



**PRELIMINARY AGENDA SMÅLANDS NATION MEETING  
MONDAY, 7th December 2022, 18.00**

**Place:  
Smålands Pub  
Smålands  
Kastanjegatan 7  
22359 Lund**

**§1 Meeting is opened by self-elected chairperson**

**§2 Preamble**

- a) Election of:
  - meeting chairperson
  - meeting secretary
  - meeting adjuster and vote counter 2x
  - meeting facilitator
- b) Information on meeting formalia
- c) Meeting legitimacy
- d) Adjunctions
- e) Presentation rounds
- f) Determination of the agenda

**§3 Reports**

**§4 Economy**

**§5 SNB**

**§6 Motions**

- a) Motion to change the by-laws in regards to diversity.
- b) Motion for free food for the active members
- c) Motion to decrease the number of Equality agents
- d) Motion for purchases
- e) Motion to join Svensk Live - Unga Arrangörsnätverket
- f) Motion to create a garden in the second smoking area
- g) Motion on free membership for asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented people
- h) Motion to create three positions assigned with the sole task of resolving conflicts between members of Smålands
- 6i) Motion to provide an option to submit anonymous statements/questions to candidates

**§7 Elections**

**§8 Other (no decisions may be made here)**

## §9 Messages

### §10 End of meeting

#### 6a) Motion to change the by-laws in regards to diversity.

One of the major problems that this nation had over the years is that the people who volunteer at the nation are to a large degree international students and migrants from other countries. However due to the fact that we are in Sweden and international students tend to come and go, the representation that we end up with in Smålands is somewhat tilted towards white people from Sweden ending up in the board and in all of the committees. This creates a feedback loop of the lack of representation as non-Swedes often find Smålands to be exceptionally white and therefore do not feel welcome and represented from the start, and thus do not wish to be elected to the decision-making positions within the nation. This creates a problematic decision-making environment as the people who volunteer and hold some of the vital positions do not have any say in the decision making which, in turn, leads to allocation of funds by the board and by the nation meeting to things that are not appreciated by the people who do all the hard work.

Even though a nation meeting is supposed to be the place where members can freely express their views and suggest things, the barrier of representation and the unwelcoming environment sometimes causes people not to question the decisions in a meaningful manner as they feel that they are not in the loop and it's not their place to question things. This, in turn, leads to further alienation of the members from the decision-making process.

It takes extra effort for nation to remove this feedback loop and in order to do so we propose a change to the by-laws as a first step to dealing with this issue.

For changes to the by-laws a decision of at least two thirds majority is required, taken on two ordinary nation meetings with at least two months and at most six months interval.

Proposed changes to the by-laws:

New point -7.13. All of the following points in Chapter 7 are incremented by 1.

7.13 At elections to positions within the nation the nation meeting must strive for at least 30% of the positions within every one branch of activity be held by non-white people. In this context the term "non-white people" means first and foremost people of color, but also includes those who do not originate from the developed countries in the Global North or Western countries.

7.13 Vid val till förtroendepost inom nationen skall nationsmötet eftersträva att som minst 30% av förtroendeposterna inom varje verksamhetsgren innehålls av ickevita personer. I detta sammanhang betyder termen "ickevita personer" först och främst personer av mörkare hy, men inkluderar även de som inte kommer från de utvecklade länderna i den globala norden eller västvärlden.

New point -8.7. All of the following points in Chapter 8 are incremented by 1.

8.7 At elections to positions within the nation the election committee must strive for at least 30% of the positions within every one branch of activity be held by non-white people. In this context the term "non-white people" means first and foremost people of color, but also includes those who do not originate from the developed countries in the Global North or Western countries.

8.7 Vid val till förtroendepost inom nationen skall valberedningen eftersträva att som minst 30% av förtroendeposterna inom varje verksamhetsgren innehålls av ickevita personer. I detta sammanhang betyder termen "ickevita personer" först och främst personer av mörkare hy, men inkluderar även de som inte kommer från de utvecklade länderna i den globala norden eller västvärlden.

We move that:

1) The nation meeting approves the changes to the by-laws.

2) If the change to the by-laws is approved, the nation meeting shall appoint a group in VT23 to report to the nation meeting in HT23 on the efficacy of this change and if necessary, suggest further changes.

/Nikolay and Griselda

### **6b) Motion for free food for the active members.**

Hejhopp!

I think that it's important to take care of the active people at Smålands and I think we could use some more love and support, an easy way to do this is by giving food! Right now we have a system that gives the pubbis, klubbis, kitchen responsables plus their volunteers food coupons. But all other positions do not get any thank you gifts! This can create a weird vibe, maybe the argument is that the pubbis, klubbis, kitchen areas are much more boring and therefore gets gifts, or it's because it's very hard to know how much time an elected person in general spends on their responsibility and etc. I think it's way to hard to create a system of paying elected members and I generally think paying volunteer work is creating a weird system, cause it the opposite of volunteering and we as an organization shouldn't pay and/or people. BUT!!

We should give all the people that puts in time and energy and creativity and love an EQUAL love and affection back.

Therefore...

I move that all elected members and active members gets free food at all events where we serve food.

/Hedvig

### **6c) Motion to decrease the number of Equality agents.**

Hi!

