
The national board of Science for Life Laboratory

Minutes from board meeting no 60, December 6, 2022

Present members

Ylva Engström (SU)(chair), Lena Eliasson (LU), Anders Gustafsson (KI), Mats Larhed (UU), Katrine Riklund (UmU), Annika Stensson Trigell (KTH), Christoph Varenhorst (AstraZeneca)

Other participants

Olli Kallioniemi (Director), Mia Phillipson (Co-Director), Annika J Jensen (Infrastructure Director), Jenny Alfredsson (Acting Head of Operations/OO), Sandra Falck (Acting vice Head of Operations/OO), Gunilla Westergren-Thorsson (chair NSC), Anna Höglund Rehn (OO, secretary)

1. Meeting formalities

Ylva Engström welcomed all members and opened the meeting.

Decisions:

The SciLifeLab board appointed Lena Eliasson to approve the minutes of the meeting in addition to the chair.

The SciLifeLab board approved the minutes from meeting no. 59.

2. Assignment of members in the SciLifeLab International Advisory Board, IAB

Dnr VC-2022-0069, VC-2022-0070, VC-2022-0071, VC-2022-0072

According to the “Arbetsordning för SciLifeLab” (2022) the board should appoint the International Advisory Board, IAB. The main task for the IAB is to give input regarding the development of SciLifeLab. Every second year the IAB is invited to SciLifeLab for discussions, and the IAB will submit their recommendations in the form of a written report. The next visit is planned for the autumn 2023.

The mandate period for the members of the IAB has ended and new members need to be appointed.

Olli Kallioniemi presented the suggestion. Discussion followed on the composition of the IAB.

Decision:

The SciLifeLab board nominated Jan Ellenberg, EMBL, to continue as a chair of the SciLifeLab IAB.

The SciLifeLab board mandated the chair of the board, together with the SciLifeLab Director and the chair of the IAB, to explore old and new names for the SciLifeLab IAB and seek for their consent. The list should be presented for formal nomination at the next board meeting on February 2, 2023.

The SciLifeLab board decided to have the next IAB meeting in the fall of 2023. The actual date will be decided after the members have been defined.

The SciLifeLab board mandated the SciLifeLab Director to work with the chair of the IAB to nominate an advisory committee for a half-a-day virtual review of the DDLS program in the spring of 2023. The chair of the board will approve the committee.

3. Director for SciLifeLab – nomination committee

VC-2022-0060

The mandate for Olli Kallioniemi as Director for SciLifeLab ends 30 June 2024, and a recruitment process for a new Director needs to be started. In the regulation (Förordning om Nationellt centrum för livsvetenskaplig forskning), 3§, it is stated that the SciLifeLab board appoints the Director for SciLifeLab. According to the “Arbetsordning för SciLifeLab” (V-2022-0562) the SciLifeLab board assigns a nomination committee that should propose whom to appoint as Director. The board should also give directives for the work of the nomination committee.

At meeting no. 59, November 8, 2022, the board decided to have an extra meeting in December 2022 to appoint members in the nomination committee and to establish directives for the committee.

Ylva Engström presented the suggested members in the nomination committee and the draft directives for the committee.

Decision:

The SciLifeLab board appointed Ylva Engström (chair), Annika Stensson Trigell, Mats Larhed, Anders Gustafsson, Henrik Cederqvist and Katrine Riklund as members of the nomination committee.

The SciLifeLab board decided to establish the tasks for the nomination committee:

- *Establish a consensus on profile of the Director and formulate this in a recruitment profile (kravprofil).*
- *Define the process forward. Include aspects such as how to take advantage of the universities' recent experiences of high-profile recruitments, how to prepare for practicalities (especially for international recruitments) such as new immigration laws, taxes, pension, housing, salary and financial support.*
- *Suggest a process for spreading the knowledge of the open position and how to contact interesting candidates (involve recruitment agency?).*
- *Formulate the open announcement text.*
- *Consider when and how the IAB should become involved.*
- *Prepare a proposal for the Board in which at least two candidates are presented. Gender perspectives should be taken into account.*
- *Report continuously to the Board on the process and progress*

4. Other items

No other issues were raised.

Upcoming meetings

- Thursday February 2, 8.30-12.00 Zoom
- Wednesday May 24, 11.00-17.00 in Uppsala
- Tuesday September 26, 8.30-12.00 Zoom
- Wednesday November 8, 10.00-15.00 in Solna

Anna Höglund Rehn, secretary

Minutes approved by:

Ylva Engström

Lena Eliasson