



## NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

Nordic Association for Hydrology

### Minutes of the NHF board meeting on SKYPE, 12 February 2020

**Present:** Board members – Sofie G. W. van't Veen (Denmark), Elve Lode, Jaanus Terasmaa and Tiit Vaasma (Estonia), Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (Iceland), Līga Klints (Latvia), Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene and Vytautas Akstinas (Lithuania), Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway), Linus Zhang (Sweden)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Not present: representative from Finland

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

Linus Zhang opened the meeting at 10:40. 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 with some minor changes.

#### **4. Minutes from the previous board meetings 3.9.2019**

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

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

None.

#### **6. Status Nordic Hydrological Conferences**

*NHC in general:* The invited keynote speakers should reflect a good gender balance.

##### *NHC 2022: Iceland*

Tinna and two other representatives presented briefly the process with the coming NHC 2022. The Icelandic hydrological committee will name the steering/organizing committee that will begin planning the event. The NHC 2022 (location, time and main theme) will be announced during the NHC 2020.

##### *NHC 2018: HR special issue*

The special issue from the NHC 2018 will be published in April 2020. The total number of papers will be 14-15.

### *NHC 2020: Status*

Tiit, Jaanus and Elve presented the final budget for NHC 2020 including the SEK 50 000 surplus to NHF. The budget was approved. EUR 500 for the best student presentations will be covered by NHF. The estimated number of participants is 150 delegates (incl. 40 students). The organizing committee is to inform the board about any large changes to the budget.

NHF will cover the cost for inviting the three honorary members to participate the NHC 2020. The NHC 2020 organizing committee and NHF invites jointly the honorary members. The cost per person is budgeted to be similar with the travel costs for one keynote speaker. Heidi writes an invitation letter.

## **7. Finances and membership**

### *Result and balance for the year 2019*

Not finalized yet. The auditors will finalize the audit of 2018 and 2019 during March 2020.

### *Membership fees 200*

The membership fees for 2020 will be invoiced/collected soon.

### *Change of statutes: individual membership/membership fee (board to GA 2020)*

Discussion if the individual membership should be free of charge from GA 2020. The change of statutes will be valid after two General Assemblies (2020 and 2022). Martin will investigate how much income the institutional members generate.

A small working group consisting of Kolbjørn, Tinna and Sofie will present different models for membership fees (no change, no individual fee, or other options). What are the member benefits – what do you get for the fee SEK 300 / 4000 (Baltics SEK 100 / 1500). Should the fees be higher/lower?

*Travel costs to the NHC 2020 – board members and officials:* NHF will reimburse the travel costs to: Treasurer (Martin), Secretary (Heidi), Editor (Bjørn) and a board member from Latvia and Lithuania. It is relatively inexpensive to travel to Estonia; book the tickets early and choose a cheaper hotel. The max. amount is EUR 7000,- and this should cover the registration fee, travel and accommodation.

## **8. General Assembly 2020**

Heidi sends the invitation 60 days prior to the meeting and contacts the election committee.

Linus writes the report from the Chair, Kolbjørn writes the report from the Publicity committee, Martin takes care of the annual closings 2018 and 2019, auditors' report and budget for 2021–2022. Deadline is 1 August 2020.

## **9. Strategy**

### *Membership recruitment etc.*

Kolbjørn leads the strategy-working group (Linus, Sofie, Elve, and Jaanus) that was appointed 12.8.2018.

The working group will present its work at the next board meeting, among other how to contact the potential companies/institutes that should be members in NHF. Linus, Kolbjørn and Sofie will look into the marketing materials of NHF.

#### *Survey*

The strategy group will fulfil the questionnaire. Contact Kolbjørn if any questions should be added or changed. The questionnaire can be downloaded from the Google Disk.

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

#### *Open access publishing in Europe*

Bjørn updated about the status with HR as an open access journal.

### **11. NHF Organization**

#### *NHF secretary*

The board is to distribute the job advertisement.

#### *Early Career Scientist (ECS) branch within NHF*

Collaboration with Young Water Professionals? IWA Young members?

### **12. Other items**

Bjørn will participate in the annual HR editorial board meeting in London 17 February 2020.

### **13. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will be held as a SKYPE-meeting in May/June 2020, Heidi sends a Doodle. The board will meet on Monday 10 August after 18:00 in Tallinn, and again right after the GA 2020 on 12 August.

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

Linus closed the meeting at 12:15

Linus Zhang  
Chair

Heidi Lee  
Secretary