## The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research

Norges Vitenskapsakademi for Polarforskning



## Minutes Annual Meeting 2018 The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP)

Location: Det Norske Videnskaps-Akademi; Drammensveien 78, Oslo.

Time: November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018, 12:30 – 13:30

Participants: Anton G. Kjelaas (President), Grete K. Hovelsrud (Vice President), Pål Brekke (Board

Member), Gudmund Hernes (Board Member), Johannes Schweitzer (Institutional

member - NORSAR.)

By phone: Lawson Brigham (Academy member.)

Secretariat: Thor S. Larsen (Secretary General), Jorge Kristiansen (Office Manager)

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1.	Opening of the annual meeting.
	The Annual Meeting was opened and chaired by NVP's Vice President, Grete K. Hovelsrud.
	The Chair referred to the call.
2.	Approval of the call and election of members to sign the protocol.
	The Agenda was approved. Pål Brekke and Johannes Schweitzer were elected to sign the protocol.
3.	Presentation and discussion about the Academy's activities in 2017.
	Information about the Academy's activities in 2017 was part of the Board's report attached to the call. The Chair referred to some activities during 2017, e.g. the Summer School in Longyearbyen, Svalbard in 2017. The Academy approved 13 new members in 2017 and two in 2018 and with those memberships the Academy's counts 150 members from 19 nations and six institutional members.
4.	Financial Statements and the Board's report 2017. The Chair referred to the documents sent with the call.
	Eight institutional members paid fees for 2017 totaling NOK 1.050.000.
	With these comments, the Financial Statements and the Board's report for 2017 were approved.
5.	Information about the Academy's financial situation.
	Jorge Kristiansen referred to the financial statement for 2017. The accounts showed an income of NOK 1 188 900,00. Total running costs are NOK 1 264 085,00; which gives a result of about NOK -75 185,00.
	NVP's economy in 2017 was sound, but we are dependent upon the annual contributions from our institutional members for fulfilment of planned activities and goals.

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	In 2018, the Academy has lost two institutional members (NERSC and Norges Rederiforbund.) This has consequences for the prognosis for 2018, which is expected to give a result of about NOK – 60 000,00  The reporting on the financial situation was approved.
6.	Presentation of new members.
	NVP's New Members Committee had proposed 2 new members, as of case document 6.1 attached 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:  Ole Lindefjeld Robert W Corell
	The Annual Meeting recommend that members should be encouraged to nominate more foreign canadidates and also seek a better balance regarding gender and diversity in expertise within both polar regions.
7.	Elections.
	The Secretary General presented the proposals of the Elections Committee. All candidates for the Board were approved by acclamation. Grete K. Hovelsrud was elected as President. Candidates to the New Members Committee and the Election Committee were unanimously approved.
	The Board:
	New Members Committee:  Dag Lorentzen (2018-2020) Anton G. Kjelaas (2018-2020) Stein Sandven (2018-2020)
	Election Committee:  Rolf Langvatn (2017-2019)  Bo Andersen (2017-2019)  Stein Sandven (2018-2020)
	The Board thanked outgoing President and Committee members for their work for the Academy.
8.	Any other business No items were raised.

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Oslo, 26. November 2018

Pål Brekke Johannes Schweitzer