

Minutes from the General Assembly of the Nordic Association for Hydrology

Vingsted Centret, August 9 2006 at 08:00-09:30

Jóna Finndis Jónsdóttir opened the meeting. Lars Lundin was chosen as chairman, Anna Johnell as secretary, Anders Bækgaard and Kristinn Einarsson as scrutinisers. The assembly agenda was approved. Attendants of this meeting are listed in the attachment.

Announcement of the General Assembly

The general assembly was announced at the last assembly in Tallinn and at the Vannet i Norden website. These announcements were considered as sufficient.

Biennial 2004-2006 report from the chairman of the board

Jóna Finndis Jónsdóttir presented the report describing board members, board meetings, election committee, tasks by NHF, workshops and seminars, the website Vannet i Norden, NHF flyer and number of members. Handouts about the report were given during the assembly. The report was approved

Accounts of the board 2004-2005 and the auditors' report

The finances were presented by Jóna Finndis Jónsdóttir. The assets were similar to 2003-2005. Alvina Reihan presented the results from the NHC-2004 conference in Tallinn. No surplus is expected from the conference in Tallinn. The NHC-2006 conference in Denmark is expected to give surplus. The finances are also listed in the handouts from the meeting. The audits report for 2004-2005 recommended to adopt the results and to grant the board discharge from liability for administration. The accounts and auditors' report were approved.

Budget for 2006-2007 and decision on membership fee

Jóna Finndis Jónsdóttir presented the budget for 2006-2007. NHF don't expect a surplus and the assets should be used for activities. The incomes will be received from members and the NHC. Costs are expected from treasurer, auditor, board meetings, scholarships, editors, workshops etc. The total assets of the association are 770664 SEK (2005-12-31). The budget for 2007 is expected to be -80450 SEK and for 2008 -45450 SEK. The membership fee was approved to remain the same as for the last two years, both for members from Scandinavia (250 SEK) and for the Baltic countries (75SEK). The budget was approved.

Election of board members and chairman

The following persons were suggested and approved. Italic names are those being voted for now. Numbers in brackets indicate the years each board member has remaining on the board. Riitta Kamula was approved as the chairperson.

Country	Board member
Denmark	<i>Troels Kærgaard Bjerre (4)</i>
Estonia	<i>Arvo Järvet (4)</i>
Iceland	<i>Óli Grétar Blöndal Sveinsson (4)</i>
Latvia	<i>Inese Mikelsone (4)</i>
Lithuania	<i>Arvydas Povilaitis (4)</i>
Norway	<i>Hege Hisdal (4)</i>
Finland	Riitta Kamula (2) / chairperson
Sweden	Jan Seibert (2)

Election of deputy members

The following persons were suggested and approved. Italic names are those being voted for now.

Country	Deputy
Denmark	<i>Per Grønvald (4)</i>
Estonia	<i>Olga Kovalenko (4)</i>
Iceland	<i>Stefanía Halldórsdóttir (4)</i>
Latvia	<i>Agrita Briede (4)</i>
Lithuania	<i>Zenonas Gulbinskas (4)</i>
Norway	<i>Sjur Kolberg (4)</i>
Finland	John Forsius (2)
Sweden	Håkan Sanner (2)

Election of auditors and deputies

The following persons were suggested and approved.

Auditors	Deputies
Lennart de Maré	Linus Zhang
Bo Leander	Björn Norell

Election of election committee members and deputies

The following persons were suggested and approved. Arve Tvede was approved as the chairperson.

Country	Election committee	Deputy
Denmark	Anders Bækgaard	Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia	Ülle Leisk	Arvo Lital
Iceland	Kristinn Einarsson	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Iveta Dubakova	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Jurate Kriauciuniene	Saulius Vaikadas
Norway	Arve Tvede / chairperson	Lars Evan Pettersson
Finland	Timo Huttula	Markku Puupponen
Sweden	Barbro Johansson	Angela Lundberg

Publications – Vannet i Norden and Nordic Hydrology

The website Vannet i Norden (www.vannetinorden.com) should be an active website and should be promoted. Dan Rosbjerg, the editor of Nordic Hydrology discussed issues about this periodical. IWA publishing publishes Nordic Hydrology and issues it 4 times each year as well as electronic versions. Nordic Hydrology has worsened its international ranking. Dan Rosbjerg presented that the British Hydrological Society (BHS) was interested to join Nordic Hydrology. Journals are becoming more competitive with each other and by joining BHS Nordic Hydrology would attract more papers and might increase the numbers of issues. Dan Rosbjerg mentioned that it would be 2 associations running the journal with the same opportunities. The title would also need to be changed. Concerns about changing the name were raised by Elve Lode. On the front of the periodical the new name as well as the old title Nordic Hydrology could be printed. Håkan Sanner mentioned that he had e-mailed out questions about joining BHS, but he didn't receive a lot of answers. Information about a cooperation should be published on the Vannet i Norden website. Elve Lode pointed out the

importance on how to agree, the board could send out questioners and then make a decision. It was decided that the board was given the mandate to decide if Nordic Hydrology should join BHS.

Time and organisers of the next Nordic Hydrologic Conference and General Assembly

The next Nordic Hydrologic Conference will be held on Iceland and the main topic will be Northern Hydrology and its Global Role. It will take part August 11-13 2008 in Reykjavik and was approved at the general assembly.

Other matters

Jóna Finndis Jónsdóttir invited board members and deputies to the next board meeting. This meeting took place during the 9th August 2006. Lars Lundin closed the general assembly.