

Minutes from NHF Board Meeting in Uppsala, May 28, 2005, 10:00-15:45

Participants:

Riitta Kamula, Finland
Jóna Finndís Jónsdóttir, Iceland
Tatyana Koltsova, Latvia (from point 8)
Dan Lundqvist, Norway
Jan Seibert, Sweden

1. Dan opened the meeting.
2. Dan was appointed as meeting chairman.
3. Jan was appointed of secretary.
4. Riitta was appointed as scrutinizer.
5. The agenda was approved.
6. The minutes from 8 and 12 August 2004 were approved. The best poster from NHC2004 has not yet been published on ViN, Dan will take care of this (and contact the authors).
7. The meeting costs for this meeting included travel expenses for Dan and Riitta, hotel costs for Jóna and Tatyana and a dinner.
8. Dan reported on the financial conditions, budget and memberships and presented the preliminary annual closing. The number of members is about constant. The treasurer (Hans Stjärnskog) has asked for more discipline in transferring the national membership fees and information on the number of paid members to the treasurer. The board agreed on that this should happen at latest in October for the 2005 fees and member information and in June for the following years. Dan will ask the treasurer to send out the necessary information including IBAN and SWIFT numbers. Dan & Hans
Dan will contact Dan Rosbjerg for further information on the number of current NH subscriptions and financial needs during the coming years. The board was positive to provide additional resources (~25 000 SEK) to Dan Rosbjerg / Nordic Hydrology to cover expenses during the transition period to IWAP. Dan
Dan will send out files with NHF statistics and the preliminary annual closing. Dan
The board decided to write down the debt of NH to NHF for a loan of 10 000 SEK some 30 years ago when NH was started.
9. The Vannet i Norden website (ViN) was discussed. Each board member is asked to work for contributions. Jóna will contact CHIN for reports on their activities. Jan will further specify the idea of a discussion forum on measurement instruments. Dan will work on a some information on types of contributions for ViN (student work, ongoing projects, recent hydrological events) Jóna
Jan
Dan
Each board member is asked to look for candidates for a suitable scientific editor, Dan will contact Gunlög Wennerberg. All, Dan
The representatives of the Baltic countries are asked to send web links of the national hydrological institutes to Dan. Baltic members
All
The board agreed on that the association should exchange links with other organizations and information on upcoming conferences. Information of conferences should be send directly to Peter Andersson (editor@vannetinorden.com), the link exchange with other organizations should go through Dan.
Dan will discuss technical solutions for a restricted area on ViN for the board members with Peter Andersson. This area should include some interactive discussion forum and possibility to upload files under a simple structure (minutes from meetings, economy, NHC planning, ...). Jóna told that CE has that kind of restricted pages. She promised to e-mail logging information for the pages so that all board members can log in to look over the function of the CE website. Jóna

10. The future of Nordic Hydrology was further discussed. The British Hydrological Society has not yet decided on the issue of having NH as joint journal for NHF and BHS. Jan and Riitta reported opinions of members from surveys in Sweden respective Finland.

Dan Rosbjerg and IWA publishing have suggested "Research in hydrology" as new name. The opinion of the board and many members are that a well known title should not be changed too much and that the geographical focus should be indicated by the title. It is better to have a focus instead of being too general. A focus on high latitudes could also match nicely with the International Polar Year coming up in 2007. The board agreed that the journal should focus on northern conditions and suggests the name 'Northern hydrology'. With this name the focus will remain on northern issues and at the same the area will widen to cover the whole northern region. In addition, the change of name will be minimal. Dan will send a draft of a letter on this to Dan Rosbjerg and IWAP to all board members, who are asked to respond quickly.

Dan, all

11. Dan reported on the planning of NHC Denmark 2006. Dan will e-mail the suggested budget and program to all board members.

Dan

The preliminary closing from NHC2004 indicated a small surplus.

12. The board decided that the association will sponsor the workshop on Urban hydrology in arctic regions suggested by Sveinn Thorolfsson and Alvina Reihan with SEK 50.000. For 2006 a workshop on hydrological education was discussed. Jan will contact Lars-Christer Lundin and investigate whether such a workshop could be held in the Stockholm/Uppsala region in early spring 2006.

Jan

13. The board decided on some smaller changes in the strategy document of NHF. Dan will put the updated version on the ViN website.

Dan

14. If possible the next board meeting will be held in connection to the workshop on hydrological education. The board meeting should not be later than March 2006.

15. Other items

a) Official transfer of NHP-report series to NHF. We await a response from Kjell Repp, Dan will continue working on this issue.

Dan

b) Insurance of the board: Dan and Jóna will check the need/possibility for insurance.

Dan, Jóna

c) The Student 50% discount is mentioned on the website.

d) Interactive web-site for the board. (see point 9)

e) Dan presented a folder for marketing NHF. Jóna takes the responsibility for finalizing this folder and getting help from a designer. All board members should send suitable photos to Jóna.

Jóna

All

16. Dan closed the meeting

Dan Lundquist (Chairperson)

Jan Seibert (Secretary)

Riitta Kamula (Scrutinizer)