



The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP) Minutes from the Annual Meeting 2017

Location: Trondheim, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Main Building, room 201
 Time: 01st December 2017, 13:00 – 15:00
 Participants: Anton G. Kjelaas (President), Harald Ellingsen (Board Member), Willy Østreng (Member), Rolf Langvatn (Member)
 Secretariat: Thor S. Larsen (Secretary General), Jorge Kristiansen (Acting Office Manager)

1.	<p>Opening of the annual meeting The Annual Meeting was opened and chaired by NVP's President, Anton G. Kjelaas.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the call and election of members to sign the protocol The Chair referred to the call. The Agenda was approved. Willy Østreng and Rolf Langvatn were elected to sign the protocol.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation and discussion about Academy's general activities in 2016-2017</p> <p>The Academy had four Board meetings in 2017. In cooperation with The University Centre in Svalbard, the University of Tromsø / the Arctic University, the North-University, the Norwegian Polar Institute, the University of Oslo and the Nansen Environmental Centre, the Academy hosted a side-event during the Arctic Frontiers in Tromsø on January 26th: "The marginal ice zone. Cross-cutting challenges wooden require interdisciplinary research, management and policy." The event was well attended and well receives.</p> <p>In cooperation with the University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS), UiT – the Arctic University of Norway, the Nord University, the Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI), Akvaplan-niva, the Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center (NERSC), and the Russian Geographical Society (RGS) the Academy hosted an interdisciplinary PhD and Post-Doc summer school in Longyearbyen, Svalbard 31st July – 6th August 2017. The title was "The Arctic Ocean and the marginal ice zone (MIZ). Interdisciplinary research, management practices and policy developments." The Academy received more than 60 applications and 23 students from Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Nepal, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Turkey and UK were accepted. The summer school received funding from the Norwegian Research Council and from the Fridtjof Nansen Scientific Society. Several institutions contributed with in-kind support, e.g. travel and accommodation and other expenses for their participants. The students completed a joint report, which was the basis for their further preparations of a peer review a scientific article to be completed jointly and in consultation with the summer school coordinators.</p> <p>In conjunction with the annual meeting on 1st December, NVP, in cooperation with NTNU and NTVA, hosted a seminar on 30th November. The seminar, which was in Norwegian and entitled "Inn i Polhavet", was chaired by NVPs Board Member Gudmund Hernes. The four seminar presentations were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forskning i Polhavet i et historisk perspektiv v/Thor Bjørn Arlov, NTNU • Arven etter Nansen – utforskningen av Barentshavet v/Marit Reigstad, UiT • GoNorth – utforskningen av Polhavet v/Gunnar Sand, SINTEF • Bruk av autonome farkoster i nordlige farvann v/Geir Johnsen, NTNU



<p>4.</p>	<p>Information about the Academy's financial situation</p> <p>Jorge Kristiansen referred to the financial statement per 20th November 2017. The accounts showed an income of NOK 1.067.000,00. Total running costs are NOK 714.116,92, which gives a result of about NOK 353.829.</p> <p>The accounts for the summer school 2017 show a result in balance, but the project is not yet financially closed until the funding from the Norwegian Research Council has been transferred to the Academy. It is estimated that the Academy's own contribution to the summer school will be approximately NOK 68.000,00.</p> <p>NVP's economy is sound, but we are dependent upon the annual contributions from our institutional members for fulfilment of planned activities and goals. The Academy has sent an application for core funding to the Ministry for Education and Research.</p> <p>The reporting on the financial situation was approved.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Presentation of new members</p> <p>NVP's New Members Committee had proposed 13 new members. They were admitted as new members at the Board's meeting prior to the Annual meeting according to the statutes' item 6.3. Names and a short description of the new members were presented by the Secretary General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Lynch • Amy Lauren Lovecraft • Anatoli Boursmitov • Ander Schomaker • Anikka Nilsson • Antje Boetius • Birger Poppel • Britt Kramvig • Hanne Sagen • Jan Sverre Laberg • Borch, Odd Jarl • Monica Tennberg • Ilker Fer <p>With the new members, the Academy now has 148 members from 19 nations and eight institutional members. It was noted that the new members' competence and experience adds to the wide variety on disciplines and expertise among the Academy's members. This has to be better presented and marketed to our partners and stakeholders. There was a discussion about how members can be mobilized for e.g. arranging regular meetings under the auspices of the Academy. There is a need to strengthen our relationship with the private sector for mutual information, exchange of views and ultimate mutual benefits.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting recommended that members should be encouraged to nominate more foreign candidates and also seek a better balance regarding gender and diversity in</p>



	expertise within both polar regions. There is a need to strengthen membership with expertise from Antarctica.
6.	<p>Elections</p> <p>Anton G. Kjelaas was elected to continue as President for one more year. Pål Brekke was elected to continue as member of the Board for 2019-2020. Rolf Langvatn was elected to replace Hanne Christiansen as member of the Election Committee 2019-2020. The members of the New Members Committee were re-elected.</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anton G. Kjelaas (President) (2017-2018)• Grete Hovelsrud (Vice President) (2016-2018)• Gudmund Hernes (2016-2018)• Gunnar Sand (2016-2018)• Harald Ellingsen (2016-2018)• Pål Brekke (2017-2019) <p>New Members Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snorre Olaussen (2016-2018)• Bjørn Kaltenborn (2016-2018)• Kristine Offerdal (2017-2019) <p>Election Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stein Sandven (2016-2018)• Bo Andersen (2017-2019)• Rolf Langvatn (2017-2019) <p>The meeting thanked outgoing Election Committee member Hanne Christiansen for her work for the Academy.</p>
7.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>No items were raised.</p>

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