

## Report from the chair, August 2016 – August 2018

### 1. Organisation

In 2018, the Nordic Association for Hydrology has about 200 registered individual members; of whom 50 are students and 30 are pensioners, and 13 institutional members. The total number of registered individual members was 195 in 2016.

#### *Officers*

The board of the Nordic Association for Hydrology has had the following members during the last two years:

Country	Board member	Deputy board member
Denmark	Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (chair, Publicity Committee)	Troels Kærgaard Bjerre
Estonia	Tii Pedusaar	Alvina Reihan
Finland	Johanna Korhonen	Hannu Marttila
Iceland	David Egilson	Hrund Ó. Andradóttir
Latvia	Līga Klints	Ainis Lagzdīņš
Lithuania	Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene	Zenonas Gulbinas
Norway	Kolbjørn Engeland (vice chair)	Stein Beldring
Sweden	Linus Zhang (chair)	Marie Bergstrand

The election committee has included:

Country	Election committee member	Deputy member
Denmark	Anders Bækgaard (chair)	Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia	Arvo Iital	Juan Garcia
Finland	Timo Huttula	Ville Keskisarja
Iceland	Jórunn Hardardóttir	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Ilze Rudlapa	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Vytautas Akstinas	Jurgita Daubariene
Norway	Knut Ola Aamodt	Per Alve Glad
Sweden	Cintia Bertacchi Uvo	Håkan Sanner

In addition, the following officers have served the association:

Position	Name
Treasurer	Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)
Secretary	Heidi Lee (Norway)
Web-editor	Karin Nyström (Sweden)
Auditors	Bo Leander (Sweden) and Lennart de Maré (Sweden)
Deputy auditors	Björn Norell (Sweden) and Jonas Olsson (Sweden)
Editor HR	Chong-Yu Xu (Norway)



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## 2. Activities

### *Board meetings*

It has been the ambition of the board to minimize the travel cost and thanks to the new possibilities of online meeting, the board has had four meetings since the General Assembly in 2016, we should use Skype as much as possible. The first board meeting was held at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, 8 August 2016 after the GA.

The other meetings were held at following dates:

- 2017-03-24, at Hilton Copenhagen Airport Hotel, Copenhagen.
- 2017-08-30, Skype
- 2018-02-13, Skype
- 2018-06-18, Skype
- 2018-08-12, at Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bergen

### *Development of the association*

The strategy of NHF was updated in 2014 and then in 2016 by the previous board, where a long-term and short-term goals for the development of the association was continuously discussed and revised. This document should be revised again in 2018.

In line with the short-term goal to increase the activity level, NHF approved to support one conference:

- The 4th Conference on Modelling Hydrology, Climate and Land Surface Processes (Lillehammer conference), 12–14th September 2017, organized by the Norwegian Hydrological Council, was granted for 25.000 SEK.

During the last two years, routines of maintaining the membership record and collecting membership fees have been further improved:

- Email addresses to members have been collected for more efficient communication with the members.
- For countries where a national hydrological organization for collecting membership fees is missing, the NHF Secretary may provide prepared invoices in pdf format, which is distributed by the national board member.

The financial closings of 2016 and 2017 have been reported periodically and annually by the Treasurer, as requested by the Auditors at the General Assembly.

The recent financial years have ended up with small deficit. The income should support the key functions, and the association should work towards a healthier economy. Since 2016, the following measures to cut the costs and increase the incomes were put in operation:

- Cut costs for board meetings, secretary and web editor services.
- Financial support to other workshops activities will be granted only every other year (the years without NHC) by SEK 40.000 instead of SEK 50.000



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- Membership fees has been raised: for the Nordic members from SEK 250 to SEK 300, and for the Baltic members from SEK 75 to SEK 100. The fee for the institutional members will be raised from SEK 3.000 to SEK 4.000 for the Nordic institutions and from SEK 1.000 to SEK 1.500 for the Baltic institutions.

Hydrology Research is the official journal of four hydrological associations: NHF and the British, German and Italian associations. The NHF chair and the chair of the Publicity Committee should participate at annual meetings with the publisher (IWA Publishing), editors and the British Hydrological Society (BHS). BHS has made a survey amongst their members to ask for the awareness and opinions about the journal, and a similar survey will be made with the NHF members.

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

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. A similar, online survey will be carried out among the NHF-members during the NHC 2018. The results will be distributed after the conference. Chong-Yu and Dirk have the responsibility to organize the survey. The board members are to send questions to the survey. A preliminary draft report from BHS is enclosed the minutes for ideas.

*NHCs through history – abstract books to the web page*

Johanna suggest that the abstract books should be scanned to pdf and published on the website. The board members try to find the digital versions from the conferences that have been arranged in their countries. The board comes back to the paper versions and how to arrange the scanning.

The board has identified the drop of the members, especially the active members, are of a big challenge. Some possible measures were discussed during the recent years. Linus and Dirk were pointed out as a working group that will work with membership recruitment. They will also look into how to finance the activities since collecting the membership fees has been a challenge for several years. The working group will present its recommendations prior to the General Assembly.

*NHC 2018*

The NHC 2018 will be in Norway organized by the Norwegian Hydrological Council. Preliminary, the conference will be held in Bergen 13–15 August 2018. All the planning work and logistics are well done and according to the plan.

Lund, 2018-07-07

Linus Zhang  
NHF Chair since 2016