



## **NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING**

Nordic Association for Hydrology

### **Minutes of the NHF board meeting on SKYPE, 18 June 2018**

**Present:** Board members – Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (Denmark), Johanna Korhonen & Hannu Marttila (Finland), David Egilson (Iceland), Līga Klints (Latvia), Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway), Linus Zhang (Sweden)

Estonia: Elve Lode and Jaanus Terasmaa

Not present: representative from Lithuania

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

HR-editor – Chong-Yu Xu (Norway)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

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

Linus Zhang opened the meeting at 13.10. Linus Zhang 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 on the minutes, before they are published on the website. The suggested agenda was approved.

#### **4. Minutes from the previous board meeting 13.2.2018**

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

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

None for this meeting.

#### **6. Finances**

Martin presented the budget for the years 2019–2020. The budget was updated with the correct number of the institutional members and approved.

#### **7. Membership**

*Membership recruitment:*

A summary from the working group, Linus and Dirk, about the membership recruitment and how to finance the activities. A different source for funding is needed. The membership fees are the only source for funding. This is a challenge since to recruit members and to collect the membership fees are difficult. One option is to cooperate with a larger hydrological association; their members could be NHF's members and activities could be arranged with joined efforts. The membership in a larger association could attract more members and the membership benefits could be more specific and give more value. The discussion on this topic will continue in the next board meeting.

#### *Change of statutes:*

Since the number of the members is very scarce in some member counties the board decided to suggest a change of the statutes § 6 Board of the Association from

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The change of statutes need to be approved by the General Assemblies in 2018 and 2020, in reference to the statutes § 12 Alterations to the Statutes.

#### *Membership fees 2018:*

Latvia, Lithuania and Norway have good routines for collecting the membership fees. The NHF-secretary will issue the invoices for the Danish, Estonian, Finnish, Icelandic and Swedish institutional and individual members. The secretary sends the invoices to the Estonian, Finnish and Swedish individual members. Dirk sends the invoices to all the Danish members, David to all the Icelandic members and Linus to the Swedish institutional members.

## **8. Nordic Hydrological Conference (NHC)**

*NHC 2018 in Norway – final program and an update from the organising committee:*

Over 110 participants have registered for the conference.

The detailed program will be published on the website during this week (25).

An online version of the abstract book will be available before July.

The best paper published in the Hydrology Research (HR) 2016–2018 will be awarded during the conference dinner. The prize is SEK 15 000. Chong-Yu leads this process.

The best student presentation and poster presented in NHC2018 will be awarded during the closing session of the conference. The prize is SEK 1000/presentation. The members of the scientific committee that are present at the conference will form the jury. Every session should have at least one jury member present.

*NHC 2020*

Estonia will organise the NHC in 2020.

The venue will be the Tallinn University and the suggested dates are 3–5 August or 10–12 August. The main theme will be "Water resources based management: Challenges for integration of hydrological knowhow with ecosystem services and politics". Three sub-topics were presented. A detailed proposal explaining the sub-topics will be presented during the next board meeting. The NHC 2020 will be announced during the NHC 2018 in Bergen.

NHC2022 needs to be discussed during the next board meeting. Denmark is not able to arrange the conference in 2022. Another member country must take the responsibility for arranging the NHC2022.

## **9. Marketing: publishing, web pages and Hydrology Research**

*Campaigns to increase awareness interest in the association (HR survey, etc.)*

*-will this be carried out during the NHC2018?*

The British Hydrology Society (BHS) has carried out a membership survey regarding the journal Hydrology Research in 2015 to find the member's opinion about the journal.

Chong-Yu sends the results to Linus and Dirk who selects the questions to be used in a questionnaire for NHF. This questionnaire will be sent to NHF's members (and conference participants?) after the NHC2018.

*NHCs through history – abstract books to the web page:* Johanna informed that more old abstract books have been scanned and saved on the Google disk. These can be published on the NHF-website.

## **10. NHF Organisation**

No items.

## **11. GA 2018, necessary preparations**

The General Assembly will be held on Monday 14 August at 15:45–17:15, Kongesalen, Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.

All the documents needed for GA should be written and sent to the NHF-Secretary by 1 August 2018.

Linus: Report from the chair: august 2016–august 2018.

Dirk: Report from the publicity committee: august 2016–august 2018. Someone else needs to present the report since Dirk will not be able to participate in the NHC/GA. Chong-Yu?

Martin: Annual closings 2016 and 2017 and the auditors' report, budget for 2019 and 2020.

A member of the election committee will present committee's suggestion for the new board members and deputies for the years 2018–2020.

## **12. Other items**

No other items.

## **13. Next board meetings**

The next board meeting will be held on Sunday 12 August 2018 at 18.00 at Radisson Blu Royal Hotel. Another board meeting will be held right after the GA on Monday 13 August. The previous board and the newly elected board are invited to this meeting.

## **14. Closing of the meeting**

Linus Zhang closed the meeting at 14.35

Linus Zhang  
Chair

Heidi Lee  
Secretary