



7. Board meeting – NHF – 2025

Time and date: November 19th, 14:00–16:00 Norwegian time

Location – Digital on Teams

Participants:

DENMARK: Sofie G. W. van't Veen (board member)

ESTONIA: Elve Lode (board member)

FINLAND: Anna-Kaisa Ronkanen (board member)

ICELAND: Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (board member)

LATVIA: Jolanta Jēkabsone (board member) and Līga Klīns (deputy)

LITHUANIA: Diana Meilutytė-Lukaskienė (deputy)

NORWAY: Torill Engen Skaugen (chair, board member), Sjur Kolberg (deputy)

SWEDEN: Fainaz Inamdeen (deputy)

HR-editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden) – did not attend

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Minutes

Item Nr.	Item
1	Welcome Torill opened the meeting. The meeting was valid as more than half of the board members or deputies were present.
2	Strategy <i>Collaboration with CHINB</i> (=Chiefs of the H ydrological I nstitutes in the N ordic and B altic countries). CHINB is organized through a memorandum of understanding between the eight member countries. Hege Hisdal (Director, Hydrology Department in NVE) was invited to give the NHF-board a short presentation on CHINB and possible collaboration. CHINB has a goal to organize collaboration on the



	institutional level in the member countries by leading several working groups (flood forecasting, GIS, Hydrometry, droughts, Climate Change, etc.) Furthermore, the goal is to improve the operational hydrological services. The CHINB members have the responsibility for flood forecasting in their countries and the largest hydrological databases. CHINB and NHF have different roles and activities. CHINB doesn't arrange conferences, but NHF creates the meeting place (NHC). CHINB members can encourage their employees to use working hours to NHF related tasks (i.e. give presentations at NHCs, other activities, election committee etc.), support with travel costs to NHCs. It was suggested that • NHF-board members contact the CHINB counterpart to discuss collaboration (ask Heidi for contact information) • NHF encourages the CHINB members to become institutional members of NHF • CHINB and NHF have a session together at the NHCs CHINB members (NHF members in bold): Denmark – DMI and DCE, Estonia – ENVIR, Finland – SYKE, Iceland – IMO, Latvia – LVGMS, Lithuania – METEO LIT, Norway – NVE, Sweden – SHMI
3	Minutes from the last board meeting: 4 September 2025 Minutes were approved. Item 2: Discussions on Hydrology Research's collaboration with Elsevier are still going on (Bjørn). Item 7: Use LinkedIn as a communication channel more actively, for instance about the coming NHC2026 in Finland.
4	NHC 2025 in Iceland • Financial statement (Tinna) ○ The financial result of the conference is surplus SEK 60 756 (including the fee of SEK 50 000,- to NHF) ○ IMO transfers the surplus to NHF (through an invoice) • Special issue (Bjørn) ○ The Special Issue Editor is prof. Marie Larocque (Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM))



	○ Papers are published as soon as accepted ○ Bjørn follows up the deadline for the (completed) issue that should be before the next NHC2026
5	NHC 2026 in Finland • Anna-Kaisa presented the status of NHC2026 ○ The website: Nordic Hydrological Conference 2026 ○ The organizing and scientific committees ○ The keynote speakers ○ The program and the preliminary budget ○ The registration is open ○ The abstract deadline is 30th April 2026 • The organizers try to establish an own participant category and price for companies that could present their products during the conference
6	General Assembly 2026 • Torill and Heidi will send the invitation 60 days before the NHC (16th of June 2026) • Meeting lasts about 1,5 hours, suggested on day 2 of NHC, Anna-Kaisa follows up • NHF board has a meeting before the conference (17th August) and after the GA for constitution, Torill and Heidi follow up
7	NHC 2028 in Latvia • Jolanta gave a presentation of the NHC 2028 in Riga, Latvia • The relevant organizers are University of Latvia, and Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, Faculty of Agriculture • The theme that will be suggested for the conference will be in relation with the ecosystem, different topics were suggested and discussed • Joint session with the CHINB-group
8	Finances Postponed to next meeting.



9	Any other items A new institutional member has joined the NHF: Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI). Short presentation will be posted on LinkedIn. All institutional members will be listed on NHF website!
10	Next meeting The next meeting will be held on 18 th of February 2026, at 2 pm Norwegian time in Teams.

Torill Engen Skaugen
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary