

1) Welcome and excuses

Present:

Lena Claesson-Welsh (President)
Mauro Siragusa (Secretary)
Judith Sluimer (Treasurer)
Mariona Graupera (President-elect)
Hellmut Augustin
Paola Campagnolo
Claudio Franco
Minna Kaikkonen-Määttä
Friedemann Kiefer
Tajja Mäkinen
Fiona Wilkinson
Jaap Van Buul

Excused:

Karina Yaniv
Tatiana Petrova
Lars Mägdefessel
Claudia Monaco
Johanna Laakkonen
Kari Alitalo

2) Approval of minutes from last meeting Oct 14 (**Appendix 1**)

Approved

3) Seminar committee (Rui Benedito, Tajja Mäkinen, Judith Sluimer)

Dates and schedule confirmed as in minutes of Council meeting Oct 14th.

Discussion:

- Non-European plenary speakers: should they be EVBO members? Should we offer free membership for 1 year? It is in principle important that speakers are members.
- Hellmut: membership fees are primary revenue for EVBO so it is important to make sure that they become members.
- Jaap, Mauro, Tajja: free 12 or 6 months memberships, then ask for renewal.
- Claudio: no free membership.

Decisions:

- Mauro to send a reminder to plenary speakers who already presented and who did not yet become EVBO members
- A short period of free membership followed by reminder to renew, could be worth a try. The committee will discuss and decide on how to handle future invitations of plenary speakers with regard to the EVBO membership and report back to the Council.

4) YIS committee (Jaap van Buul)

- the committee will invite PIs to suggest young investigators.

- mentoring programme to be implemented.

5) Conference/summer school committee (Mauro Siragusa)

a. EVBO sponsored conferences – Call 2022-2023

A call for applications is presented to the Council. Targets are organizing committees of conferences with a focus on vascular/cardiovascular science to be held in 2022 and 2023.

The details of the sponsorship as well as the budget are discussed.

Discussion:

- Judith/Lena: seen the total EVBO budget and yearly increase, a budget of up to €3000/conference is not sustainable.
- Friedemann: EVBO should mainly invest on distributing awards at conferences.
- Claudio: budget should be used to support the organization of summer schools by EVBO members.
- Rui: important to reach out and connect to other societies and their meetings.
- Mariona: in support of the idea of sponsoring 3 talks/conference, which will provide visibility to EVBO.

Decision

- The budget shall be limited to €3000/year (potentially €1000/conference) until other income than member fees has been secured.
- The Call shall be published ASAP on all platforms, including the Newsletter.

b. EVBO summer school

Given the increase in coronavirus infections in Europe, the committee suggests to hold a digital summer school in 2022.

- Lena: impressed with previous summer school, successful event that should be repeated
- Jaap: very supportive, large crowd, very valuable

Decision:

- Approved. Organisation should start ASAP
- ESM should be asked to participate. Participation includes sharing costs for the organization of the summer school as well as awards.

6) Awards committee

FCVB2022 (Minna Kaikkonen)

Awards to be presented at FCVB2022 already agreed on. Will update in future. No further requests for support were received.

7) Report publication highlight committee (Minna Kaikkonen, Friedemann Kiefer)

Selected publication highlights for November. Selection for December ongoing.

Action: Mauro to send blast email to EVBO members requesting their self-nomination for the publication highlight.

8) Report social media committee (Paola Campagnolo)

a. social media manager

- Posts are created and shared everywhere at the same time. Easier to schedule and to optimize according to the requirements of each platform (images, text, etc.)
- New gmail account for social media team created. Will be shared separately.

Decision: approval of the social media manager to be implemented ASAP.

Action: Mauro to send blast email to ask members to send their Twitter handles to Paola

b. Tweet take over

- Twitter will be taken over by a group one week/month. This will be coordinated via a doodle and guidelines on content will be provided.
- full control remains with the committee
- the labs of the Council members will be first in the “take over”.

Decision: approved

9) Report web page group (Fiona Wilkinson, Claudio Franco)

Web design quotes (Appendix 2)

Claudio: updated profiles of the Council members goes live in the next two weeks.

Decision: €3000 (Jaime/Iris) quote – timeline: 2-3 weeks to have first draft

Winners of the web image competition will be notified asap by Lena and information spread on social media.

10) Report Finance group (Lena Claesson-Welsh, Hellmut Augustin)

Currently no update.

11) Formation of a nomination committee for 2022 voting

Decision

Following the board regulations, the nomination committee will include: Lena Claesson-Welsh, Mauro Siragusa, Judith Sluimer and Mariona Graupera.

Step down: Friedemann Kiefer, Lena Claesson-Welsh, Mauro Siragusa.

Potentially For re-election: Paola Campagnolo, Hellmut Augustin, Kari Alitalo.

Action: Lena to get in touch with the exiting Council members individually.

12) Meeting conclusion: Lena acknowledges the good and smooth work from all committees and wishes merry Christmas and happy holidays to all.