start of the online voting.

As per Lena's email on May 6th after the Council meeting, only Prof. Mariona Graupera's nomination for **president-elect** has been received. The Council agrees with the decision to bring her name forward for member's voting.

6. Other matters

Mauro reports that applications for the summer school are received from postdoctoral researchers and some PIs. Discussion whether these can be accepted or not.

Decision

Applications will be accepted also from postdocs and PIs. The number of PIs must be kept to a minimum to promote the exchange between PhD and MD students, to whom the summer school is tailored to.

7. Next council meeting

Doodle will be sent out by Lena.

Appendices

1. Board Regulations
2. EVBO seminar series final schedule spring 2021
3. Nominations for voting