



6. Board meeting – NHF – 2025

Time and date: September 4th, 14:00–16:00 Norwegian time

Location – Digital on Teams

Participants:

DENMARK: Sofie G. W. van't Veen (board member)

ESTONIA: Elve Lode (board member)

FINLAND: Eliisa Lotsari (deputy)

ICELAND: Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (board member)

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

LITHUANIA: Diana Meilutyte-Lukaskiene (deputy)

NORWAY: Torill Engen Skaugen (chair, board member), minutes

SWEDEN: Jing Li (board member)

HR-editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland)

IWA-publishing – Arash Hejazi and Jemima Hurford, COO of IWAP (item 2)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway) – did not attend

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	Discussion on Hydrology Research's collaboration with Elsevier IWA Publishing (IWAP) is currently evaluating an operational agreement with Elsevier to manage the publishing and open access functions of several of its journals. One of these journals is <i>Hydrology Research</i> , which is the subject of an agreement between IWAP and the Nordic Association for Hydrology (NHF) from 2007.



	Arash Hejazi (Managing Director) and Jemima Hurford, both from IWAP, attended the meeting for this item. Arash gave a presentation. He respectfully requests NHF's formal agreement to include <i>Hydrology Research</i> in IWAPs proposed contract with Elsevier. After the presentation, it was possible to ask questions, and we had a short discussion. We all want to increase the number of hydrological papers with high quality in the future. Conclusion: The NHF- board agreed to accept that IWAP move forward with their contract negotiations with Elsevier. IWAP and NHF will also discuss updating our own agreement between IWAP and NHF. Torill and Björn will continue the follow up with IWAP. The board will be involved before we sign the new agreement.
3	Minutes from the last board meetings: 26 June 2025 Minutes were approved.
4	NHC 2025 in Iceland • Financial statement (Tinna) ○ Still waiting for the last invoices ○ The result of the conference will be a surplus • Special issue (Björn) ○ Björn had to leave the meeting before this item. We will have the item at the next meeting ○ The board agrees that the special issue should be published before the next conference
5	NHC 2026 in Finland • Eliisa presented a preliminary budget • Martin encourages creating three scenarios to account for conducting the conference with different numbers of participants • Scientific committee ○ Sweden will send their suggestions ○ Finland will contact the ones they find relevant for the committee ○ All countries don't have to be represented in all sub-committees



	• Webpage ○ Under work. The arrangement committee will let us know as soon as it is established. And it will be before the dates for registering. http://nhc2026.fi is suggested.
6	NHC 2028 in Latvia • Preliminary plans ○ The theme that will be suggested for the conference will be in relation with the ecosystem ○ Latvia is ready for hosting the conference
7	Strategy • Communication plan on LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/groups/10141024/ As a minimum: ○ A summary of the NHC2025 including winners of posters and oral presentation (Torill) – September ○ Announcement of the next conference NHC2026 (Anna-Kaisa) – October ○ Sweeden – November ○ Latvia – December ○ Denmark – January ○ Lithuania – February ○ Iceland – March ○ Estonia – April ○ Norway – May We had a discussion regarding how to get more audience. Should we aim for more members? Maybe 300 by the end of the year? We agreed that we all have to be active on LinkedIn to get more attention. • Collaboration with CHINB ○ Invite Hege Hisdal to our next meeting
8	Any other items There were no other items.



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Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 19th at 2 pm Norwegian time in Teams.

Torill Engen Skaugen
Chair, secretary