



Minutes Annual Meeting 2016 The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP)

Location: The Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center (NERSC),
Thormøhlensgate 47, Bergen
Time: 17th of November 2016, 14:00 – 15:00
Participants: Anton G. Kjelaas (President), Pål Brekke (Board Member), Stein Sandven (Member)
Secretariat: Thor S. Larsen (Secretary General), Marry Kristin Waal Sandstå (Office Manager)
Observer: Jorge Kristiansen

1.	<p>Opening of the annual meeting The Annual Meeting was opened and chaired by NVP's President, Anton G. Kjelaas.</p> <p>The Chair referred to the call of 3 November with documents attached.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the call and election of members to sign the protocol The Agenda was approved. Stein Sandven and Pål Brekke were elected to sign the protocol.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation and discussion about Academy's general activities in 2015-2016 Information about the Academy's activities was part of the Board's report attached to the call. The Chair referred to some key issues in Board's annual report for 2015. With reference to NVP's new Strategic plan for 2015 – 2020, 2015 has been a very active year. Seven new members were elected in 2015 and with that membership the Academy's counts 124 members from 19 nations and eight institutional members. The seminar in Bodø held after the annual meeting Bodø was well attended. The seminar was streamed for availability via NVP's home page.</p> <p>The report of activities was approved.</p>
4.	<p>Financial Statements and the Board's report 2015. The Chair referred to attachments 1-3 to the call.</p> <p>Eight institutional members paid fees for 2015 totaling NOK 800.000. Expenses related to the summer school in 2015 were relatively high, due to lack of financial support from institutions, which have supported previous summer schools. The problem was resolved by contributions from NVP, NERSC and UNIS and by the participatory fees from the students. The Academy's property Isdammen 1 has been rented out for an initial period of five years to the company Better Moments in Longyearbyen. Better Moments will take care of repairs and maintenance after damages during winter storms, and the expenses will be balanced against refunds from the insurance company and against the annual rental fee for the property. Isdammen 1 will be available for NVP for its summer schools and also for other ventures under the auspices of NVP as and when agreed. An estimated value of Isdammen 1 set to NOK 2 mill is probably not realistic.</p> <p>With these comments, the Financial Statements and the Board's report for 2015 were approved.</p>
5.	<p>Information about the Academy's financial situation</p>

	<p>Marry Kristin Waal Sandstå referred to the financial statement per November 9th 2016. The accounts showed an income of NOK 904.000 income, plus additional NOK 200.000 from the sale of chairs from Isdammen 1. Total running costs are NOK 708.000, which gives a result of about NOK 215.000. NVP's economy is sound, but we are dependent upon the annual contributions from our institutional members for fulfilment of planned activities and goals.</p> <p>The reporting on the financial situation was approved.</p>
6.	<p>Presentation of new members</p> <p>NVP's New Members Committee had proposed 13 new members, as of attachment 4 to the call. They were admitted as new members at the Board's meeting prior to the Annual meeting according to the statutes' item 6.3. The new members were presented by the Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bjørn P. Kaltenborn • Dr. Jan Inge Faleide • Dr. Martin Jakobsson • Dr. Morten Smelror • Dr. Astrid Lyså • Dr. Lars Stemmerik • Dr. Rolf Mjelde • Dr. Atle Mørk • Cand. Real. Harald Brekke • Dr. Ståle Johansen • Dr. Matthias Forwick • Dr. Rolf Birger Pedersen • Dr. Svein Disch Mathiesen <p>The Annual Meeting recommend that members should be encouraged to nominate more foreign candidates and also seek a better balance regarding gender and diversity in expertise within both polar regions.</p>
7.	<p>Elections</p> <p>All candidates for the Board were approved by acclamation. Grete Hovelsrud was elected to continue as Vice President. Candidates to the New Members Committee and the Election Committee were unanimously approved.</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anton G. Kjelaas (President) (2015-2017) • Grete Hovelsrud (Vice President) (2016-2018) • Gudmund Hernes (2016-2018) • Gunnar Sand (2016-2018) • Pål Brekke (2015-2017) • Harald Ellingsen (2016-2018) <p>New Members Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristine Offerdal (2015-2017) • Snorre Olaussen (2016-2018) • Bjørn Kaltenborn (2016-2018) <p>Election Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bo Andersen (2015-2017) • Hanne Christiansen (2015-2017) • Stein Sandven (2016-2018)

	The Board thanked outgoing Board member Ole Arve Misund, outgoing members Fred Sigernes and Harald Loeng of the New Members Committee, and outgoing member Willy Østreng of the Election Committee, for their work for the Academy.
8.	Any other business No items were raised.

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