



4. Board meeting – NHF – 2025

Time and date: June 2nd , 17:00–19:00 Icelandic time + dinner at the Fish Company

Location – Icelandic Met Office, Bústaðavegur 7-9, 105 Reykjavík

Participants:

DENMARK: -

ESTONIA: Elve Lode (board member)

FINLAND: Anna-Kaisa Ronkanen (board member)

ICELAND: Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (board member)

LATVIA: Jolanta Jekabsone (board member) and Liga Klints (deputy)

LITHUANIA: Vytautas Akstinas (board member) and Diana Meilutyte-Lukaskiene (deputy)

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

SWEDEN: Jing Li (board member)

HR-editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Minutes

Item Nr.	Item
1	Welcome Torill opened the meeting. The meeting was found to have a quorum since more than half of the board members (or a deputy in the absence of the board member) were represented in the meeting.
2	Minutes from the last board meetings: 8 April 2025 Minutes were approved with the following amendment: Bjørn Kløve hands the prize for the best paper published in Hydrology Research (HR) at the gala dinner on Wednesday, but he gives the presentation on HR, 10–15 minutes, during the closing session on Thursday.



3	NHC 2025 Tinna gave the last update on the NHC 2025 from the organizing committee – everything is on track. There will be 240 participants in the conference – which is a record! The plan on how to choose the best student presentation and poster was made. Tinna marks the student presentations/posters on the program and sends to the board. Torill makes a Google Sheets for recording the results online. The criteria for presentations/posters: <i>I Research topic</i> -Demonstrated knowledge of research area -Content, materials presented in clear, concise and logical form -Use and quality of visual aids -Accomplishment of objectives <i>II Style</i> -Verbal/poster communication skills -Presentation stayed within time frame -Ability to answer questions A special issue of HR is planned to be published after the NHC2025, Bjørn informs more during the closing session.
4	NHC 2026 in Finland Anna-Kaisa presented the plan on the NHC2026 • Time: 18–20 August 2026, in Mariehamn, Åland • Place: Alandia Culture & Congress • Registration starts in October 2025 • Abstract submission starts in October 2025, ends in April 2026 • Themes: ○ Digital solutions in hydrology and sustainable water management ○ Exploring digital frontiers in water resources, water quality and ecohydrology ○ Hydrology for a changing world: observations, models, and decision support ○ Solutions for water resource management and pathways for societal impact • The organization committee has been elected • Eliisa Lotsari will announce the NHC2025 at the closing session



	The board members are to name candidates to the scientific committee from their own countries and present these in the next board meeting (26 June 2025).
5	Finances Referring to item 3 – It was decided that the student awards will be increased from SEK 1000/each up to SEK 2000/each. The new amount will apply already for the NHC2025! Martin presented the current annual closing of 2024. The result is over SEK 37 000 in profit. The balance shows that the association has a good financial status. Martin sends the updated versions of the result and balance to the board. The Secretary issues and sends the invoices to the institutional members (SEK 5000 Nordic, SEK 2000 Baltic) before summer holidays. Topics for the next board meeting (see also item 6) How to increase the number of institutional members? What are the member benefits?
6	Follow up items from Linus The board began to discuss the following topics. The discussion will be followed up in the next board meeting. What will the board achieve during the coming period (till GA 2028)? <i>Strategy for the next four years</i> – Should NHF be organized as a Nordic-Baltic project with deliverables? Have joint research projects? <i>Publicity committee</i> – To be chosen in the next board meeting. How to advertise NHF? <i>Newsletters</i> – Format? Where to publish? <i>Social media</i> – It was decided that the only some channel will be in LinkedIn, the pages will be available for everybody, not as a closed group <i>Website</i> – What to publish?



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Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 June 2025 at 11:00 (UTC +2) in Teams.

Torill Engen Skaugen
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary

Photos: 1-3 taken by Torill, 4 taken by Diana