



**NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING**  
Nordic Association for Hydrology

**Minutes of the NHF board telephone meeting, 10 December 2013**

**Present:** Board members – Hege Hisdal (Norway), Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (Denmark), Johanna Korhonen (Finland), Thorsteinn Thorsteinsson (Iceland), Iveta Indriksone (Latvia), Zenonas Gulbinas (Lithuania), David Gustafsson (Sweden)

Treasurer - Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary - Heidi Lee (Norway)

**1. Opening, organization and approval of the meeting agenda**

The meeting was opened by Hege Hisdal at 12.10 p.m. Hege Hisdal was appointed as Chair and Heidi Lee as Secretary. The minutes will be scrutinized jointly. The meeting participants are given five days to comment the minutes which will then be published on the website. The suggested agenda was approved.

**2. Minutes from the previous board meeting 16.5.2013**

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved. The action points that still need to be fulfilled are listed here:

- Board meeting 27.11.2012 Copenhagen  
Item 9. Publishing and web pages: Board members are reminded to send news and updates to Karin. *The logos and links to institutional members* will be added to the website (see example at vannforening.no). The institutional members need to be contacted first for permission. Responsible: board members. The new deadline: prior to the next NHF board meeting in March 2014.  
Item 10. Other items: Member countries that have an electronic dictionary on hydrology are asked to send a link to Karin. David will provide a link to the Swedish dictionary as soon as it is available.
- Board meeting 16.5.2013 Tallinn  
Item 4. NHF Strategy: More visibility is needed.  
Item 6. “Nordic course on climate and hydrology”. See item 5 on the agenda.
- Greetings from the CHIN-meeting 13.6.2013 in Oslo. The pros and cons of NHF only having institutional members was discussed. The institutional members might bring more revenue. On the other hand the organizational structure will be changed; the institutions will be the decision-makers, not the individual members (at the General assembly). This discussion will continue at the next NHF board meeting in Oslo.

### 3. Finances

The Treasurer, Martin Bergstrand, presented the financial situation of the association. Each member country reported how the membership fees have been collected and when Martin can expect transfer of the monies.

The expenses for secretary, bookkeeping, auditing and web-design for 2013 have not been booked yet.

The financial reports are in Swedish; an English version is requested.

#### Membership fees:

Country	Individual members	Institutional members	Students/pensioners	2012	2013	SEK/2013
<b>Denmark</b>	13	4	1 / 1	Ok	Ok	<b>30 500 (dk)</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	4+2	0	0 / 0	Ok	Ok	<b>450</b>
<b>Finland</b>	13	1	2 / 3	Ok	Ok	<b>13 000</b>
<b>Iceland</b>	18	3	0	Ok	Ok	<b>13 500</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	21	0	0	Ok	Ok	<b>1 200</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	17	0	1 / 2	Ok	Ok	<b>1 275</b>
<b>Norway</b>	41	3	2 / 1	Ok	Ok	<b>19 250 (nok)</b>
Sweden	?	?	?	?	?	750 / 1 000

### 4. NHC 2014 in Stockholm

The website for the conference is: <http://www.nordicwater2014.se/>

- Abstract submission is open!
- Registration opens 1 February 2014.

David presented the status of the upcoming NHC2014:

- The organisation and scientific committees are working ok.
- KTH (Royal Institute of Technology) is taking care of the practical issues of arranging the conference.
- KTH and NHF have to sign a contract (after the board has accepted the budget).
- A revised budget has to be approved by the NHF board, David is responsible. The budget should balance, including the surplus of 50 000 SEK to NHF.
- NHF has the economic responsibility and risk but is entitled to keep the profit.
- David will ask both Hydropower companies and SHMI to sponsor the conference.
- The sub-themes are ok (see the website).
- The keynote speakers (4) should be invited soon, one for each topic (?).
- The Chair of the scientific committee, Linus Zhang, will be a guest editor of the special issue of Hydrology Research related to the NHC 2014.
- The NHF board also requests an abstract book in paper format.
- The NHF board members are asked to promote the conference in their own countries; David will send a flyer to the board members.

### 5. “Nordic course on climate and hydrology”

See the item 6 in the minutes of 16.5.2013.

The study course is postponed to year 2014/2015. NHC 2014 is an excellent venue to promote this study course!

## **6. Publishing and website**

Greetings from the publisher:

Hege and Chong-Yu Xu (the editor) visited IWA Publishing 9.12.2013 in London.

- NHF can suggest members to the editorial board. This will be followed up in the next NHF board meeting.
- The member institutions are encouraged to subscribe to Hydrology Research.
- Individual access could be offered for NHF members, but it is difficult to administrate: who is a member, and has he/she paid the membership fee.
- The NHF board members need to encourage professionals and students to read HR, submit papers and cite the journal.

The Publishers' report 2013 was sent to the NHF board prior to the telephone meeting.

The NHF board discussed whether HR should be an open access journal. The discussion will be followed up in the next NHF board meeting.

## **7. Other items**

Hege represented NHF in the meeting with other national hydrological associations and IAHS in July 2013 in Gothenburg. A network of national hydrological associations has now been established. Hege sent the minutes from the first general assembly and the contract, which she signed on behalf of NHF, to the NHF board.

This telephone meeting is free of charge for participants. In the case where your operator invoices you extra for the two hour call to Norway, the charge can be covered by NHF (similar to travel expenses).

## **8. Closing of the meeting**

Hege Hisdal closed the meeting at 16.10 p.m.

Please answer the Doodle about the next board meeting in March 2014 in Oslo.

14.1.2014

Hege Hisdal  
Chair

Heidi Lee  
Secretary