



## **General Assembly of the Nordic Association for Hydrology**

Place: Riga, Latvia

Date: August 2010 at

Present about 30 members

### **1. Opening of the General Assembly**

Riitta Kamula opened the general assembly by welcoming the participants

### **2. Organization of the meeting: Appointment of meeting chair person, meeting secretary, and two scrutinizers (also to be tellers)**

Arve Tvede was elected as the chair unanimously. Riitta Kamula elected as the secretary. Dan Rosbjerg and Stein Beldring were elected as scrutinizers and tellers.

### **3. Legitimacy and quorum of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly 2010 has been announced at the last NHF General Assembly in Iceland on August 2008, on the website of NHF, and on the website of NHC 2010.

### **4. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

### **5. Biennial 2008 – 2009 report from the chairman of the board**

Riitta Kamula presented the report describing board members, board meetings (4), election committee, other appointed tasks by NHF, and key issues for the board during the last two years. Handouts about the report were handed out at the assembly. The biennial report was approved.

### **6. Biennial report from the Head Publicity Councilor**

Head Publicity Councilor Hege Hisdal presented the biannual report of the Publicity Council, and together with Troels Kaergaard Bjerre, a member of Publicity Council, introduced the new web site of NHF

### **7. The financial accounts of 2008 – 2009 and the auditors' report**

Riitta Kamula introduced the finances that were included in the handouts. NHF has had a reasonably surplus during the last years, and the assets have been steady. Total amount of the assets has increased, and management of the assets is being organized for better financial result.

Bo Leander introduced the Auditors report, and the comments included in the report. The auditors recommended the report for 2008–2009 to be adopted and to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during 2008 and 2009.

### **8. Approval of the financial accounts**

The financial accounts of NHF for 2008-2009 and the auditors' report were approved after a short discussion.



### 9. Decision on release from responsibility

General Assembly made a decision to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during 2008 and 2009.

### 10. Budget for 2011 – 2012 and decision on membership fees

Riitta Kamula presented the budget for 2011-2012. 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 852 092 SEK (31.12.2009). The balances for 2011 and 2012 are expected to be unprofitable (-73 300 SEK for 2011 and -70 300 SEK for 2012).

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 approved to be the same than before (3000 SEK).

The General Assembly noted that there was a mix-up with lines (Prize HR and Grants in NHC2012), the amounts should be changed to be the other way around. The budget was approved with this change.

Delays (over a calendar year) in membership fee payments were discussed.

### 11. Election of board members and deputy members

The following persons were suggested and elected. Proposals for new members or deputy 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.

Country	Board member	Comment
Denmark	<b>Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (4)</b>	<b>New</b>
Estonia	<b>Arvo Järvet (4)</b>	<b>Re-nomination.</b> Board member since 2006
Finland	Riitta Kamula (2)	Chairperson since 2006, board member since 2004
Iceland	<b>Thorsteinn Thorsteinsson (4)</b>	<b>New</b>
Latvia	Iveta Dubakova (2)	Board member since 2008.
Lithuania	<b>Zenonas Gulbinas (4)</b>	<b>New.</b> Deputy member since 2006
Norway	<b>Hege Hisdal (4)</b>	<b>Re-nomination.</b> Board member since 2006
Sweden	David Gustafsson (2)	Board member since 2008

**Deputy members**

Country	Board member	Comment
Denmark	<b>Troels Kærgaard Bjerre (4)</b>	<b>New.</b> Board member 2006 -10
Estonia	<b>Olga Kovalenko (4)</b>	<b>Re-nomination</b>
Finland	Johanna Korhonen (2)	
Iceland	<b>Hrund Ó. Andradóttir (4)</b>	<b>New</b>
Latvia	<b>Elga Apsite (4)</b>	<b>New</b>
Lithuania	<b>Diana Meilutyte-Barauskiene</b>	<b>New</b>
Norway	<b>Sjur Kolberg (4)</b>	<b>Re-nomination</b>
Sweden	Håkan Sanner (2)	

**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:

Country	Board member	Deputy
Denmark	Anders Bækgaard	Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia	Ülle Leisk	Arvo Lital
Finland	Timo Huttula	Markku Puupponen
Iceland	Kristinn Einarsson	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Ilze Rudlapa	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Jurgita Daubariene	Saulius Vaikasas
Norway	Knut Ola Aamodt	Lars Evan Pettersson
Sweden	Karen Lundholm	Cintia Bertocni Uvo

Anders Bækgaard was approved as the chair.

**14. Election of head publicity councilor**

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



### **15. The change of statutes of NHF**

Riitta Kamula introduced the comparison the Statutes in force and the changes into the statutes as suggested by the Board.

After a short discussion, the changes were approved as suggested. Final adoption will be at the General Assembly 2012, providing that the changes will be approved.

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

The next Nordic Hydrologic Conference will be held in and was approved at the general assembly.

The next Nordic Hydrologic Conference will be held in Oulu, Finland, at August 2012 with the main topic of *Catchment restoration and water protection*. The next General Assembly will be in connection with the Nordic Hydrologic Conference in Oulu.

### **17. Other items**

Ms. Heidi Pikkarainen, who will be acting as the secretary of the NHF in the coming years was introduced to the General Assembly.

In the discussions, it was noted with pleasure that the number of young scientists in these Nordic Hydrology Conferences has increased: in NHC 2002, most of the participants had decades of experience, while now in 2010 young scientists have taken the main role.

Riitta Kamula invited new and old board members and deputies to the board meeting to be held immediately after the Conference.

### **18. Closing of the General Assembly**

Arve Tvede closed the General Assembly at 10:00 am.