



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

Place: University of Oulu, Linnanmaa Campus, Room IT138, Oulu, Finland

Date and time: Wednesday 15 August 2012, at 9.00–10.30

Present 31 members

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

Riitta Kamula opened the general assembly by welcoming the participants. The handouts covering all the necessary documents were distributed.

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

Jari Silander was elected as the chair. Heidi Pikkarainen was elected as the secretary. Knut Ola Aamodt and Per Glad were elected as scrutinizers and tellers.

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

The General Assembly 2012 has been announced at the last NHF General Assembly in Riga on August 2010, on the website of NHF and on the website of NHC 2012. The meeting was duly convened and quorate.

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

The agenda was approved.

### **5. Biennial 2010–2011 report from the chairman of the board**

The chairman of the board, Riitta Kamula, presented the report on board members, board meetings (3), election committee, key activities of the board and other appointed tasks in NHF during the last two years. The report was approved.

### **6. Biennial report from the Publicity Committee**

The new editor of Hydrology Research, Chong-Yu Xu, was introduced to the general assembly. Chair of the publicity committee, Hege Hisdal, presented the biennial report of the Publicity committee.

## **7. The financial accounts of 2010–2011 and the auditors' report**

The financial accounts of two past years, 2010 and 2011 were introduced by Riitta Kamula. The financial conditions to NHF are good. Both years ended with surplus (19 471 SEK in 2010 and 38 826 SEK in 2011) and NHF have good possibilities to develop its activities.

Bo Leander introduced the Auditors report including their comments. The auditors recommend the report for 2010–2011 to be adopted and to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during 2010 and 2011.

Martin Bergstrand (SMHI) was appointed as the new Treasurer in March 2012.

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

The financial accounts of NHF for 2010–2011 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 2010 and 2011.

## **10. Budget for 2013–2014 and decision on membership fees**

Riitta Kamula presented the budget for 2013–2014. The result for 2013 and 2014 are expected to be unprofitable (-41 575 SEK for 2013 and -39 575 SEK for 2014). NHF don't expect a surplus and assets should be used for activities. The budget was approved.

The personal membership fees were approved to remain the same as for the last two years. The membership is 250 SEK for members from Scandinavia and 75 SEK for members from the Baltic countries. The institutional membership fee remains the same, and is 3000 SEK.

The board suggested the General assembly that master's and PhD students, and retired hydrologists could get a free membership for four (4) years. The motion carried unanimously. The free membership will apply from 1.1.2013. The board can decide further rules for the free membership.

It was noted that NHF can accept members outside Nordic and Baltic countries.

## **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. Hege Hisdal was approved as the chair. GA accepted the resignation from Estonian deputy member, Olga Kovalenko. Tiia Pedusaar was suggested and elected as a new Estonian deputy member for two years.

**Board members:**

Country	Board member	Comment
Denmark	Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (2)	Board member since 2010.
Estonia	Arvo Järvet (2)	Board member since 2006.
Finland	<b>Johanna Korhonen (4)</b>	<b>New.</b> Deputy member since 2008.
Iceland	Thorsteinn Thorsteinsson (2)	Board member since 2010.
Latvia	<b>Iveta Indriksonė (4)</b>	<b>Re-nomination.</b> Board member since 2008.
Lithuania	Zenonas Gulbinas (2)	Board member since 2010, deputy since 2006.
Norway	Hege Hisdal (2)	Board member since 2006.
Sweden	<b>David Gustafsson (4)</b>	<b>Re-nomination.</b> Board member since 2008.

**Deputy members:**

Country	Deputy member	Comment
Denmark	Troels Kærgaard Bjerre (2)	Deputy member since 2010, board 2006.
Estonia	Tiia Pedusaar (2)	Replaces Olga Kovalenko.
Finland	<b>Ville Keskinen (4)</b>	<b>New.</b>
Iceland	Hrund Ó. Andradóttir (2)	Deputy member since 2010.
Latvia	Elga Apsīte (2)	Deputy member since 2010.
Lithuania	Diana Meilutytė-Barauskienė (2)	Deputy member since 2010.
Norway	Sjur Kolberg (2)	Deputy member since 2006.
Sweden	<b>Linus Zhang (4)</b>	<b>New.</b>

**12. Election of auditors and deputies**

The following persons were suggested and elected:

Auditors	Deputy
Lennart de Mare	Björn Norell
Bo Leander	<b>Jonas Olsson (new)</b>

**13. Election of election committee members and deputies**

The election committee was re-elected. Anders Bækgaard was approved as the chair.

Country	Election committee	Deputy
Denmark	Anders Bækgaard	Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia	Ülle Leisk	Arvo Iital
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 Bertacchi Uvo

**14. Election of chair of the Publicity Committee**

Zenonas Gulbinas was elected as the chair of the publicity committee for the next **four** years.

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

The first time the change of status was handled by GA was in Riga 2010. This is the second time the changes of statutes is to be discussed. Alterations concerns §§ 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11.

After a short discussion the changes of statutes were approved for the second time. The change is final.

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

The General Assembly decided that the next Nordic Hydrologic Conference will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, on August 2014. The next General Assembly will be in connection with the Nordic Hydrologic Conference in Stockholm.

## **17. Other items**

Riitta Kamula was thanked for eight years of board membership and successful conference in Oulu. The new chair, Hege Hisdal, handed a gift to Riitta.

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

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

Jari Silander closed the General Assembly at 10.30.

Heidi Pikkarainen  
Meeting secretary

Knut Ola Aamodt  
Scrutinizer

Per Alve Glad  
Scrutinizer