



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING
Nordic Association for Hydrology

Minutes of the General Assembly of the Nordic Association for Hydrology

Place: Vytautas Magnus University, S. Daukanto str. 27, Kaunas, Lithuania

Date and time: Monday 8 August 2016, at 15.15-16.30

Present: 55 persons

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The board chair, David Gustafsson, opened the General Assembly at 15.15 by welcoming everybody to the meeting. The handouts including all the necessary documents were distributed.

2. Organization of the meeting: Appointment of meeting chairperson, meeting secretary, and two scrutinizers (also to be tellers)

David Gustafsson was elected as the meeting chair. Heidi Lee was elected as the secretary. Per Alve Glad and Andri Gunnarsson were elected as the scrutinizers.

3. Legitimacy and quorum of the General Assembly

The General Assembly 2016 was announced at the previous NHF General Assembly in August 2014 in Stockholm, on the NHF-website for 60 days before the meeting, on the NHC2016-website and by email. The General Assembly is therefore legal.

4. Approval of the agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

5. Biennial 2014–2015 report from the Chairman of the board

The board chair, David Gustafsson, presented the biennial report describing board members and officers, board meetings (5), number of members, key activities of the board and other appointed tasks of NHF. The board has improved the routines to gather the membership fees. The report was approved. See the item 16 for the decision on the possible change of the statutes.

6. Biennial report 2014–2015 from the Publicity Committee

The chair of the Publicity Committee, Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil, presented the biennial report on the committee's activities during the years 2014 and 2015.

7. The financial accounts of 2014 and 2015, and the auditors' report

The treasurer, Martin Bergstrand, presented the financial accounts of the years 2014 and 2015. Both years ended up with a deficit: -57 317 SEK (in 2014) and -88 160 SEK (in 2015). This pattern is not economically healthy and the own capital decreases year after year. Nevertheless, the financial conditions of NHF are still good, and the association is still able to develop its activities.

The auditor, Bo Leander, introduced the auditors' report, and the comments included in the report. The auditors recommend the report for 2014 and 2015 to be adopted, and to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during the years 2014 and 2015.

8. Approval of the financial accounts

The financial accounts of NHF for 2014 and 2015, and the auditors' report were approved.

9. Decision on release from responsibility

The General Assembly made a decision to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during 2014 and 2015.

10. Budget for 2017 and 2018, and decision on membership fees

David Gustafsson presented the budget for 2017 and 2018. The result for 2017 is budgeted to be unprofitable (-1 000 SEK) and for 2018 profitable (32 000 SEK). The budget is based on the new membership fees, see below. NHF do not expect a surplus and assets should be used on different activities. However, the continuous deficits eat the own capital. Therefore the coming years should be profitable or at least go in balance. The budget was approved.

The board suggested that the membership fees should be raised to SEK 300 for the individual members and to SEK 4000 for the institutional members. The GA approved the new membership fees that are SEK 300 for individual members and SEK 4000 for institutional in the Nordic countries. For the Baltic countries, the fees are SEK 100 for the individual members and SEK 1500 for the institutional members. Since 1.1.2013, the membership has been free of charge for master's and PhD students and retired hydrologists for four (4) years.

The GA requested that the financial documents should be presented also in Euro for comparison.

11. Election of board members, deputy members and chair

The following persons were suggested and elected. The proposals for new members or deputy members, or re-elections, are in **bold**, the others did not stand for the election. The numbers in brackets indicate the years each board member has remaining on the board from 2016. Linus Zhang from Sweden was elected as the chair of the board.

Board members:

Country	Board member	Comment
Denmark	Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (2)	Board member since 2010.
Estonia	Tii Pedusaar (2)	Board member since 2014, deputy member since 2012.
Finland	Johanna Korhonen (4)	Re-election. Board member since 2012, deputy member since 2008.
Iceland	David Egilson (2)	Board member since 2014.
Latvia	Līga Klints (4)	New. Board member since 2016.
Lithuania	Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene (2)	Board member since 2014, deputy member since 2010.
Norway	Kolbjørn Engeland (2)	Board member since 2014.
Sweden	Linus Zhang (4)	New. Board member since 2016, deputy member since 2012.

Deputy members:

Country	Deputy member	Comment
Denmark	Troels Kærgaard Bjerre (2)	Deputy member since 2010, board member 2006-2010.
Estonia	Alvina Reihan for Liisi Labo (2)	Labo deputy member since 2014 (on a maternity leave).
Finland	Hannu Marttila (4)	New. Deputy member since 2016.
Iceland	Hrund Ó. Andradóttir (2)	Deputy member since 2010.
Latvia	Ainis Lagzdīņš (4)	New. Deputy member since 2016.
Lithuania	Zenonas Gulbinas (2)	Deputy member since 2014. Board member 2010-2014, deputy since 2006.
Norway	Stein Beldring (2)	Deputy member since 2014.
Sweden	Marie Bergstrand (4)	New. Deputy member since 2016.

12. Election of auditors and deputies

The following persons were suggested and elected:

Auditors	Deputy
Lennart de Maré	Björn Norell
Bo Leander	Jonas Olsson

13. Election of election committee members and deputies

The following persons were suggested and elected as the election committee. Anders Bækgaard was elected as the chair.

Country	Election committee	Deputy
Denmark	Anders Bækgaard, chair	Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia	Arvo Iital	Andreas Porman
Finland	Timo Huttula	Ville Keskinarja
Iceland	Jórunn Hardardóttir	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Ilze Rudlapa	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Jurgita Daubariene	Saulius Vaikasas
Norway	Knut Ola Aamodt	Per Alve Glad
Sweden	Cintia Bertacchi Uvo	Håkan Sanner

14. Election of chair of the Publicity Committee

Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil was elected as the chair of the Publicity Committee for the next four (4) years in 2014.

15. Time and organizer of the next Nordic Hydrological Conference and General Assembly

The General Assembly decided that the next Nordic Hydrological Conference will be held 13–15 August 2018 in Bergen, Norway. The main organizer is the Norwegian Hydrological Council. The next General Assembly will be in connection with the Nordic Hydrological Conference in Bergen.

16. Other items

David Gustafsson presented the board's interpretation of the statutes § 6: "The board has discussed § 6 in several meetings during 2014–2015, and concluded that it should be interpreted such that the maximum allowed consecutive time on the board as an ordinary member is 8 years including time elected as the Chairman. With this additional interpretation, which defines the Chairman as one of the ordinary board members, the board finds the current § 6 non-ambiguous." The GA decided that there is no need to change the statutes.

Jonathan Rizzi, a postdoc at the University of Oslo, presented his initiative to start an "Early Career Scientist (ECS)" branch within NHF, which could be connected with the "Young Hydrologic Society (YHS). The ESC branch would support networking among the hydrologists in the beginning of their career by for example organizing web-meetings and -seminars. The ESC could also be involved in NHF's activities, like the NHC. The GA supports this initiative. Jonathan Rizzi got e-mail addresses to some of the PhD-students and postdocs who participated in the conference. He will organize the first web-meeting during the autumn.

Anders Bækgaard introduced the IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition "Water for smart liveable cities" 18-23.10.2020 in Copenhagen. He encouraged all the interested persons, those especially working with water to participate. For more information: <http://www.danva.dk/DANVA/International/IWA-2020-Copenhagen.aspx>

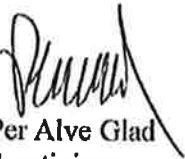
David Gustafsson and Linus Zhang invited new and previous board members and deputies to the board meeting to be held immediately after the GA.

17. Closing of the General Assembly

David Gustafsson closed the General Assembly at 16.30.

Heidi Lee

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Meeting secretary



Per Alve Glad
Scrutinizer



Andri Gunnarsson
Scrutinizer