



Minutes from Annual Meeting 2014 for the Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP)

Location: Teorifagbygget, University of Tromsø
 Time: 4th of November 2014, 13:00 – 15:00
 Participants: Willy Østreng (President), Gudmund Hernes (Board Member), Asgeir Brekke, Cecilie Mauritzen, Grete Hovelsrud, Alf Håkon Hoel, Anton Kjelaas, Bo Andersen
 Secretariat: Thor S. Larsen (Secretary General) and Marry Kristin Waal Sandstå (Office Manager)

1.	<p>Opening of the annual meeting The Annual Meeting was opened and chaired by NVP's President, Willy Østreng. The participants presented themselves with a short briefing about their expertise, backgrounds and positions.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the call and election of members to sign the protocol The Agenda was approved. Anton Kjelaas and Alf Håkon Hoel were elected to sign the protocol.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation and discussion about Academy's general activities in 2013-2014 Information about activities was part of the Board's report in attachment 1 to the call. Willy Østreng presented some key issues, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwegian Shipowners' Association's international seminar for CEOs and Board members. • Establish contact with LO and NHO for interdisciplinary furthering knowledge. • Pending application to the Arctic Council for NVP to become an observer. • Development of NVP's Program Committees. New committee will be settled in Bodø. • His Majesty King Harald is the Academy's patron. • Summer School 2013 and 2015. • Status regarding Arctic Circle, Arctic Frontiers and Russian Geographical Society. • NVP aim to arrange a symposium related to the Annual Meetings. • NVP's initiative to establish a prize for dedicated and promising young polar scientists (the Mohn Prize). • Application for state grant. • Challenges regarding Isdammen 1. Ongoing processes for optimized use and cost reduction. <p>The report of activities was approved.</p>
4.	<p>Financial Statements and the Board's report 2013. The Financial Statements and Auditor's Report 2013 were briefly commented by Marry Kristin. The reports, as of attachments 1-4 to the call, were approved.</p>
5.	<p>Information about the Academy's financial situation Marry Kristin referred to the financial statement pr. October 31st 2014. NVP's economy is sound, but NVP are dependent of their institutional members to fulfill planned activities and goals. UiN became a new institutional member in 2013. NVP aim to engage more members to achieve desirable development of the academy. A reduction of the annual fee will be considered, along with various member levels and a</p>

	<p>differentiation between universities and institutes. NVP will also apply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for project funding.</p> <p>The statement regarding the financial situation was approved.</p>
6.	<p>Presentation of new members</p> <p>NVPs nomination committee had proposed 7 new members, as of attachment 5 to the call. They were presented by Willy Østreng:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alder, Viviana Andrea • Alsos, Inger • Coulson, Stephen J. • Mauritzen, Cecilie • Mellomvik, Frode • Sjöblom, Anna • Quartino, Maria Liliana <p>The Annual Meeting recommend more foreigners members, along with balance regarding gender and expertise within the north/south polar region.</p> <p>A festivity in relation to the Annual Meetings will be considered, to enhance a closer relationship among the members.</p> <p>The memberships had been approved by the Board according to the statutes' item 6.3.</p>
7.	<p>Elections</p> <p>All candidates for the Board, as presented in attachment 6 to the call, were approved by acclamation. Grete Hovelsrud was elected as Vice President.</p> <p>New Members Committee and Election Committee were unanimously approved.</p>
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>No items were raised.</p>

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