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## NHF - Report from the chair, August 2020 – August 2022

### 1. Organization

In 2022, the Nordic Association for Hydrology has about 264 registered individual members, and 11 institutional members with two pending members from Latvia. The total number of registered individual members was about 220 in 2020.

#### Officers

The board of the Nordic Association for Hydrology has had the following members during the last two years:

Country	Board member	Deputy member
Denmark	Sofie G. W. van't Veen	Niels Behring Ovesen
Estonia	Elve Lode (Vice Chair)	Jaanus Terasmaa
Finland	Anna-Kaisa Ronkanen	Eliisa Lotsari
Iceland	Tinna Þórarinsdóttir	Kristján Geirsson
Latvia	Līga Klints	Ainis Lagzdīņš
Lithuania	Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene	Vytautas Akstinas
Norway	Kolbjørn Engeland	Stein Beldring
Sweden	Linus Zhang, (Chair)	Maria Elenius

The election committee has included:

Country	Election committee	Deputy
Denmark	Signe Søndergaard	N.N.
Estonia	Alvina Reihan	Arvo Iital
Finland	Riitta Kamula	Johanna Korhonen
Iceland	Jórunn Hardardóttir	Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia	Ilze Rudlapa	Anda Bakute
Lithuania	Zenonas Gulbinas	Jurate Kriauciuniene
Norway	Per Alve Glad	Heidi Lee
Sweden	Jing Li	Niclas Hjerdt

In addition, the following officers have served the association:

Position	Name
Treasurer	Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)



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Secretary	In connection with resigning from Heidi Lee, A new secretary is appointed. Weng Yun was appointed for 6 months during 2021. Starting from 2022, Han Yu (Sweden) was appointed.
Web-editor	Weng Yun (6 month) then Han Yu (Sweden)
Auditors	Bo Leander (Sweden) and Lennart de Maré (Sweden)
Deputy auditors	Björn Norell (Sweden) and Jonas Olsson (Sweden)
Editor, Hydrology Research	Björn Klöve (Finland) from end of 2018

## 2. Activities

### *Board meetings*

Due to the pandemic situation, the use of digital technique in meetings has been the main tool for Board meeting. The board has had seven meetings since the General Assembly (GA) in 2020 with TEAMS and SKYPE. The first board meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October directly after the GA. In addition, several meetings were held on SI issue for HR where most of the board members were involved.

The rest of the eight meetings were held at following dates:

- 2020-10-07, Teams
- 2020-11-16, Skype on NHF-50 years special issue
- 2021-09-10, Skype
- 2021-11-25, Skype
- 2022-04-20, Skype
- 2022-04-29, Skype
- 2022-06-17, Skype

### *Development of the association*

The strategy of NHF was under continuous revision and update in order to articulate a clear and practical strategies (both long-term and short-term) for the development of the association. New version will be discussed during the coming Board meeting.

In line with the short-term goal to increase the activity level, NHF approved to support one to two conference(s). during the period, one conference was supported:

- The 6th Conference on Modelling Hydrology, Climate and Land Surface Processes (Lillehammer conference), 14–16th September 2021, organized by the Norwegian Hydrological Council, was granted for 25 000 SEK.

During the last two years, routines of maintaining the membership record and collecting membership fees have been simplified since the weave of the individual membership fees,



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an individual membership register is kept for administration purpose. For institutional members, the NHF Secretary may provide prepared invoices in pdf format, which is distributed by the national board member.

The financial closings of 2020 to 2022 should have been reported periodically and annually by the Treasurer, as requested by the Auditors at the General Assembly.

For the recent financial years, the income should support the key functions, and the association should work towards a healthier economy. Based on decisions from 2016, the following measures to cut the costs were put in operation:

- Cut costs for board meetings, secretary and web editor services.
- Financial support to other workshops activities will be granted only every other year (the years without NHC) by SEK 25 000 instead of SEK 50 000
- Institutional membership fees have been raised.

*Hydrology Research (HR)* is the official journal of four hydrological associations: NHF and the British, German and Italian associations. Prof. Bjørn Kløve (Finland) has been the Editor-in-Chief since 2018. It has been decided that the NHF chair and the chair of the Publicity Committee should participate at annual meetings with the publisher (IWA Publishing), editors and the British Hydrological Society (BHS). HR has been an open access journal since 1 January 2020.

*NHCs through history – abstract books to the web page.*

The work of abstract books to be scanned to pdf and published on the website should be continued but unfortunately this was not the case. We encourage board members try to find the digital or paper versions from the conferences that have been arranged in their countries.

It was decided that a working group will present its recommendations for recruiting more members should be formed, this is again, not the case due to various difficulties. We need to renew this discussion soon.

*NHCs new web page.*

During the transition period of switching to a new design and new platform of NHF web page, the old version ([nhf-hydrology.org](http://nhf-hydrology.org)) and the new testing version (<https://linuszhang.wixsite.com/nhf-hydrology>) are online simultaneously. The final version will be decided and chosen during the coming board meeting in August 2022. As decided by the earlier board meeting, a newsletter from NHF will be published regularly. So far, two newsletters have been published and distributed among all members as well as through social media. Ideas on how to improve the newsletter are highly welcome.



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*NHC-2020 (NHC-2022)*

Due to the spread of the COVID-19, the planned XXXI Nordic Hydrological Conference in Tallinn, Estonia is postponed to 2022. The new date for the conference is 15–18 August 2022. The venue will be the same - Tallinn, Estonia. The organizing committee has made a lot of efforts in both professional work and networking for the Association as well as the planning work for this important event; we are looking forward for the successful NHC-2022. Year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Nordic Association for Hydrology (NHF)! The formal establishment of NHF was at Stockholm 1970-08-28. The best way to celebrate this anniversary commemorate pioneers for NHF and continue to promote the work they have started. Several celebrating events were planned for the 2022 Nordic Hydrological Conference in Tallinn.

Lund, 2022-07-15

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NHF Chair