

Date:	20th May, 2015	Place:	MS
<h1>Draft Board Meeting Minutes</h1>			
Present	<p>From the Board: Anders Hamming(Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee)(AH), Andreas Dybkjær-Andersson(ADA) , Dines Justesen(Vice-Chairman)(DCJ), Ellen Buch-Hansen(EBH)(agenda 1-4), Helle Munk Ravnborg (Chairwomen)(HMR), Karen Jørgensen(KJ), Nana Gerstrøm Alsted (NGA), and Steen Folke(SF)</p> <p>From the Secretariat: Frans Mikael Jansen(FMJ), Vibeke Vinther(VVI) (agenda 3), Niels Brøgger (NB) (agenda 3) and Birgit Møller Jensen(BMJ)</p>		
Absent	David Archer(DA), Gunver Bennekou(GB), Silas Harrebye (SH), Tea Balle Fromholt Hansen(TFH) and Trine Pertou Mach(TPM).		
	Minute –Taker: Birgit Møller Jensen The meeting was conducted in Danish		

Agenda	
01.	Welcome and approval of the agenda
02.	Approval of Minutes and matters arising from the Board Meeting on 6th May, 2015.
03.	'Folkemøde' 2015 – MS response
04.	Council Meeting 30th and 31th May, 2015
05.	1) <u>Council Election 2015 – Report to Chairmanship</u>
	2) <u>Incoming proposals to the Council</u>
	3) <u>Board members to the Editorial Committee</u>
	4) <u>Draft Board meeting Plan 2014 – 2015</u>
	5) <u>AOB</u>
06.	Board Review 2014- 2015
07.	AOB

01.	Welcome and approval of the agenda
	HMR welcomed board members to the meeting. The Secretariat had proposed to add an item on 'Folkemødet – AADK response' to the agenda. The Board approved the agenda including this item without any amendments.
02.	Approval of Minutes and matters arising from the Board Meeting on 6th May 2015.
	<p><u>Minutes from the board meeting on 6th May 2015</u></p> <p>The minutes were approved, but KJ – who did not participate in the agenda 07 – Staff policy report – asked on which basis the Secretary General had made his statement “The restructuring and the change in organisational culture has been well received by staff, and that it is yielding the desired and assumed results” on, because she personally considered that this is not the case in all corners of the Secretariat.</p> <p>FMJ responded that this was his impression after discussions in Senior Leadership Team, Management Team and the Cooperation Committee, but this will be part of the ordinary workplace assessment, which will take place later this year.</p> <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>The Board noticed that action has been taken on all matters arising from the</p>

	minutes and that SF will be nominated as the convener to the AAI General Assembly 2016. <u>Information from the chairmanship</u> Due to the limited time between the board meetings this time there was no list of information from the chairmanship had been prepared.
03.	'Folkemøde 2015' – MS response
	The Secretariat has written a draft letter as an AADK reaction to the “new participants” in ‘Folkemøde 2015’ (Geert Wilders, Gyldent Daggry and Danskernes Parti) and a plan of action. The Board had a detailed discussion of the draft and gave a number of input to the Secretariat to finalise the public reaction. The finalised petition is enclosed as enclosure 01.
04.	Council Meeting 30th and 31th May, 2015
01.	<u>Council Election 2015 – Report to Chairmanship</u>
	Board members had received a report on the council election 2015, describing the entire election process prior to the meeting. The Board briefly discussed the very low election turnout and one conclusion was that it is not enough to talk about the importance of participating in the council election just when the election is on. It has to be part of an ongoing discussion during the year. The issue of invitation letters being blocked in the recipients’ spam filters was also mentioned and it is important to mention this so that members are aware that they need to look for it.
02.	<u>Incoming proposals to the Council</u>
	Council members have not presented any independent proposals to the Council this year. The sustainability and democracy group has presented an amendment to the rolling political plan 2015-2016, which the Board discussed. The Board agreed to try to make an alternative amendment, which should describe the coherence between the amendment presented by the sustainability and democracy group and the intentions in the draft rolling political plan 2015-2016.
03.	<u>Board members to the Editorial Committee</u>
	The Board appointed Dines Justesen and Anders Hamming as board members to the editorial committee.
04.	<u>Draft Board meeting Plan 2014 – 2015</u>
	The Board discussed the number of meetings. DCJ reminded the Board that the shorter meetings (December and May) were there because this is the only time, where the Secretariat will be able to present the budget and the annual accounts. The new Board shall approve the meeting plan 2014 – 2015, but the Board approved that the council meeting 2016 shall be 28 th and 29 th May and the membership and council day in November shall be 29 th November. The Secretariat will make a new plan trying to combine the timing of the short meetings with other meetings to reduce the total number of meetings in the Board.
05.	<u>AOB</u>
	BMJ informed the Board that for the time being there is only one candidate to the Board (Gunver Bennekou). Ellen Buch-Hansen and Nanna Gerstrøm Alsted have confirmed that they also intend to stand for re-election. BMJ also reminded board members that they should register for the council meeting.
05.	Board Review 2014- 2015
	Board members had prior to the meeting received a report on the Board 2014 – 2015 review compared with a similar review from 2013 – 2014. This report indicates a slight decrease in the satisfaction among board members.

	<p>In the following discussion board members discussed:</p> <p>The Board has a strategic political role – how do we accomplish this in the best way possible?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are many agenda items – Would it be possible to build knowledge centres among board members, where groups of board members (interest groups) will follow certain themes and guide the board discussion? Such groups might also have informal discussions with staff members from the Secretariat. - Another proposal was the involvement of members from the Council. Here it is important to invite council members instead of just encourage them to participate. - The Board also discussed the issue of working groups/interest groups versus standing committees and the conclusion was that working groups/interest groups is a more flexible approach. - A concrete proposal is to establish some groups taking point of departure in the rolling political plan 2015-2016 and/or some problem areas like how do we develop AADK to become an open organisation and how can we support activities outside the bigger cities. - The composition of groups should build on qualifications and special knowledge among board and council members. - It is important that we do not establish parallel decision centres next to the Board. <p>HMR concluded that the new board should work more to draw benefits from delegation of specific responsibilities for preparing items for the Board agenda, e.g. by establishing ad hoc groups building on the proposals discussed, but it is important to remember that this is not delegation of decision making competencies. It is still the responsibility of the Board to have the overall assessment of the association.</p> <p>The review process:</p> <p>The Board also discussed the review process and the conclusion was that result was ok, but the process was on the way unclear. It is important to present a process, which is clear and transparent in the future.</p>
06.	AOB
	<p>FMJ informed board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AADK has now received information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that they recommend that AADK shall receive 6 900 000 DKK to engage more Danes travelling to the South. • The minister for development cooperation has responded on a letter from AADK regarding <u>'Stop EcoEnergy's land grab in Bagamoyo'</u>. He expressed that he is in agreement with the AA views and the DK embassy in Tanzania will follow the development in Bagamoyo. • AADK has had a meeting with PFA as a follow-up on the Dan Watch report about PFA's investments in companies in the Israeli-occupied territories. They have now sold two out of three investments. AADK is prepared to place the staff pension with PFA, if they sell the last investments. <p>NGA had prior to the meeting forwarded a written report on her visit to AA in The Gambia, where she is the AA representative to the Board and she showed a small video from her trip.</p>

The meeting closed at 19.45

Enclosure 01	Åbent brev
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Åbent brev.

Racisme og hadefulde ytringer - Ikke i vores navn!

Vi – underskriverne af dette brev – samler os på tværs af politiske ståsteder. Vi holder af Folkemødet, der er en fejring og markering af den demokratiske tradition for dialog og fællesskaber i Danmark. Vi samler os, fordi vi er dybt foruroligede over, at der i år deltager talere med fascistiske og racistiske tendenser.

Demokrati, menneskerettigheder og herunder beskyttelsen af minoriteter kan vi aldrig tage for givet. Derfor vil vi ikke bare ignorere, at vores fundamentale værdier bliver sat under pres af hadefulde organiseringer og demagogiske ytringer.

At kigge væk og forsøge at tie de racistiske udtalelser ihjel er en position for de privilegerede. Det er en position for de mennesker, som ikke er under angreb. At tie er en naiv tolerance af det intolerante.

Vi siger de hadefulde ytringer midt imod.

Vi siger ja til demokrati, menneskerettigheder, religionsfrihed, ytringsfrihed og beskyttelse af minoriteter. Vi står side om side med de mennesker, der er ofre for de hadefulde ytringer og udtrykker vores afsky og afstandtagen til alle former for racisme og fremmedhad.

Et angreb på minoriteter er et angreb på os alle. Det er et angreb på vores værdier og vores demokrati.

Vi forsvarer retten til ytringsfrihed. Det gælder også personer og organisationer, som vi er dybt uenige med – folk med rabiate og yderliggående holdninger. Vi viser vores dybeste solidaritet med alle de mennesker, der bliver lagt for had og krænket.

Sammen står vi stærkest.

- Vi tager dyb afstand fra Gyldent Daggry, deres voldshistorik og fascistiske tendenser.
- Vi tager dyb afstand fra Danskernes parti og deres slet skjulte racisme vendt mod mennesker med anden etnisk baggrund end dansk.
- Vi tager dyb afstand fra Gert Wilders' ensidigt negative dæmonisering af muslimer og mennesker fra Mellemøsten.

Dette brev vil med underskrivere blive bragt i en avisannonce i forbindelse med Folkemødet.