



5. Board meeting – NHF – 2025

Time and date: June 26th, 11:00–13:00 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: Liga Klints (deputy)

LITHUANIA: Diana Meilutyte-Lukaskiene (deputy)

NORWAY: Torill Engen Skaugen (chair, board member)

SWEDEN: Jing Li (board member)

HR-editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland), items 1 & 2

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Minutes

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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: 2 June 2025 Minutes were approved. Follow-up from the NHC2025 – Bjørn: Special issue of HR. Guest editors have been invited to contribute with the special issue. The submission deadline is tentatively 31.12.2025. The papers will be published online immediately after the acceptance. The special issue, with the same title as the conference, will be collected and published during 2026, preferably prior to the NHC2026 in August.



	Tinna: The financial statement will be presented in the next board meeting.
3	NHC 2026 • Webpage – by the end of August 2025 • Important dates ○ Conference: 18–20 August 2026, Alandica Culture & Congress, Mariehamn, Åland ○ Final program ready: by 18 June 2026 ○ Letter of acceptance: by May 2026 ○ Abstract submission deadline: 30 April 2026 ○ Registration opens: October 2025 • Representative to the scientific committee: The board members are to name 2 candidates from their own country and inform Anna-Kaisa by 10 August 2025. The conference organizers select the final scientific committee. For topics etc., see the presentation Anna-Kaisa has sent by e-mail. • Anna-Kaisa presents a draft budget in the next board meeting • The organizers block 1–1,5 hours for the General Assembly in the conference program. Torill and Heidi will send the invitation to the GA by 18 June 2026. • The NHC2028 in Latvia is to be announced in the closing session • NHC 2026 – Torill helps with a preliminary announcement in LinkedIn “save the date” with a link to the NHF-website.
4	Strategy What do we want to achieve in the four-year period? • Well organized conferences: (NHC2025), NHC2026 and NHC2028 including General Assembly (GA) • Spread information about hydrology and water related issues • The abstract books will be stored in Google Drive. The special issues summarize also the topics discussed at the conferences. • Scientific cooperation and common publications within the board were discussed. The board will not produce common research collaboration. However, there is possible to establish a team from the board-members working together in research projects. It might be a task for ChinB-collaboration (see below). Publicity committee (statutes § 8) • Referring to the item 14 in the GA 2024 – the board elects the Publicity committee. It was decided that the board itself is the Publicity committee, and Torill is the chair of the committee. LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/groups/10141024/



	- Board members publish water related news regularly (– doesn't have to be something big and special). All board-members has "owner"-access to the LinkedIn-group. International Junior Water Prize Stockholm Junior Water Prize SIWI - Leading expert in water governance - The board members are to promote the competition in their own county - The NHF can support financially a national winner (in member countries) to travel to Stockholm if there is no other financing. We need to discuss further the amount and what we would like to support, and guidelines must be established. Collaboration with CHINB The members of CHINB (the chiefs of the hydrological institutes in the Nordic and Baltic countries) would like to collaborate with the NHF-board! The head of the CHINB will be invited to one of the NHF board meetings during autumn 2025 to talk more about CHINB that has several working groups and seminars with emphasis on operational hydrology, network design and quality management of hydrological data, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), flood forecasting, droughts and data quality. How to increase the number of institutional members? What are the member benefits? List of institutional members. - The list of institutional members was presented. All the Nordic CHINB-members are also members of NHF. - The board members try to identify more relevant institutional members - The member benefits need to be communicated more clearly; it was suggested that a short flyer should be made for "markering" purposes. - The board comes back to this topic after the meeting with CHINB
5	Any other items See the item 5 for the institutional members.
6	Next meeting The next meeting will be held on 4 September 2025 at 14:00 (UTC +2) in Teams.



Torill Engen Skaugen
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary