



## NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

Nordic Association for Hydrology

### **Minutes of the NHF board meeting at NVE, Oslo, 14 March 2014**

**Present:** Board members – Hege Hisdal (Norway), Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (Denmark), Tiia Pedusaar (Estonia), 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 10.00 a.m. Hege 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 web site. The suggested agenda was approved.

#### **2. Minutes from the previous board meeting, 10 December 2013**

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

- Institutional members' logos and links:  
The deadline is postponed to 11.4.2014. Send logos to Karin for publishing.
- The electronic dictionary for hydrology:  
SMHI has started to revise their old glossary. David is asked to send more information about this project to the board.
- The discussion about only having institutional members:  
The new board continues with the discussion, and will make a decision.
- The discussion about whether HR should be an open journal:  
This will be followed up at the annual meeting between IWA Publishing, NHF, BHS and the editors in December 2014.

#### **3. Meeting costs for this meeting**

The costs for dinner on Thursday, lunch and coffee on Friday will be covered directly by NHF. The travel costs for board members (Müller-Wohlfeil, Pedusaar, Korhonen, Thorsteinsson, Indriksone, Gulbinas and Gustafsson) and the Treasurer will be reimbursed by NHF.

#### **4. NHC 2014 in Sweden**

- Contract between KTH and NHF:  
Hege as the Chair of the board has signed the contract. NHF carries the economic risk for this event.
- Final budget:  
The budgeted number of participants is 150; 30 non-members, 100 members and 20 with a reduced fee.  
The organising committee will apply for a grant from the Swedish Research Council by 26.3.2014.  
The organising committee will find out if the Swedish institutional members are willing to sponsor the lunches.  
The budget was approved unanimously.
- The number of abstracts submitted:  
About 20 abstracts have been submitted to date. The abstract deadline has been postponed to 1.4.2014. Board members are asked to advertise the event. David will send a leaflet to the board members by 1 April at the latest.  
During the NHC 2012 in Oulu 120 presentations were given, and 30 posters were presented.
- The number of registrations so far:  
Registration will be opened during week 12.
- The special issue of Hydrology Research:  
A special issue of HR will be published after the NHC 2014. David/Linus as the guest editor and Chong-Yu Xu as the HR-editor have the main responsibility.  
After a list of accepted abstracts is finalized, a call for submission will follow. The deadline for submission is by the end of this year.

#### **5. Finances (Accounts 2012 and 2013, Budget 2015 and 2016)**

The accounts for 2012 were accepted in the board meeting 16.5.2013. The accounts for 2013 were accepted at today's meeting.

The result for 2012: -105 850 (budgeted -38 300)

The result for 2013: -55 552 (budgeted -41 575)

It's reasonable to look at the years together since some of the income and some costs for the year 2012 were first recorded in the accounts in 2013.

Martin will contact the auditors.

The board members are reminded to collect membership fees for 2014 and transfer the money to the Treasurer by the next board meeting 10.8.2014.

The board decided to transfer SEK 550 000 to the savings account.

The budgets for the years 2015 and 2016 were accepted. The number of members needs to be up-dated prior to the GA.

## **6. GA 2014, necessary preparations**

The deadline to complete the following documents is 15.6.2014:

- Biennial 2012–2013 report from the chairman of the board  
Responsible: Hege
- Biennial 2012–2013 report from the Publicity Committee  
Responsible: Zenonas. Zenonas asks for contributions from Karin (web editor) and Chong-Yu (HR editor). The new board should update the information folder (flyer), which is published on the web site (under About NHF).
- Annual closings for 2012 and 2013 and the auditors' report  
Responsible: Martin
- Budget for 2015 and 2016  
The board has approved budgets.
- Election committee  
The board members need to get in touch with the election committee.

## **7. Publishing and web pages**

- The web site has been up-dated. The next action is to publish the institutional members' logos.
- It was noted that the front page needs a new design.
- Hege is to write the Chair's corner by May 2014.
- Chong-Yu Xu is to select the best paper prior to the NHC 2014. The best paper will be rewarded at the conference.
- The board recommends that the NHF Chair and/or Head of the Publicity committee participate in the meeting with IWA Publishing once a year, see also next item on Hydrology Research.

## **8. Hydrology Research**

Discussions from the meeting with IWA Publishing:

- The impact factor has increased, and was 1,19 for 2012.
- NHF can suggest reviewers.
- The board members are requested to contact different institutions in their countries and encourage them to subscribe HR. The institutional rate is EUR 1 518/year.
- An individual subscription costs EUR 160-207 depending on the forum: print/online. Individual subscription requires IWA membership. Hege will find out if NHF membership qualifies for individual subscription (=a good membership benefit!).
- Heidi is to send a membership analysis to IWA Publishing.

## **9. Other items**

The scientific committee will choose the best presentation and poster of NHC 2014. The best presentation and poster will be on the agenda 10.8.2014.

The next NHC will be arranged in Kaunas, Lithuania 8.–10.8.2016. The conference will be announced at the General Assembly 2014.

## **10. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will be held on 10.8.2014 at 19.00 p.m., Elite Hotel Arkadia in Stockholm.

## **11. Closing of the meeting**

Hege Hisdal closed the meeting at 14.00 p.m.

Hege Hisdal  
Chair

Heidi Lee  
Secretary