A Nation meeting in 2021 had three persons running for equality agent and as Smålands has done before we increased the amount of positions instead of not electing all the people that were running! I don't think this is the way to go, either we need to restructure our way of electing and the way we organize people, or we elect the amount of people that is needed to keep Smålands running and make it easy for members to be active without being elected.

It looks weird to have three equality agents but two of all the other positions in that genre!

I therefore move to decrease the amount of positions of equality agents from 3 to 2.

/Hedvig

### **6d) Motion for various purchases for the club**

Hejsan!

An idea to buy a new ice machine has emerged. It would be a first step to make the spritis bar better! It would cost around 10 000 kr.

Step 1: New ice machine

Step 2: Build a proper cabinet for the spirits/liquor where a small cabinet + fridge is now. (Plus the fridge is removed)

Step 3: Buy a "grating", like a metallic net that would cover the liquor shelf when the bar is not open.

I therefore move that we buy a new ice machine, the same we bought last time.

### **6e) Motion to join Svensk Live - Unga Arrangörsnätverket**

Svensk Live is a riksorganisation (nationwide organization) for both non-profit and commercial actors with 200 members in the concert business. Their purpose is to represent the industry politically and aid the members with contacts, help with funding and to the members of the youth wing - directly distribute funding.

I had a meeting with the one working full time with the youth wing (Unga Arrangörsnätverket), and it seems like they're actually doing a lot for their members (that's her job).

We previously have applied to be members of Kontaktnätet, who do similar things, but are more rooted in "folkrörelse" and extremely based in the north of Sweden. The hope was to start up the Skåne section again but that never happened unfortunately. We also never reported anything to them so we're not members in practice.

What we need to do is:

- Pay a yearly fee of 500 kr
- Once a year send in our list of members which they then send to MUCF  
This they do to be able to get that sweet tax-money

To be able to join we have to sort out a GDPR thing with Lamed informing members that they consent to their data being stored in Svensk Live's registry eBas and sent to MUCF, should hopefully be no problem.

Some more sweet things we can get out of this is meeting other actors in Skåne and Sweden to network etc etc. As well as attend fairs for band bookers and get the travel and tickets paid for! :)

I move that..

- ..Smålands applies for membership in Svensk Live - Unga Arrangörsnätverket
- ..that the board is tasked with sending in the application
- ..that the NOs are tasked with figuring out the GDPR-issues with the Lamed people in AF

MKH Sigge

### **6f) Motion to create a garden in the second smoking area**

Dear friends and comrades,

The area just outside the kitchen windows has been horribly unused for years. Efforts have previously been made to remove the soil so as to relocate the regular smoking area to that spot, but have not had much success. In plain terms, the manual labour required for such a move is heavier than the project justifies. Therefore I would like to propose a different idea: a small garden to be

used by the kitchen committee! The garden would be created and maintained by active members (preferably under the guidance of the kitchen committee) and be focused on vegetables and herbs to be used in the nations cooking. I think it would be a much nicer use for the space than the current non-use, and a cool addition to the nations facilities.

I therefore move...

THAT efforts to create the "2nd smoking area" are reversed and instead turned towards creating a garden in that space, ASAP.

THAT the kitchen committee, together with interested members, are tasked with coming up with a list of herbs and vegetables to be planted in the garden.

THAT an amount of 5000 kr is allocated to this project, to be used to purchase soil, pallett collars, seeds, etc.

Peace, Love, and Revolt,

**Adam**

#### **6g) Motion on free membership for asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented people**

As part of our goal to welcome more marginalized people into our socialist nation, ***I move THAT we will make the membership fee free for all asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented people.*** Financially, this doesn't affect smålands since these people normally aren't coming to the nation right now but instead would open Smålands to more people who might not be able to afford the membership fee.

Asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented people don't have many safe spaces to go to, and in a country where it's getting more hostile towards these marginalized people, we as a socialist nation should step up and do our best to make smålands accessible for them.

//Mira

#### **6h) Motion to create three positions assigned with the sole task of resolving conflicts between members of smålands**

With the equality agents, this would create a group of five people, who can be approached at anytime by anyone concerning any conflict or concern. In accordance with the person who approached the group, future actions can be discussed and implemented to resolve the conflict. The size of the group allows for a diverse group of people and enough alternative people to speak to in case there is a problem with one of the five people in this group. These three positions would be a subcommittee of the equality agents. The positions would be up for election every semester in november and in may. Unless there are not enough candidates, one person is not allowed to have this position for two consecutive terms.

Best,  
Lauri

## **6i) Motion to provide an option to submit anonymous statements/questions to candidates**

During one of the meetings, several people shared additional information about candidates after they had exited the room. The candidates weren't able to react to new information about themselves and accusations at them. It led to the friends of the candidates defending them. This allows unproven information to be added into the debate without any possibility for the candidates to comment. More popular people have better chances at being elected, but this procedure creates the danger of false information about less popular candidates being spread. The debate was very polarizing and made it very hard to make an educated decision.

In order to minimize such discussions, there should be an option to submit questions and statements about candidates before and during the meetings. The candidates could then communicate their stance on the subject. The anonymity would allow delicate topics to be voiced that one does not feel safe to voice publicly. It is the duty of the nomination committee to create such an option to submit questions and statements. The nomination committee then either asks the candidate before the meeting to give a statement or will ask them at the meeting to provide a stance. If the latter is the case, this will not be counted towards the time each candidate has to present themselves.

Best,  
Lauri