

Meeting summary

ESN Stavanger CS board + NB Network Manager

Date: 14.11.2024

Attending (full name, including position):

On behalf of the Section: All board members: Lukas Mortveit Korneliussen (IT), Angel (President), Sondre Aakvik Strand (Event Manager), Antonina Maria Piasecka (Events Manager), Richard Selen (Treasurer), Sanna Nordang (Nestleder), Alexander Risa (Communication Manager)

On behalf of ESN Norway: Claudia Mujica, Network Manager

Summary:

This was the first meeting of the newly assembled board for the ESN Stavanger CS. The aim was for them to all meet in person for the first time and hold official elections to make their positions official. Angel, the president, assembled all members, with positions for each of them in mind.

We started the meeting by presenting ourselves and our positions. I then gave a brief explanation of what ESN is and does, what the structure looks like (local, national, and international levels), as most of them were not familiar with the organization

Then, we went through position descriptions for each position, using ESN Trondheim's positions as a base. We read each position out loud and adjusted according to the board and each individual member's wishes. They kept most of the positions as they were, only removing certain things that aren't relevant for them right now (such as the IT manager overlooking the buddy system, as they do not have this yet and don't plan to open it until next fall). Once all position descriptions had been reviewed, we moved on to "elections". As the CS doesn't have

any members at the moment and is only composed of board members, they voted themselves in by acclamation. Of course, no objections :) The board was now officially in place, woohoo!

They agreed to have weekly board meetings together, on Tuesdays which fit for everyone so it was an easy and quick decision for them. I emphasized the importance of these and explained that the lack of these meetings is a big part of why their predecessors (the old ESN Stavanger CS board) were not able to accomplish much. Not enough communication and they never managed to set up a regular meeting schedule. Conclusion: no continuity = no growth.

The last 20-30 minutes of the meeting were used for discussion surrounding expectations for the board and the whole organization moving forward. This was initiated by Angel, the president. It became much like a verbal social contract, which was super cool to see happen in action. All members shared, one by one, their thoughts and wishes for their own work, their work together, and the future of the organization. Below are some of the points brought forward as I typed them out during the meeting:

- It is interesting to help building something (an organization) “from the bottom”
- Wish to make connections and meet people
- Hope that everyone wants to be here and help in creating a better organization for those who follow
- Need to have a good dialogue, be in agreement and democratic
 - Speak up if anyone is uncomfortable
 - Important to handle things effectively, and do things the right way, measured
- Important that everyone is equally motivated to be a part of the board, and to have a “fullføringsevne”, to be able to complete tasks
- Main goal is to be friggin awesome and be stable within the board before gunning for arranging any bigger event if possible. If this is not possible, that’s cool and we can do smaller events and build ourselves up that way.
 - The most important thing is that we work together
- Discussed how to drive economy transparently
 - I (Claudia) recommended that treasurer and president both have access to the account
 - Treasurer suggested he can do monthly or bi-monthly budget recaps for the whole board so everyone knows how it’s looking - very good!

Once this was done, they quickly went through the plan for the next month:

- MAIN PRIORITY: create a good foundation and work well as a team
- Have a meeting with the university and students union to ask for bank account access
- Start thinking about events
- Claudia will give access to instagram account to Alexander (CM)
- Claudia will follow up on possibility for ESN emails
- Board will stay in contact and request support from the NB if needed

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