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NHF - Report from the chair, August 2022 – November 2024

1. Organization

In 2024, the Nordic Association for Hydrology has about 280 registered individual members, and 11 institutional members. Individual membership has been free of charge since 2020. The total number of registered individual members was about 265 in 2022.

Officers and board

The board of the Nordic Association for Hydrology has had the following members during the last two years:

Country	Board member	Deputy member
Denmark	Sofie G. W. van't Veen	Niels Behring Ovesen
Estonia	Elve Lode (Vice Chair)	Jaanus Terasmaa
Finland	Anna-Kaisa Ronkanen	Eliisa Lotsari
Iceland	Tinna Þórarinsdóttir	Kristján Geirsson
Latvia	Līga Klints	Ainis Lagzdiņš
Lithuania	Vytautas Akstinas	Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene
Norway	Anne Ellekjær Stavang	Sjur Anders Kolberg
Sweden	Linus Zhang, (Chair)	Maria Elenius

The election committee has included:

Country	Election committee	Deputy
Denmark	Bertel Nilsson	Jane Rosenstand Laugesen
Estonia	Alvina Reihan	Arvo Iital
Finland	Riitta Kamula	Johanna Korhonen
Iceland	Jórunn Hardardóttir	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Ilze Rudlapa	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Jurate Kriauciuniene	Rita Linkeviciene
Norway	Per Alve Glad	Heidi Lee
Sweden	Jing Li	Niclas Hjerdt



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In addition, the following officers have served the association:

Position	Name
Treasurer	Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)
Secretary	Starting from 2022, Han Yu (Sweden) was appointed. Since 2023, vacant
Web-editor	Han Yu (Sweden, short time) , then vacant
Auditors	Bo Leander (Sweden) and Lennart de Maré (Sweden)
Deputy auditors	Björn Norell (Sweden) and Jonas Olsson (Sweden)
Editor, Hydrology Research	Björn Klöve (Finland) from end of 2018

2. Activities

Board meetings

Due to the pandemic situation, the use of digital technique in meetings has been the main tool for Board meeting. This trend remains to be popular after the pandemic. The board has had seven meetings since the General Assembly (GA) in 2022 with digital tools such as TEAMS and SKYPE. The first board meeting was held on 17th August directly after the GA. In addition, several meetings were held on an irregular basis due to lack of coordination and vacant secretary.

The rest of the board meetings were held at following dates:

- 2023-10-09, Digital meeting
- 2023-10-20, Digital meeting
- 2024-09-26, Digital meeting
- 2024-10-25, Board meeting (Per capsulam, via emails)

Development of the association

The ambition has been to have a strategy of NHF for continuous revision and update in order to articulate a clear and practical strategies (both long-term and short-term) for the development of the association. Unfortunately, this work was very much delayed and disturbed by the fact of vacant secretary during most of the time. This work has to be restarted by the new board after the GA.

During the last 4 years, routines of maintaining the membership record and collecting membership fees have been simplified since the weave of the individual membership fees, an individual membership register is kept for administration purpose. For institutional members, the NHF Secretary (and later, the chairman) have prepared invoices in pdf format, which is distributed by the national board member or sent out directly.



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The financial closings of reporting period should be reported periodically and annually by the Treasurer, as requested by the Auditors at the General Assembly.

Based on decisions from 2016, the following measures to cut the costs were put in operation:

- Cut costs for board meetings, secretary and web editor services.
- Financial support to other workshops activities will be granted only every other year (the years without NHC) by SEK 25 000 instead of SEK 50 000.
- Institutional membership fees have been raised to SEK5 000.

Hydrology Research (HR) is the official journal of four hydrological associations: NHF and the British (British associations left the cooperation in 2023, unfortunately), German and Italian associations. Prof. Bjørn Kløve (Finland) has been the Editor-in-Chief since 2018. It has been decided that the NHF chair and the chair of the Publicity Committee should participate at annual meetings with the publisher (IWA Publishing), editors and the British Hydrological Society (BHS). HR has been an open access journal since 1 January 2020.

NHCs web page.

During the transition period of switching to a new design and new platform of NHF web page, the permanent NHF webpage address is: nhf-hydrology.org independently of web hotel provider. As decided by the earlier board meeting, a newsletter from NHF has been published, although on an irregular basis. Ideas on how to improve the newsletter are highly welcome.

NHC-2022 (and NHC-2025)

Due to the spread of the COVID-19, the XXXI Nordic Hydrological Conference in Tallinn, Estonia is postponed to 2022. NHC-2022 has been successfully held at Tallinn University during 15-18 August 2022 in Tallinn, Estonia. Presentations in 5 significant topics have been conducted. Three rewards have been announced: post, presentation and big prize for best paper published in Hydrology research in the last 4 years. The upcoming NHC-2024 (Become NHC-2025) in Reykjavik, Iceland has been settled.

NHC-2022 consisted of 81 presentations with 4 keynotes speeches in 5 significant hydrological topics have been conducted in 3 conference days. The best presentation has been selected and awarded. The five topics include: Water and ecosystems for human well-being; Knowledge gaps in the interactions between hydrology, ecosystems and global change; Hydrological and ecological modelling; Water policy and governance.

NHC-2022 was also dedicated to mark the NHF 50 years' anniversary of the NHF. This has been celebrated in 17th, August 2022 in Lennusadam museum, Tallinn. The NHF's lifetime achievement prize has been awarded in connection to the anniversary.



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NHF's lifetime achievement prize has been awarded to Chong-Yu Xu for his outstanding and long-term contribution to NHF. The second NHF's lifetime achievement prize has been awarded to Dan Rosbjerg for his outstanding and long-term contribution to NHF.

In addition, a new Special Issue in Hydrology Research on "Hydrology of water related ecosystems" has been published.

For NHC-2024 (which become NHC-2025), it will be held on June 3-6, 2025 Reykjavík, Iceland with the Theme: Water and climate change, impacts and adaptation. Call text and details of the conference will be published very soon by the organization committee.

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NHF Chair