



1. Board meeting – NHF – 2026

Time and date: February 18th, 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: Anna-Kaisa Ronkanen (board member) and Eliisa Lotsari (deputy)

ICELAND: Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (board member)

LATVIA: Jolanta Jēkabsone (board member) and Līga Klīns (deputy)

LITHUANIA: Diana Meilutytė-Lukaskienė (deputy)

NORWAY: Torill Engen Skaugen (chair, board member)

SWEDEN: Jing Li (board member) and Fainaz Inamdeen (deputy)

HR-editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Minutes

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1	Welcome Torill opened the meeting. The meeting was declared valid, as more than half of the board members or deputies were present.
2	Minutes from the last meeting, 19.11.2025 The minutes were approved.
3	NHC 2026 in Finland Anna-Kaisa presented the status of NHC 2026. • A detailed budget was presented. • The conference currently has three sponsors.



	• The organizers are planning a social media campaign to invite more companies to participate. The company fee is higher than the ordinary participant fee, and companies may promote their products and services. • The budget is currently based on 300 participants. The board recommended preparing alternative budget scenarios for 150, 200, and 250 participants. • The Scientific Committee held its first meeting last week. • The abstract submission deadline is 30th April, and notification of acceptance will be sent by 1st June. • CHINB / NHF session at NHC 2026: The organizers will return to this once the draft program is ready in June. • Best student presentation and poster: The board needs a list of participating students. Anna-Kaisa and Torill will plan an efficient evaluation process for student presentations and posters. Note: All board members are encouraged to use LinkedIn to promote the conference.
4	General Assembly 2026 • Riitta Kamula (member) and Pertti Ala-aho (deputy) currently represent Finland in the Election Committee. • Kolbjørn Engeland (NVE) is the head of the Election Committee and will coordinate the elections together with the committee. • Approximately 1.5 hours has been allocated for GA 2026, scheduled for Wednesday, 19th August 2026 at 13:00, at the conference venue. • Board meeting prior to NHC: A board meeting will be held on 17th August in Mariehamn. Anna-Kaisa and/or Eliisa will assist in finding a meeting room. Torill and Heidi will arrange a dinner after the meeting. • A board meeting after the General Assembly is required to constitute the new board.
5	NHC 2028 in Latvia Jolanta gave a brief status update. She will meet with other Latvian hydrologists later in February to discuss NHC 2028 and will provide more information at the next board meeting in May.



	NHC 2028 must be announced at NHC 2026 (during the closing session), including the main topic, dates, and venue.
6	Hydrology Research Bjørn provided a short update. • The collaboration with Elsevier is ongoing. • Special issue from NHC 2025 (completed): Bjørn will contact the editor (Marie). • Special issue from NHC 2026: Bjørn will start planning this work.
7	Finances Martin is working on the financial closing for 2025. NHF is gradually using the funds accumulated over several years. Financial strategy, including how to increase income (e.g. increased contribution from SMHI), will be discussed further at the next board meeting. Participation in the NHC2026, Åland The NHF will reimburse direct travel costs to Åland, accommodation and conference fee for: • Board members (if the board member <i>cannot participate</i>, the deputy board member may be reimbursed). • The Treasurer • The Secretary • The HR-editor (to be decided at the next board meeting) It is recommended to use external or alternative funding for travel costs where possible. NHF does not cover daily allowances (per diem). Martin, Torill, and Heidi will meet to discuss how to issue invoices to the institutional members via a reliable online service (e-invoicing).
8	Any other items A CHINB meeting on flood forecasting was held in Lithuania last week. No significant NHF–CHINB connections were reported. The board will begin planning activities for 2027, a year without an NHC. Board members are asked to consider smaller activities that could generate income.
9	Next meeting



The next board meeting will be held on **20th May 2026 at 10:00 (Norwegian time)** on Teams.

If all participants agree, the meeting will be recorded to evaluate the quality of Copilot-generated summaries.

Torill Engen Skaugen
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary