

Date:	7/6 2017	Place:	MS
	Draft Board Meeting Minutes		
Present	<p>From the Board: Anders Hamming (AH) (Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee), Andreas Dybkjær-Andersson (ADA) (Vice Chairman), Helle Munk Ravnborg (HMR), (Chairwomen), Lea Simonsen (LS) (via Skype), Nana Gerstrøm Alsted (NGA), Linette Lotus Danst (LLD), Maja Louise Sørensen (MLS), Søren Bøllingtoft Knudsen (SBK), Andreas Grarup Nielsen (AGN), Cíntia Galbiati Ramos (CGR) and Nadja Manghezi (NM).</p> <p>Others: Marie Uldall Thomsen (MUT) and Henrik Hagemann (HH) (PR).</p> <p>From the Secretariat: Tim Whyte (TRW), Kirsten, Devantier (KID), Jakob Kirkemann Boesen (JKB) and Malene Wilken (MW).</p>		
Absent	David Archer(DA), Sine Jensen (SJ), Iben Merrild (IM), Fin Egenfeldt-Nielsen (FEN), John Hansen (JH) and Vibeke Vinther (VV).		
	Minute taker: Malene Wilken The meeting was conducted in Danish		

Agenda	
01.	Welcome and approval of the agenda
02.	Approval of minutes and matters arising from the last Board Meeting
03.	Plan for Board Meetings 2017 - 2018
04.	Expectations to and organizing of the board's work
05.	Selection of: AADK in other organizations Council Members in FAC Board Members in the Contact Group
06.	Council Meeting 2017 Evaluation Implications for next year
07.	General Assembly AAI
08.	Strategic Partnership Application
09.	Information
10.	Any Other Business

01.	Welcome and approval of the agenda
	<p>HMR welcomed board members to the meeting. The attendees gave a short presentation of themselves.</p> <p>Since the present Governance Manual refers to the old strategy, it will be on the agenda at the board meeting in August. The Chairmanship will present an adjustment regarding the needed changes. The board members were encouraged to send any comments they have to HMR, ADA,</p>

	<p>TW and MW.</p> <p>The Governance Manual presents the guidelines for how the board works and therefore has to be approved at the beginning of each board year. Roles for board members and organs within AADK will be discussed and defined, in order to make the organization cooperate in the best way.</p> <p>Because of the financial challenges that AADK may be facing, it was decided that the financial situation will be a regular item on the agenda for the board meetings every quarter.</p> <p>The Board approved the agenda with no further amendments.</p>
02.	Approval of minutes and matters arising from the last Board Meeting
	The minutes from the board meeting on May 21 st were approved, with the amendment that AH was elected chairman of FAC at the meeting.
03.	Plan for Board Meetings 2017 - 2018
	<p>Prior to the meeting, the board had received a draft annual plan, based on the rolling political plan that was approved at the Council Meeting. The board had also received a draft with dates for board activities.</p> <p>It was decided to form two working groups: The first working group was tasked to prepare the discussions, including at the Member- and Council day on MS's internal organization (the mutual division of labour and roles of the secretariat, volunteers, board, council, and membership) so that it in the best possible way support the implementation of MS' new strategy. From the AADK board, this working group (organisering til foreningen MS' fremtid) consists of NM, LS, ADA and HMR. Furthermore, it was suggested to reinstate Power-talks during the year, across the country or via live stream, at open inspirational meetings. This could include a talk by the authors for the book "Rodskud" on organizing from below. The Board is also encouraged to read the book, e.g. in preparation for the Board retreat, planned for October 2017.</p> <p>Since the financial situation is an issue that will need attention several times during this year, it was decided, that every 3 months, highlights from the monthly report send to FAC, with comments from TW on major deviations (good and bad) will be send to the board members.</p> <p>The second working group is tasked to deal with enhancing MS' efforts to involve volunteers, in part as a follow up to the review of undertaken late 2016/early 2017 based on interviews with returning Global Contact participants showing that many people would like to be activated after returning from i.e. Global Contact. This potential is to be used. From the AADK board, this working group consists of LLD, CGR, MLS and ADA. The group will prepare an introduction to a discussion regarding volunteers, for the board retreat in October.</p> <p>In case members are interested in participating in any of the two groups, they are asked to contact MW.</p> <p>The report from AAIItaly describing the criteria for their presence across the country, as well as the experience gathering made from the boards travel to Italy, will be send to the board members as soon as possible.</p> <p>The report on the review of Global Contact will also be send to the board members.</p> <p>Some dates in the draft for board activity may need to be changed. MW will organize a doodle in order to find new dates. One of the meetings will take place in Århus.</p> <p>In order to have more time for strategic discussions at the board meetings, it was decided that as many issues as possible should be dealt with by mail and/or through recommendations for board decisions prepared prior to the Board meetings. The Governance Manual will be send to the board members, and if possible, most of the work regarding updates will be handled by mail prior to the board meeting.</p>
04.	Expectations to and organizing of the board's work
	ADA facilitated a discussion, where the board members presented their expectations to the board work and their competences.

	<p>Key words regarding the board’s work are: being open minded, honest and ambitious, listen actively, being well prepared, challenge each other i.e. opinions on different aspects in a constructive way, going hard to the problem and soft on the person, encourage creativity and diversity, and have fun. It was stressed that no questions are stupid. Major ambitions as well as areas that will no longer be focus points will be communicated to the rest of the organization in a clear way. I.e. in order to prioritize the work at the secretariat. In respect of the fact, that something has to be taken out in order to focus on something new.</p> <p>Motivations for entering the board, and ways of contributing to the board work included: Experience with Organizing, experiences from the fellow citizen and other volunteer culture and youth organizations, use experience from the Middle east, to support the young flexible grass root organizations, take part in moving the world to a better place, especially in the current world circumstance, connect the Board with what is going on, new ways to fundraise, Personal experience as volunteer (good & bad), political thinking, experience with start-ups in local community and local volunteer organizing, international perspectives, volunteer focus, an interest in how the society engagement kick-starts – not only by MS, naturally bringing other perspectives, other eyes – geographic.</p> <p>It was agreed that if needed, the Chairmanship can ask a group of board members to look deeper into items to be dealt with at board meetings and prepare the discussion. The idea is that it will bring perspectives to i.e. discussions.</p>
05.	Selection of: AADK in other organizations, Council Members in FAC and Board Members in the Contact Group
	<p>Prior to the meeting the board had received a list of the present organizations where AADK is represented. Board members were encouraged to let MW know in case they were interested in representing AADK in the organizations. Board members were also encouraged to speak up in case they would find that organizations were missing on the list, or if there were organizations where AADK should not be any more. It was decided to handle this item by mail.</p> <p>Trine Pertou Mach (TPM) has since last year represented AADK in Rådet for Menneskerettigheder (Human Rights Council). TPM is currently based in USA. In her absence, ADA and AH will represent AADK in Rådet for Menneskerettigheder.</p> <p>ADA informed the board, that in case someone was interested in taking over his place in FN Forbundet, he was willing to step down.</p> <p>MLS was appointed to represent the board in FAC. AH had asked a number of council members if they would like to represent the council members in FAC. He will let the board know who is interested, as soon as possible. There can be a total of 4 members in FAC.</p> <p>NM would like to represent the board in the Contact group.</p> <p>It was suggested to consider AADK representation in Højskolernes Forening.</p>
06.	Council Meeting 2017 Evaluation Implications for next year
	<p>Prior to the meeting, the board had received a report on the evaluation of the Council Meeting. Generally the evaluation was very positive.</p> <p>Highlights of the report, discussed at the meeting was:</p> <p>The electronic annual report with the use of video, was received positively by the council members, although there were some difficulties getting the big picture in the document, due to the format. Though there was a focus on the work done in the global south, members lacked a deeper information on this topic. Members would also like information about the things that doesn’t work so well. These observations on format and content will be taking into consideration for the preparation of next year’s Årsberetning (annual report).</p> <p>There was a desire to have live participation at the council meeting from global partners to tell about our work, rather than video and skype participation. This should be considered for the council and membership day in the fall and/or next year’s Council meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested to change format, and move away from writing items on paper.</p> <p>There were some challenges due to unstable Skype connections.</p> <p>Though there are a lot of documents to read prior to the council meeting, there was a desire to be able to prepare even better. This could be done by communicating i.e. the differences between the old strategy and the new strategy, and the year gone by in writing.</p> <p>It was considered to make the informational part of the council meeting in writing at the next council meeting, in order to leave more room for discussions.</p>

		<p>There was an applause from the AADK Board to the council members, for being engaged and well prepared. The new strategy was discussed, and the many – and very good and welcome – amendments were dealt with in a good manner.</p> <p>There were big applauses to the chair persons of the meeting.</p>
07.		General Assembly AAI
		<p>Prior to the meeting, the board members had received the documents for the AAI General Assembly to be held in Myanmar in week 25. NGA informed the board about the meeting form at the general assembly in AAI.</p> <p>At the board meeting, a group consisting of CGR, AGN, JKB and KID was made. They will assist NGA in preparing for the general assembly, particularly with respect to the AADK position with respect to the 2 – 3 main issues, namely the resource allocation framework, the focus on young people in ActionAid work and what it is AAI does compared to other organizations. There was a desire to have more clear communication from AAI regarding what the tasks of the international secretariat will be vis a vis tasks that are carried out by AA members. There was also a desire to get a clearer communication regarding what will be done, instead of intentions of what should be done.</p> <p>NGA will prepare a report on the general assembly upon her return.</p>
08.		Strategic Partnership Application
		<p>Prior to the meeting, the Strategic Partnership Application had been handed in to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and also shared with the board members. The result of the application will be known by the end of June. The application has received a lot of credit, also from consultants outside the organization.</p>
09.		Information
		<p>Board members were encouraged to contact HMR in case they have any questions or reflections regarding the board work.</p>
10.		Any Other Business
		<p>NGA had a donation of DKK 1200 from the caretaker at her school, who had been inspired to donate the money to AADK as a result of the Palestine campaign. Generally there has been positive feedback on the campaign.</p>

The meeting closed at 19.00