

MINUTES of the General Assembly Meeting of the Simulation Society of Scandinavia (SIMS)

Monday September 19, 2003, Västerås, Sweden

Electorial registry of individual members present at the meeting.

Peter Fritzson	Linköping University, Sweden
Jafar Mahmoudi	Outokumpu Co., Västerås, Sweden
Peter Aronsson	Linköping University, Sweden
Håkan Lundvall	Linköping University, Sweden
Esko Juuso	University of Oulu, Finland
Eva-Lena Lengquist Sandelin	Linköping University, Sweden
Kim Sörensen	Aalborg Industries AS Denmark
Bernt Lie	Telemark University College Porsgrunn, Norway
Levon Saldamli	Linköping University, Sweden
Vadim Engelson	Linköping University, Sweden
Erik Dahlquist	Mälardalen University, Sweden
Brian Elmegaard	Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby

1. Election of a Chairman for the meeting.

Peter Fritzson was unanimously elected chairperson.

2. Election of a Secretary for the annual meeting.

Vadim Engelson was unanimously elected secretary.

3. Confirming the agenda.

The participant unanimously approved the agenda.

4. Ratifying whether the meeting has been announced properly

The participants unanimously approved that the meeting has been announced properly

5. Election of two members to approve and sign the minutes together with the Chairman.

Esko Juuso and Erik Dahlquist were unanimously elected to check and sign the correctness of the minutes of the general meeting together with the chairperson.

6. Decision on the quorum of the meeting.

The participants unanimously approved the quorum of the meeting

7. Establishment of the register of voters.

See above the list of participants.

8. Presentation of the Board's report for the previous working year.

- The report from Norwegian Simulation scientists was given by Bernt Lie. A seminar on training simulators (about 30 participants) was organized for

industry. SIMS members get price reduction on such seminars. Some more information is published at NFA home page.

- A DKSIM report was given by Brian Elmegaard. They were organizing a successful ECOS 2003 conference for 220 participants and it took full 6 months to prepare. There will be DKSIM meeting 7-Nov-2003, as Danish Simulation Day. A Newsletter is released every ½ year. DKSIM www site has been updated.
- A FinSim report was given by Esko Juuso. They organized “Automation Days” with 700-800 participants. Rather big part of activities during these days covers simulation. In the coming year there will be two national events (conferences). The smaller scale activities are organized by FinSim divisions: power plant division, safety division, nuclear power research, discrete event simulation for electronic manufacturing. FinSim work in cooperation with Automation Society. Part of FinSim members are Automation Society members.
- The report from Swedish simulation scientists was given by Peter Fritzson. Modelica 2003 International Conference (110 participants) and Virtual Reality Forum (Forum on Modeling Simulation and Visualization of Accidents, 100 participants) 2003 will be organized in November 2003 in Linköping. SIMS 2003 just finished in Västerås. There were 60 participants (some have fee reduction), 36 papers, 3 keynote presentations, 2 papers were rejected. MoSiS (Swedish simulation organization on their meeting decided to exit from SIMS).
- The report from Icelandic simulation scientists was given by Jón Ágúst Þorsteinsson. Main simulation research topics in Iceland are geothermal energy systems, fishing vessels, reducing oil consumption in motors. Several companies and Universities cooperate in this research in particular United Nations University.

9. Report concerning the financial situation of SIMS.

The financial report was presented. Financial situation is mostly explained in Auditors report. It also shows the number of reported national society members. The previous, current and expected balance is close to 10000 Eur. Board proposes to use the SIMS money for stipendiums in the areas of simulation research.

10. Presentation of the Report of the Auditors and decision to discharge the Board from liability for the previous working year.

The Reports of the Auditors were distributed previously to the participants. The participants unanimously decided to discharge the previous Board from liability for the previous working year (July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003).

11. Decision on the membership fees for the following working year.

The membership fees are kept the same as previous year.

12. Election of a Chairman if the term of office of the current chairman has expired or if the chairman has resigned.

This is not needed.

13. Election of a new board members instead of those whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned

Anne Elster (NO), Brian Elmegaard (DK), Esko Juuso (FI) are elected to continue representing their respective countries until 2005.

14. Election of Auditors for the coming working year instead of those whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned.

This is not needed.

15. Election of the Nomination committee for the coming working year instead of those whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned.

This is not needed.

16. Next annual meeting.

The next annual meeting will be held in 23-24 September 2004 in Denmark together with the next SIMS conference.

17. Any other business.

No other issues or business was registered.

18. Closing of the annual meeting.

The Chairperson closed the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are correctly recorded:

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(Peter Fritzson, the Chairperson of the meeting)

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(Vadim Engelson, the Secretary of the meeting)

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(Esko Juuso, for approval of the minutes of the meeting)

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(Erik Dahlquist, for approval of the minutes of the meeting)