
Statute for Scandinavian Journal of Public Health (SJPH)

1. The scientific professional bodies dealing with Public Health in the Nordic countries jointly have the ownership to the SJPH and are responsible for its publication.
2. The above bodies are: In Denmark Dansk Selskab for Folkesundhed, in Finland Sosiaalilääketieteen Yhdistys ry (Socialmedicinska Föreningen rf), in Iceland Félag um Lýðheilsu (Isländsk Folkhälsovetenskapsförening), in Norway Norsk forening for folkehelse and in Sweden Svensk Socialmedicinsk Förening.
3. Each of the above bodies elects a member and substitute to the *Executive Board* (EB) which is responsible for the organisation of the publication of the SJPH.
4. The EB elects a chairman for a three year period. The chairman may be re-elected for one further period.
5. Decisions of the EB are taken by a simple majority.
6. In case of an even vote, the vote of the chairman is decisive.
7. The EB negotiates with the *Publisher* the terms for the publication and distribution of the SJPH, including the general conditions for collective subscription for members of the national bodies, page charge for members of the national bodies, supplements etc. Specific conditions for collective subscription for the membership of one national body may be agreed upon by this body and the Publisher.
8. The EB can collectively sign agreements with the Publisher responsible for the production etc. of the SJPH.
9. The EB might delegate for a specific period of time and with a specific scope to one of national bodies the right to sign agreements with the publisher concerning items described in paragraph 8.
10. The EB defines the scientific fields which are to be covered by the SJPH, but has otherwise no influence on the editorial policy.
11. The EB appoints the *Chief Editor* (CE).
12. The EB meets once a year with the CE and possibly also other members of the editorial staff to discuss matters related to the editorial programme of the SJPH. At the same meeting the EB reviews the financial status of the SJPH and the budget for the coming year.
13. The CE is appointed for a five year period. Reappointment for a further period of up to five years is possible. The EB might terminate the contract of the CE in case of grave misconduct.

14. The CE nominates up to five *editors* and possibly an *associate editor*. The agreement of the EB to the nomination is mandatory. The tenure of editors follows that of the CE. The CE and the editors constitute the *Editorial Board* which is responsible for the editorial policy of the journal. The Editorial Board might appoint a *Managing Editor*.
15. The *Editorial Committee* consists of up to 25 members. Ten of the members are appointed by the five national bodies with two from each country. The remaining 15 are appointed by the Editorial Board. The tenure of the latter group follows that of the CE.
16. In appointing editors and members of the Editorial Committee, the scientific standing of the individuals is of paramount importance as is the significance of covering those scientific fields which are within the remit of the SJPH. Consultations between appointing bodies are expected and non-Nordic individuals are eligible
17. EB can decide to establish a "Forum of support". EB decides who can enter this Forum and decides on membership. The role of this Forum is to meet the EB etc. and discuss policy issues and financial issues related to the future development of the journal. Forum members may also develop agreements with EB on financial support to the journal
18. Changes of this Statute requires a decision of the EB.
19. Closure of the SJPH is only possible after a decision of the EB.
20. Any of the signatory bodies of this Statute can leave the collaboration with one years notice. The remaining bodies can choose either to continue to publish the SJPH without changing the constituent membership or invite another scientific professional organisation within the remit of Public Health from the country of the leaving body to join the collaboration. A decision of the EB can not violate the sovereignty of a national scientific body.

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