



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

Nordic Association for Hydrology

Minutes of the NHF board meeting at Tallinn University, Mare Building, 12 March 2019

Present: Board members – Sofie G. W. van't Veen (Denmark), Elve Lode, Jaanus Terasmaa and Tiit Vaasma (Estonia), Hannu Marttila (Finland), Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (Iceland), Līga Klints (Latvia), Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene and Vytautas Akstinas (Lithuania), Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway), Linus Zhang (Sweden)

HR-editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Not present: Martin Bergstrand (Treasurer)

1.–3. Opening, organization and approval of the meeting agenda

Linus Zhang opened the meeting at 9.20. Linus Zhang was appointed as the Chair and Heidi Lee as the Secretary. The minutes will be scrutinized jointly. The meeting participants are given five days to comment on the minutes, before they are published on the website. The suggested agenda was approved.

4. Minutes from the previous board meetings 12. & 13.8.2018, 10.10.2018

The minutes from the previous board meetings were approved.

The items 6 and 9 from the meeting 12.8.2018, and the item 9 from the meeting 13.8.2018 will be followed up today. The election committee is completed.

5. Meeting costs for this meeting

The lunch and coffee will be paid directly by NHF. The travel costs for the board members, Secretary and Editor of HR will be reimbursed by NHF. The reimbursements (private or through the employer) are to be send directly to the Treasure, Martin Bergstrand. A template for the travel reimbursement can be downloaded from the NHF-Google Disk.

6. Status Nordic Hydrological Conferences

Finances NHC 2018

Heidi presented the financial result of the NHC 2018. The total result NOK +86 824 and the requirement from NHF, SEK 50 000 (NOK 45 905), altogether NOK 132 729 have been transferred to the Treasurer in 2019.

HR special issue NHC 2018

Not more than six papers have been submitted to the HR special issue of NHC 2018. Kolbjørn and Heidi will send another reminder to the conference participants. The board members are to send a reminder to their contacts. The deadline for submission is extended to 31 May 2019. The paper submission does not require a participation in the NHC. As long as the paper is within the scope of the conference topics, it can be submitted.

NHC 2020

Tiit Vaasma presented the program (10–13.8.2020), themes, committees and preliminary budget of the NHC 2020. The conference includes celebrations of the 100-year-old Estonian hydroservice, and 50-year-old NHF. The board recommends that the General Assembly 2020 will be held during the first or the second conference day.

The scientific committee was completed during the meeting.

A funding group was established and the members are the Estonian organizing committee, Kolbjørn and Linus. A workshop committee consists of the Estonian organizing committee, Kolbjørn and Bjørn.

The final detailed budget should be presented to the board six months prior to the conference (February 2020). For other deadlines, see the ‘Principles of arranging Nordic Hydrology Conferences’.

NHC 2022

Iceland is willing to host the NHC 2022. Tinna follows up.

7. Finances and membership

Result and balance for the year 2018, membership fees 2018

Result and balance for the year 2018 were not handled in this meeting. The report on paid fees for 2018 was not available in this meeting. These items are postponed to the next board meeting.

Membership fees 2019

The membership fees for 2019 are to be collected by June 2019. Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian board members collect and transfer the fees directly to the Treasurer. Heidi issues invoices to the Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Icelandic members. Linus, Sofie and Tinna send the invoices to their members, Heidi sends to the Norwegian and Finnish members.

8. Hydrology Research

Approval of the new editor of HR

The board approved Bjørn Kløve as the new editor of the Hydrology Research and Chong-Yu Xu as the editor emeritus as the board preliminary appointed them in November 2018.

Procedure (guideline) for nomination of a new editor of HR in the future

The suggested guideline for nomination of the editor of HR was approved.

- 1: The NHF-editor of Hydrology Research should be a well-established researcher affiliated to a research performing institution in one of the member countries.
- 2: The new editor can be nominated by the resigning editor and the NHF-board members.
- 3: The new editor should be approved by the NHF-board.

4: The editor is free to nominate co-editors and keeps the board informed.
Guideline is published at the NHF-website.

Information (minutes) from IWA annual meeting on 24 January 2019

Linus presented the minutes from the IWA Publishing annual meeting 24.1.2019 in which Linus, Bjørn and Chong-Yu participated. The minutes have been forwarded to the board.

Open access publishing in Europe

According to the European Plan S, the publications based on public funding should be published in Open Access journals from 2020. It is unclear how HR will meet the requirement for Open Access publishing. Linus will follow up this with IWA.

9. Grant application for the 5th Modelling conference in Lillehammer

The budget for seminars and workshops is SEK 25 000 for 2019. After a thorough discussion the board granted SEK 50 000 for this conference. NHF, HR and NHC 2020 should be promoted during the 5th Lillehammer conference; NHF has the responsibility to provide the brochures etc.

10. Strategy

Membership recruitment etc.

Kolbjørn leads the strategy-working group (Linus, Sofie, Elve, and Jaanus) that was appointed 12.8.2018. The board provided input to an action plan how to increase visibility and communication, how to improve NHF as a meeting place for hydrologists and employers. In addition, topics for courses and workshops were suggested. The strategy-working group will prepare first draft of an action plan to the next board meeting.

Survey

The strategy group will fulfil the questionnaire. Contact Kolbjørn if any questions should be added or changed. The questionnaire can be downloaded from the NHF-Google Disk.

11. NHF Organization

NHF will turn 50 years in 2020 – see item 6.

A board member lacking an access to the NHF-Google Disk contacts Heidi.

NHF secretary

Heidi will step down as the secretary by the GA 2020. The board will recruit a new secretary; Heidi writes a work description.

Early Career Scientist (ECS) branch within NHF – Sofie and Tinna will follow up.

12. Other items

No other items.

13. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be held as a SKYPE-meeting in late August or early September. Heidi sends a Doodle.

14. Closing of the meeting

Linus closed the meeting at 16.00.

Linus Zhang
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary