



Swedish Society for Microbiology (SFM)

Protocol for the Annual Meeting May 23, 2023, 5.15-6.00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting was a hybrid meeting at the Halmstad Theater (seminar room Figaro) and via zoom link.

Participants

Per-Eric Lindgren, Peter Wilhelmsson, Öjar Melefors, Andrea Puhar, Helen Wang, Kristina Jonas, Gemma Atkinson, Astrid von Mentzer, Klas Flärdh, Åsa Sjöling, Magnus Evander, Göte Swedberg, Sanna Koskiniemi.

1. Opening of the meeting

Chairman Per-Eric Lindgren declared the meeting open.

2. Election of a chairman and secretary

Per-Eric Lindgren was elected chairman of the meeting, and Peter Wilhelmsson was elected meeting secretary.

3. Election of meeting adjusters

Öjar Melefors and Magnus Evander were elected meeting adjusters.

4. Approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was accepted.

5. Previous Annual Meeting protocol

The protocol for the previous Annual Meeting (May 10th, 2022) was approved and scrutinized.

6. The report from the Board on the state of the Association, including reports from the Society's representatives elected to external organizations (Annual report 2022). Rapporteur: Chair, decision.

The Annual report from 2022 was presented by Per-Eric Lindgren. Per-Eric, as the FEMS representative, reported that the last FEMS annual meeting in September 2022 in Trogir (Croatia), hosted by the Croatian Microbiological Society, was very productive. The Council also heard from the European Academy of Microbiology (EAM). The EAM president (Jörg Vogel), and Jay Hinton (the EAM Executive Board Member) presented their work on the future direction of the EAM, and led a discussion on how FEMS and its Member Societies can support its growth over the coming years. The Director of Policy and Business (Paul Cos) led the presentation of the new FEMS Policy & Business Networks and how Delegates can take part. How to outreach to the microbiological scientific society and more general society (stake holders, decision makers, media etc.) was discussed. A discussion about the

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FEMS scientific journals was also taken. It was highlighted that the journals have good impact factors, but it is difficult to find reviewers to the submissions. Per-Eric L reminded the participants at the Annual Meeting that FEMS financially support the microbiological community e.g. by grants to young scientists and to help organize conferences. As a SFM-member you are eligible to take the advantage of these grants.

Treasurer Öjar Melefors reported SFMs income statement, currently 134.600 SEK. The surplus is mostly due to income from membership fees and the National Spring Meeting, held annually. Besides, no grants were handed out by SFM last year.

7. The Auditor's report. Rapporteur: Auditors, decision.

Auditors for SFM have been Sanna Koskiniemi and Göte Swedberg. They commented that they had found the accounting to be in order, and in accordance with their audit report recommended that the annual meeting approves the income statement and that the members of the board to be discharged for the operations in 2022. The meeting approved the audit report for 2022.

8. Granting freedom of action to the Board. Rapporteur: Auditors, decision.

The board was granted freedom of action for 2022.

9. Motions to be debated.

No motions had been received.

10. Statutes to be decided.

The SFM statutes had not been revised to the present annual meeting. The chairman, Per-Eric Lindgren, is responsible to revise them until next annual meeting.

11. The size of the membership fee for the next financial year (2024). Rapporteur: Secretary, decision.

The meeting decided to keep the membership fee for the next business year 2023-2024 unchanged, i.e. SEK 200/1 year or SEK 500/3 years. We discussed the possibility to pay the membership fee by Swish. This will be addressed in the next board meeting.

12. The Board's proposal for a business plan and budget. Rapporteur: Chair and treasurer, decision

The board presented plans for the business year 2023:

- Infection Week & Microbiological Spring Meeting in Linköping, May 2024.
- The SFM-day will probably take place at Stockholm University in spring 2024. The plan is to invite keynote speakers and to promote young researchers to present posters and to give oral presentations. We will try to keep the fee low.

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Some of the surplus of SFMs income (134.600 SEK) will be used to organize the upcoming SFM-day.

- SFM news will be uploaded to our website.
- In the upcoming year the website will undergo a small revision.

13. Election of Board Members as well as Deputy Board Members. Rapporteur: Election nomination committee, decision.

Election of board and deputy board members 2023-2025. The Nomination Committee has consisted of Klas Flärdh (LU) and Åsa Sjöling (GU/KI). It was decided in accordance with the Nomination Committee's proposal to elect the following members (with suggested roles) and deputies to the board:

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| Chair | 2023-2025 | Per-Eric Lindgren (LIU) |
| Member | 2023-2025 | Helen Wang (UU) |
| Member | 2023-2025 | Andrea Puhar (UmU) |
| Member | 2023-2025 | Gemma Atkinson (LU) |
| Deputy | 2023-2025 | Erik Holmqvist (UU) |
| Deputy | 2023-2025 | Astrid von Mentzer (GU) |

The following board members are elected until 2024:

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| Secretary | 2022-2024 | Peter Wilhelmsson (LIU) |
| Treasurer | 2022-2024 | Öjar Melefors (KI) |
| Member | 2022-2024 | Kristina Jonas (SU) |
| Deputy | 2022-2024 | Anders Bergqvist (UU) |
| Deputy | 2022-2024 | Claes von Wachenfeldt (LU) |

The resigning board members Keira Melican, Mikael Molin and Stefan Bertilsson were thanked for the eminent contributions to SFM and to the microbiological community.

14. Election of two Auditors and one Deputy Auditor. Rapporteur: Election nomination committee, decision.

Göte Swedberg and Sanna Koskiniemi were elected as the auditors for 2023-2024. Magnus Evander was elected as deputy auditor.

15. Election of an Election Candidate Nomination Committee to identify possible future Board candidates in preparation for the next Annual Meeting. Decision.

Åsa Sjöling (GU/KI) and Klas Flärdh (LU) were elected as the Nomination Committee 2023-2024.

16. Activities of the Society (information and discussion)

- See point 12.
- SFM is involved in co-organizing the 10th National Infection Biology Meeting (NDPIA), 23-24 October 2023, at Aronsborg Konferenshotell, Bålsta, Sweden.

17. Decisions on any other issues

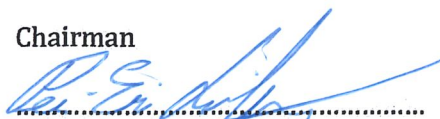
- No decisions were made to any other issues.

18. Ending of meeting


Per-Eric declared the annual meeting 2023 closed.

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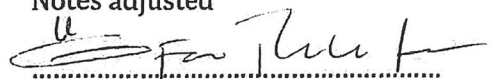
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Per-Eric Lindgren, Date

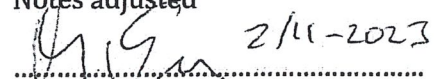
Secretary

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Peter Wilhelmsson, Date

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Öjar Melefors, Date 2 NOV 2023

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Magnus Evander, Date