



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

Nordic Association for Hydrology

Minutes of the NHF board meeting at KTH, Stockholm, 11 August 2014

Present: Board members – Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (Denmark), Tiia Pedusaar (Estonia), Johanna Korhonen (Finland), David Egilson (Iceland), Elga Apsite (Latvia), Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene and Zenonas Gulbinas (Lithuania), Kolbjørn Engeland and Hege Hisdal (Norway), David Gustafsson and Linus Zhang (Sweden)

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

1.–3. Opening, organization and approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting was opened by David Gustafsson at 17.10 p.m. David Gustafsson was appointed as the Chair and Heidi Lee as the 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.

4. Minutes from the previous board meeting, 10 August 2014

The minutes from the previous board meeting was approved. The new board will attend to all the open action points in the next board meeting.

5. Meeting costs for this meeting

None for this meeting.

6. Outcome of the General Assembly 2014

- The board will state its interpretation of statutes § 6 Board of the Association, especially related to the length of the representation period for the board chair. Action: David shall send a draft to the board before next meeting.
- The auditors informed that the financial closing should be done every year.
- Also, assets should be used in activities. The board was asked to continue supporting different workshops and seminars, especially for students.
- Swedish membership fees have not been collected for several years. Auditors reminded the Swedish representatives to organize the fee collection as soon as possible.
- The board was delegated the responsibility to recruit the Swedish representation to the election committee.

7. Organization of the Board (vice chair)

Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene was elected as vice chair unanimously.

8. NHC 2016 and NHC 2018

The NHC 2016 was announced at the GA. More information will follow in the coming board meetings.

The NHC 2018 will be arranged in Norway. This needs to be brought up officially.

9. Other items

Guidelines how to select the best paper in HR.

The best paper in HR has been awarded since 1980, and the prize is to be awarded every second year. The winning paper has the highest scientific quality and advanced hydrological research and understanding. The discussion was about conflicts of interest: Can the authors from the same institute/same country win year after year? Can a paper with the HR-editor as a co-author be awarded?

Conclusion: The editor and co-editors send a suggestion for the best papers to the board. The board selects the winning paper.

Individual / institutional member

Can the vision of the association be implemented if the members were only institutions? At this point, the association needs both individual and institutional members but the board decided to evaluate the role of the institutional members. Institutional members should be included better in the activities of NHF. A clearer procedure on how the institutional members can vote at GA is being discussed.

10. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be arranged as a telephone meeting during week 47 in November. David sends a Doodle.

11. Closing of the meeting

David Gustafsson closed the meeting at 18.10 p.m.

David Gustafsson
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary