



Minutes of the General Assembly of the Nordic Association for Hydrology

Place: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Kongesalen, Dreggsallmenningen 1, Bergen, Norway

Date and time: Monday 13 August 2018, at 15.45-16.25

Present: 45 persons

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The board chair, Linus Zhang, opened the General Assembly at 15.45 by welcoming everybody to the meeting. The handouts including all the necessary documents were distributed.

2. Organization of the meeting: Appointment of meeting chairperson, meeting secretary, and two scrutinizers (also to be tellers)

Linus Zhang was elected as the meeting chair. Heidi Lee was elected as the secretary. Kolbjørn Engeland and Martin Bergstand were elected as the scrutinizers.

3. Legitimacy and quorum of the General Assembly

The General Assembly 2018 was announced at the previous NHF General Assembly in August 2016 in Kaunas, Lithuania, on the NHF-website for 60 days before the meeting, on the NHC2018-website and by email. The General Assembly is therefore legal.

4. Approval of the agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

5. Biennial 2016–2018 report from the Chairman of the board

The board chair, Linus Zhang, presented the biennial report describing board members and officers, board meetings (6), number of members, development of the association, key activities of the board and other appointed tasks of NHF. The report was approved.

6. Biennial report 2016–2018 from the Publicity committee

Prof. Chong-Yu Xu, presented the biennial report on the committee's activities during the years 2016–2018. A membership survey on NHF and Hydrology Research journal will be carried out soon.

7. The financial accounts of 2016 and 2017, and the auditors' report

The chair and the treasurer, Martin Bergstrand, presented the financial accounts of the years 2016 and 2017. Both years ended up with a deficit: -5 990 SEK (in 2016) and -4 887 SEK (in 2017). This pattern is not economically healthy and the own capital decreases year after year. Nevertheless, the financial conditions of NHF are still good, and the association is still able to develop its activities. The membership fees were collected in every member country both years.

The auditor, Bo Leander, introduced the auditors' report, and the comments included in the report. The auditors recommend the financial report for 2016 and 2017 to be adopted, and to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during the years 2016 and 2017.

8. Approval of the financial accounts

The financial accounts of NHF for 2016 and 2017, and the auditors' report were approved.

9. Decision on release from responsibility

The General Assembly made a decision to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during 2016 and 2017.

10. Budget for 2019 and 2020, and decision on membership fees

Linus Zhang presented the budget for 2019 and 2020. The result for 2019 is budgeted to be unprofitable (-5 500 SEK) and for 2020 profitable (22 500 SEK). NHF do not expect a surplus and assets should be used on different activities. However, the continuous deficits eat the own capital. Therefore the coming years should be profitable or at least go in balance. The budget was approved.

The membership fees remain unchanged. For the Nordic countries the fees are SEK 300 for the individual and SEK 4 000 for the institutional members. For the Baltic countries the fees are SEK 100 for the individual and SEK 1 500 for the institutional members. Since 1.1.2013, the membership has been free of charge for master's and PhD-students and retired hydrologists for four (4) years.

11. Election of board members, deputy members and chair

The following persons were suggested and elected. The proposals for new members or deputy members, or re-elections, are in **bold**, the others did not stand for the election. The numbers in brackets indicate the years each board member has remaining on the board from 2016. Linus Zhang from Sweden was elected as the chair of the board for two years ago.

Board members:

Country	Board member	Period	Years remaining	Comment
Denmark	Sofie G. W. van't Veen	2018-2022	4	New.
Estonia	Elve Lode	2018-2022	4	New.
Finland	Johanna Korhonen	2016-2020	2	Board member since 2012, deputy member since 2008.
Iceland	Tinna Þórarinsdóttir	2018-2022	4	New.
Latvia	Līga Klints	2016-2020	2	Board member since 2016.
Lithuania	Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene	2018-2022	4	Re-election. Board member since 2014, deputy member since 2010.
Norway	Kolbjørn Engeland	2018-2022	4	Re-election. Board member since 2014.
Sweden	Linus Zhang, Chair	2016-2020	2	Board member since 2016, deputy member since 2012.

Deputy members:

Country	Deputy member	Period	Years remaining	Comment
Denmark	Niels Behring Ovesen	2018-2022	4	New.
Estonia	Jaanus Terasmaa	2018-2022	4	New.
Finland	Hannu Marttila	2016-2020	2	Deputy member since 2016.
Iceland	Kristján Geirsson	2018-2022	4	New.
Latvia	Ainis Lagzdiņš	2016-2020	2	Deputy member since 2016.
Lithuania	Vytautas Akstinas	2018-2022	4	New.
Norway	Stein Beldring	2018-2022	4	Re-election. Deputy member since 2014.
Sweden	Marie Bergstrand	2016-2020	2	Deputy member since 2016.

12. Election of auditors and deputies

The following persons were suggested and elected:

Auditors	Deputy
Lennart de Maré	Björn Norell
Bo Leander	Jonas Olsson

13. Election of election committee members and deputies

The following persons were suggested and elected as the election committee. The new board was delegated the responsibility to fulfill the Danish representation in the election committee and nominate the chair of the election committee.

Country	Election committee	Deputy
Denmark	N.N.	Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia	Alvina Reihan	Arvo Iital
Finland	Riitta Kamula	Pertti Ala-aho
Iceland	Jórunn Hardardóttir	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Ilze Rudlapa	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Zenonas Gulbinas	Jurgita Daubariene
Norway	Knut Ola Aamodt	Per Alve Glad
Sweden	Jing Li	Håkan Sanner

14. Election of chair of the Publicity Committee

Kolbjørn Engeland was elected as the chair of the Publicity Committee for the next four (4) years in 2018.

15. The change of statutes of NHF

The NHF-board suggests General Assembly an alteration of the statutes § 6 Board of the Association. The following statement is to be added to the § 6: “If the election committee has not suggested suitable candidates from each of the countries, not all countries need to be represented, as long as it is ensured that all board members are residents in any of the 8 member countries.”

The GA approved the change of statutes, with following amendments:
Minimum six of eight of the member countries should be represented in the board.
Each country should be represented completely either in the board or the election committee at a time.

The change needs to be approved for the second time at the General Assembly 2020 in order to be valid.

16. Time and organizer of the next Nordic Hydrological Conference and General Assembly

The General Assembly decided that the next Nordic Hydrological Conference will be held 10–12 August 2020 in Tallinn, Estonia. The next General Assembly will be in connection with the Nordic Hydrological Conference in Tallinn.

17. Other items

None.

18. Closing of the General Assembly

Linus Zhang closed the General Assembly at 16.25.

Heidi Lee
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Meeting secretary

Kolbjørn Engeland
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Scrutinizer

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