



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

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Minutes of General Assembly of the Nordic Association for Hydrology

Place: Hótel Loftleiðir, Reykjavík, Iceland

Date: August 13, 2008 at 15:10 – 16:40

1. Opening of the General Assembly

Board chair Riitta Kamula opened the General Assembly at 3:20 pm.

2. Appointment of meeting chair person

Arve Tvede was appointed as the meeting chairman.

3. Appointment of meeting secretary

Johanna Korhonen was appointed as the secretary.

4. Appointment of two scrutinizers (also to be tellers)

Håkan Sanner and Tor Hjukse were appointed as scrutinizers.

5. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

6. Announcement of the General Assembly

The general assembly was announced at the last assembly in Denmark and at the Vannet i Norden website. These announcements were considered sufficient.

7. Biennial 2006 – 2008 report from the chairman of the board

Riitta Kamula presented the report describing board members, board meetings (4), election committee, tasks by NHF, workshops and seminars, revision of the website Vannet i Norden, Nordic Hydrology change into Hydrology Research, strategy paper, principles of arranging conferences and seminars, NHF flyer and number of members. Handouts about the report were handed out at the assembly. The biennial report was approved.

Markku Puupponen asked about the drop of members in 2007. Riitta Kamula answered that this is mainly because some countries have not reported about the memberships for the previous year. The statistics will be modified later.

8. Accounts of the board 2006 – 2007 and the auditors' report

Riitta Kamula introduced the finances that were included in the handouts of the meeting, too. NHF has had a reasonably surplus during the last years, and the assets have been steady. The assets of Nordic Hydrology have been terminated and added in the assets of NHF in connection with the new publishing arrangements. Total amount of the assets has increased, and management of the assets is being organized for better financial result. The NHC-2006 conference in Denmark resulted in unexpected surplus. The audits report for 2006–2007 recommended to adopt the results and to grant the board discharge from liability for administration. The accounts and auditors' report were approved.

The low interest rate of bank account was noted by auditors as well as by Björn Klöve. Riitta Kamula replied that actions have already been taken to improve the situation.

9. Budget for 2009 – 2010 and decision on membership fees

Riitta Kamula presented the budget for 2009-2010. Main principle is that NHF don't expect a surplus and the assets should be used for activities. The incomes at the moment mainly consist of the membership fees and possible surplus from the NHC. Costs will be comprised of the remunerations for the treasurer, the auditors, and editors as well as of board meetings, scholarships, web pages, seminars and conferences, workshops secretary, etc. The total assets of the association are 830145 SEK (2006-12-31). The balances for 2009 and 2010 are expected to be unprofitable (-150 200 SEK for 2009 and -115 200 SEK for 2010). The personal membership fees were approved to remain the same as for the last two years, both for members from Scandinavia (250 SEK) and for the Baltic countries (75 SEK). Institutional membership fee was raised up to 3000 SEK. The budget was approved.

It was proposed that in the future, students should have discount on their member fee. Delays (over a calendar year) in membership fee payments were also discussed.

10. Election of board members and chairman

The following persons were suggested and elected. Proposals for new members, or re-elections, are in **bold**, the others are not standing for election. Numbers in brackets indicate the years each board member has remaining on the board. Riitta Kamula was approved as the chair.

Board members

Country	Board member	Comment
Denmark	Troels Kærsgaard Bjerre (2)	Board member since 2006
Estonia	Arvo Järvet (2)	Board member since 2006
Finland	Riitta Kamula (4)	Chair since 2006, board member since 2004
Iceland	Óli Grétar Blöndal Sveinsson (2)	Board member since 2006
Latvia	Iveta Dubakova (4)	Election committee 2004 – 08
Lithuania	Arvydas Povilaitis (2)	Board member since 2006
Norway	Hege Hisdal (2)	Board member since 2006, for head publicity counselor
Sweden	David Gustafsson (4)	New

11. Election of deputy members

The following persons were suggested and elected. Proposals for new members, or re-elections, are in **bold**, the others are not standing for election. Numbers in brackets indicate the years each board member has remaining on the board.

Deputy members

Country	Board member	Comment
Denmark	Per Grønvald (2)	
Estonia	Olga Kovalenko (2)	
Finland	Johanna Korhonen (4)	New
Iceland	Stefania Halldórsdóttir (2)	
Latvia	Agrita Briede (2)	
Lithuania	Zenonas Gulbinskas (2)	
Norway	Sjur Kolberg (2)	
Sweden	Håkan Sanner (4)	Reelection, deputy member since 2004

12. Election of auditors and deputies

The following persons were suggested and elected:

Auditors	Deputy
Lennart de Mare	Linus Zhang
Bo Leander	Björn Norell

13. Election of election committee members and deputies

The following persons were suggested and approved. Arve Tvede was approved as the chair.

Proposal for election committee members.

Country	Board member	Deputy	Comment
Denmark	Anders Bækgaard	Dan Rosbjerg	
Estonia	Ülle Leisk	Arvo Lital	
Iceland	Kristinn Einarsson	Helgi Jóhannesson	
Latvia	Inese Mikelsone	Anda Bakute	
Lithuania	Jurate Kriauciuniene	Saulius Vaikasas	
Norway	Arve Tvede	Lars Evan Pettersson	chair
Finland	Timo Huttula	Markku Puupponen	
Sweden	Karen Lundholm	Cintia Bertacchi Uvo	

14. Election of head publicity councilor

Hege Hisdal was elected as the head publicity councilor for the next four years.

15. Communications: Hydrology Research, web, flyers, conferences and seminars and their material

Riitta Kamula told that Vannet i Norden webpage will be revised. Any comments or suggestions are welcome.

Dan Rosberg presented news from Nordic Hydrology. NHF has joined forces in spring 2007 with British Hydrological Society (BHS) in publishing the international journal Nordic Hydrology. The publication name changed from Nordic Hydrology into Hydrology Research (HR) from the beginning of 2008. HR will publish a special issue on the upgraded papers of NHC08. Dan Rosberg also stated that he is willing to continue as a editor of HR for next 4 years but after that, a successor should be found.

16. Time and organizer of the next Nordic Hydrologic Conference and General Assembly

The next Nordic Hydrologic Conference will be held in Latvia, Riga at August 9-11, 2010 in and was approved at the general assembly. The main theme for the conference will be "From research to management". The next General Assembly will be held in connection with the conference in Riga.

17. Other items

Head Publicity Councilor is the head of the Publicity Council with other members being the head editors of the Association's publications and other Council members. The Publicity Council shall actively promote the dissemination of the Association's publications and other information activity. The General Assembly elects the Head Publicity Councilor for a period of 4 years at the time and the NHF Board appoints the other members. The Publicity Council shall be composed in a manner that makes reasonable consideration of the nationalities of Association members.

Riitta Kamula highlighted that the statutes of NHF state: the board should consist of 5-8 members from Nordic countries. Since Baltic countries have been taking part in NHF, statutes should be changed to include 8-10 members from both Nordic and Baltic countries. Statute modification proposal will be prepared by the board.

Dan Rosberg mentioned the IAHS Major Assembly will be in India 2009.

Riitta Kamula invited new and old board members and deputies to the board meeting after the General Assembly.

18. Closing of the General Assembly

Arve Tvede closed the General Assembly at 16:30 pm.