



**NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING**  
Nordic Association for Hydrology

**Minutes of the NHF board meeting at the University of Oulu, IT240, 15 August 2012**

**Present:** Board members – Hege Hisdal (Norway), Tiia Pedusaar (Estonia), Riitta Kamula (Finland), Johanna Korhonen (Finland), Elga Apsite (Latvia), Diana Meilutyte-Barauskiene (Lithuania), David Gustafsson (Sweden)

Editor of Hydrology Research – Chong-Yu Xu (Norway)

Secretary – Heidi Pikkarainen (Norway)

**Not present:** representative(s) from Iceland

**1. Opening**

Hege Hisdal opened the meeting at 15.25 and the participants presented themselves.

**2. Organization of the meeting**

Hege Hisdal was appointed as Chair, Heidi Pikkarainen as Secretary and Johanna Korhonen as Scrutinizer.

**3. Approval of the meeting agenda**

The minutes from the last board meeting (12 August 2012) will be added to the agenda as an item 4. Otherwise the suggested agenda was approved.

**4. Minutes from the previous board meeting, 12 August 2012**

The action points from previous meetings that still need to be fulfilled were repeated. New information is *in italics*:

- Board meeting 8.8.2010 Riga – item 4 a): the date should be changed to 30 June in the document “Principles for membership registration and membership fees”. The board decided not to change the date. The document remains the same.  
*This action point is fulfilled.*
- Board meeting 11.8.2010 Riga – item 4 i): The Swedish members have been identified. The list of members is still missing from (Sweden), Estonia and Iceland. Board members from these countries should send the list to Heidi by 1 October 2012.  
*Tiia and Johanna are going to search for institutional members in their countries. It's an advantage if an institutional member can point a contact person (and an e-mail address).*

- Item 4 ii): It's unknown whether Estonia and Iceland have transferred membership fees for 2010 and 2011. *Hege calls the national representative in Iceland.*
- Board meeting 11.3.2011 Stockholm  
*Finances, practices and improvements:* the document "All the things a board member should do" needs to be written. Hege and Heidi follow up by 1 October 2012.
- Board meeting 26.3.2012 Stockholm  
*NHF officials – changes, treasurer and HR editor:*  
David signs a contract with Treasurer and Web editor by 1 October 2012.
- Strategy document needs to be updated.
- The documents from GA should be published on the web pages. *Riitta sends all the documents to Heidi by 15 September 2012.*
- *Related to item 10 "Strategy" – Hege will write about similarities and differences in member countries etc., and Dirk about what unites the member countries by 1 October 2012.*
- The flyer needs to be updated by *1 October 2012*. Responsible Hege.
- *Publishing and web pages:*  
will be discussed at the next meeting where Karin is present.  
*Hege is the responsible publisher, and together with Karin, Zenonas and David forms the Publicity Committee. David will find out how many accounts is included in the web hotel (->is it possible for others to update the pages). Johanna will find out how NHF could use Twitter as an information channel.*
- Information about the previous NHCs available on the web pages of the Norwegian Hydrological Council should be copied to NHFs web pages, Heidi finds out how to do this.
- Board members are reminded to send news to Karin and to check the existing links.
- Links to the hydrological institutions and organizations in Estonia and Iceland are still missing from the web pages. *Tiia will find out the relevant Estonian links. Hege will discuss with the national representative in Iceland.*
- Board meeting 12.8.2012 Oulu  
*Item 9. Future NHF:*  
Strategy: Board members are asked to read the strategy document and to send ideas etc. how to update the strategy to Hege by 1 October 2012.  
Publishing: A special edition of HR will be published covering the NHC2012 conference papers. The procedure for submission of a complete journal paper will be informed on the web pages. It was noted that British Hydrological Society (BHS) arranges its conference same year as NHF.  
Web pages: the application form for NHF (membership) should include a box where you can tick of if you are a student or a retired hydrologist. In addition, there are some technical problems with the application form. David will find out how to fix the form with Karin.

## 5. Outcome of the General Assembly

- The GA granted free membership for students and retired hydrologists. The membership information will be updated on the web pages.
- The board discussed how to inform students about NHF and why students should become members in NHF. The board members are asked to contact the institutes which educate hydrologists in their country. The benefits to become a member in

NHF for students are for example: to become a part of network of hydrologists, NHC with opportunity to be rewarded with best poster/presentation, and opportunity to apply funding for seminars, workshops etc.

- It was noted that a large number of students participated in NHC2012. The best poster was rewarded.

**6. Organization of the Board (vice chair)**

David Gustafsson was elected as vice chair unanimously.

**7. Meeting costs**

None for this meeting.

**8. NHC 2014 in Sweden**

The idea is to have a broader main theme and more specific subtopics. David will propose the main topic by the next board meeting.

**9. NHC 2016**

Lithuanian colleagues will meet this autumn to discuss about possibilities to arrange the NHC 2016. They are asked to inform Hege.

**10. Other items**

No other items.

**11. Next board meeting**

The next meeting will be held on November 2012 in Copenhagen.

**12. Closing of the board meeting**

Hege Hisdal closed the meeting at 16.40.

**Hege Hisdal**

**Chair**

**Heidi Pikkarainen**

**Secretary**

**Johanna Korhonen**

**Scrutinizer**