**NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING**
Nordic Association for Hydrology

**Minutes from NHF General Assembly 2024**

**Time:** 2024-12-27 13:00 – 14:30

**Chair**: Linus Zhang

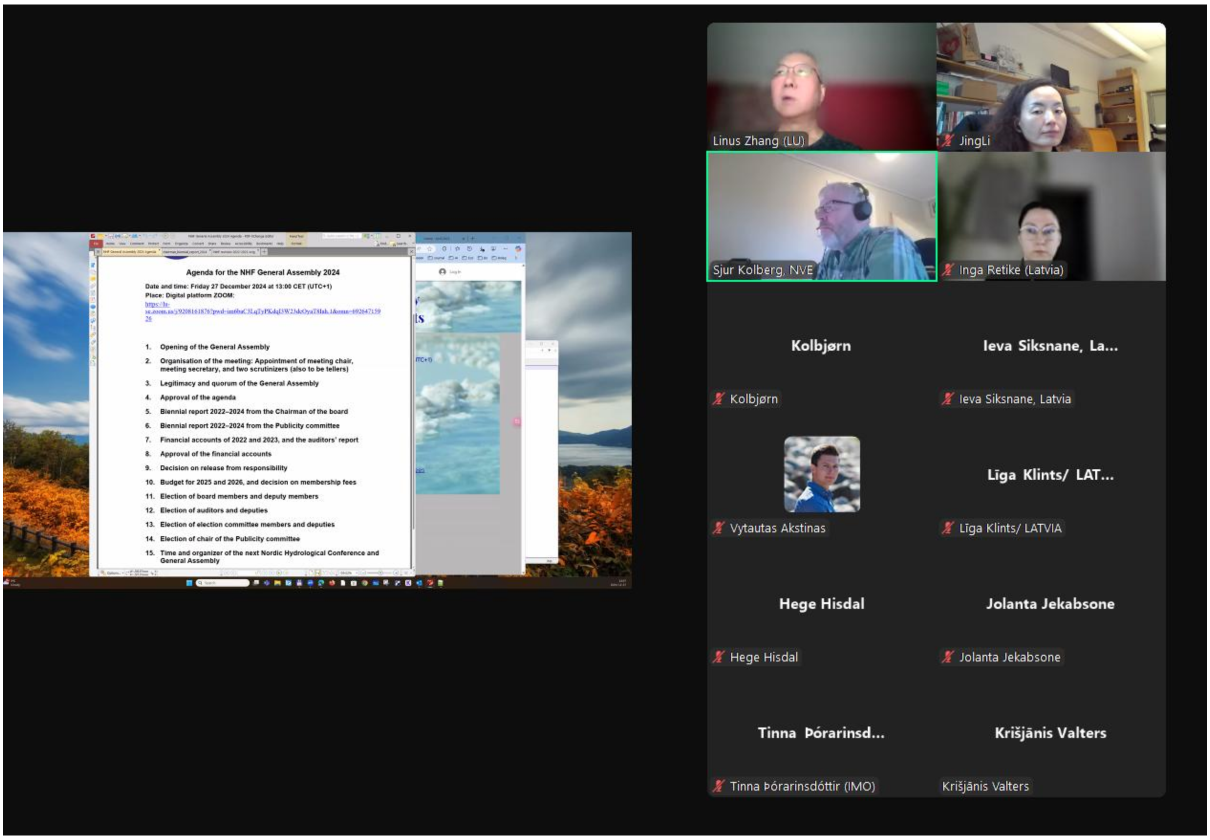
**Secretary:** Jing Li

**Scrutinizers/Tellers**: Kolbjørn Engeland and Tinna Þórarinsdóttir

**Participants:**

Linus Zhang (SE), Jing Li (SE), Sjur Kolberg (NO), Inga Retike (Latvia), Kolbjørn Engeland (NO), Leva Siksnane (Latvia), Vytautas Akstinas (Lithuania), Liga Klints (Latvia), Sofie G. W. van't Veen (Dk), Jolanta Jekabsone (Latvia), Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (Iceland), Hege Hisdal (NO), Krisjanis Valters (Latvia).

**Screen dump of the meeting:**




Meeting documents: https://www.nhf-hydrology.org/ga2024

## 1. Opening of the General Assembly Organisation of the meeting

The board chair, Linus Zhang, opened the General Assembly at 13:05 by welcoming everybody to the meeting. The meeting documents are published on the NHF's website: www.nhf-hydrology.org/

## 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. Jing Li was elected as the secretary. Kolbjørn Engeland and Tinna Þórarinsdóttir were elected as the scrutinizers.

## 3. Legitimacy and quorum of the General Assembly

The GA assembly invite was sent out two 2 months before the meeting. There is no minimum requirement for the number of participants in the general assembly, and all onsite agreed to proceed the GA. Only Finland representative was missing during the meeting.

## 4. Approval of the agenda.

The meeting agenda was approved.

## 5. Biennial report 2022–2024 from the Chairman of the board

Linus described the report: For details see the website:https:/www.nhf-hydrology.org/_files/ugd/7d0e3c_6e9c3b8d53414f56b3683cb930694d8c.pdf

- Organization members overview.
- 280 registered members.
- Activities: 3 digital meetings and one board meeting.
- Website: NHC 2025 information on website; all GA documents are updated on the website.
- A short summary of NHC2022 and information is updated in the pdf.
- Bo Leander stepped down after 53 years as an auditor for NHF. NHF is grateful for his long and dedicated service.
- Update from Hydrology Research (HR): The British Hydrological Society (BHS) left in 2023; The consequence of BHS leaving HR is yet unknown. The publication process is still going on. Action point for the new board: The new board will ask Björn Klöve to further describe the situation and to give information on if and how this change will impact NHF and HR.
  The report was approved.

## 6. Biennial report 2022–2024 from the Publicity committee

The chairman of publicity committee is Vytautas. There were minor updates made to the website, but no further work was done within the committee.

## 7. **Financial accounts of 2022 and 2023,** and **the auditors' report**

Linus Zhang presented the financial accounts of the years 2022 and 2023. The year 2018 ended up with a profit of 5 597 SEK and the year 2023 with a profit of 78 943 SEK. The current assets are now 844 321 SEK. 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
Linus Zhang presented the Auditor's' report. The auditors recommend the financial report for 2022 and 2023 to be adopted, and to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during the years 2022 and 2023.

## 8. Approval of the financial accounts

The financial accounts of NHF for 2020 and 2023, and the auditors' report were approved.

## 9. Decision on release from responsibility

The General Assembly decided to grant the board and the treasurer discharge from liability for the administration during 2022 and 2023.

## 10. Budget for 2025 and 2026, and decision on membership fees

Linus Zhang presented the budget for 2025 and 2026. The result for 2025 is budgeted to be unprofitable (-17 000 SEK) and for 2026 profitable (25 000 SEK). NHF do not expect a surplus and assets should be used on different activities. The budget was approved.
Main income is from institutional members
Decision of membership fee: unchanged. Approved

The board suggested to keep the membership fees unchanged for to the coming two-year period, 2025–2026:
• The fee for individual members: SEK 0,-
• The fee for the Nordic institutional members: SEK 5 000,- and for the Baltic institutional members: SEK 2 000,-

The General Assembly approved the membership fees

The new board will have to follow up the procedure of sending out invoices and information to all institutional members, and inform them about the activities of the NHF, explain the benefits of the membership and give appreciation.

## 11. Election of board members, deputy members and chair

**Board members:**
The following persons were suggested and elected. Toril Engen Skaugen from Norway was elected as the chair of the board. Hege Hisdal introduced Torill's background and competence.

Finland: Anna Kaisa Ronkanen (re-elected for 4 new years)
Latvia: Jolanta Jekabosone (first period of 4 years)
Norway: Torill Engen Skaugen (first period of 4 years). Elected as chair of NHF
Sweden: Jing Li (first period of 4 years)
Lithuania: Vytautas Akstinas (first period of 4 years)

The following are board members for another two years (not in election)
Denmark: Sofie G. W. van't Veen (board member since 2018)
Estonia: Elve Lode (board member since 2018)

Iceland:Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (board member since 2018)

**Deputy members:**
The following persons were suggested and elected.
Finland, Eliisa Lotsari (re-elected for 4 new years)
Iceland:  Andri Gunnarsson (first period of 4 years)
Latvia: Liga Klints (first period of 4 years)
Sweden: Fainaz Inamdeen (first period of 4 years)

The following are board members for another two years (not on election)
Denmark:  Niels Behring Ovesen (deputy member since 2018)
Estonia:  Jaanus Terasmaa  (deputy member since 2018)
Norway. Sjur Kolberg (deputy member since 2018)
Lithuania: Diana  Meilutyte- Lukauskiene (deputy member since 2022)

**12. Election of auditors and deputies**

**Auditors:**
The following persons were suggested and elected:

| **Auditors** | **Deputy** |
|---|---|
| Lennart de Maré | Jonas Olsson |
| Björn Norell | |

In 2 years, Jonas Olsson will take over Lennart de Maré's position as auditor.

**13. Election of election committee members and deputies**
**Election Committee** members and the chair of election committee (Kolbjørn Engeland) are approved.

| **Country** | **Election committee** | **Deputy** |
|---|---|---|
| Denmark | Jane Rosenstand Laugesen | Bertel Nilsson |
| Estonia | Alvina Reihan | Arvo Iital |
| Finland | Riitta Kamula | New candidate needed |
| Iceland | Jórunn Harðardóttir | Óli Grétar Blöndal Sveinsson |
| Latvia | Ilze Rudlapa | Anda Bakute |
| Lithuania | Jūratė Kriaučiūnienė | Rita Linkeviciene |
| Norway | Per Alve Glad | Kolbjørn Engeland |
| Sweden | Claudia Teresa Canedo Rosso | René Capell |

**14. Election of chair of the Publicity committee**

The new board will decide this matter.

**15. Time and organizer of the next Nordic Hydrological Conference and GA**

The board will decide where and when to have the next NHC (after 2025).

The procedure shall be followed for organization of the conference. From the rotating line, two options are suggested: Denmark and Latvia. Decision shall be taken soon and preferably before NHC 2025. The new board shall act soon to decide where the next NHC will be held and which year. Next GA will also be decided by the new board.

**16. Other items**

No other items.

**17. Closing the meeting**

Linus Zhang closed the meeting.

**Signatures:**

Linus Zhang

Meeting Chair

Jing Li

Meeting Secretary

Kolbjørn Engeland
Scrutinizer

Tinna Þórarinsdóttir
Scrutinizer