The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research

Norges Vitenskapsakademi for Polarforskning



Minutes Annual Meeting 2019 The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP)

Location: Nordlandsforskning; Universitetsalleen 11, Bodø. Time: Tuesday 26th November 2019, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants: Grete K. Hovelsrud (President), Bjørn Kaltenborn (Vice-president), Gudmund Hernes

(Board Member), Gunnar Sand (Board member), Harald Ellingsen (Board member),

Cecilie Mauritzen (Academy member)

By phone: Lawson Brigham (Academy member) and Jorge Kristiansen (Office Manager)

Secretariat: Thor S. Larsen (Secretary General).

Opening of the annual meeting. The Annual Meeting was opened and chaired by NVP's President, Grete K. Hovelsrud. The Chair referred to the call.

2. Approval of the call and election of members to sign the protocol.

The call and the agenda was approved. Gunnar Sand and Gudmund Hernes were elected to sign the protocol.

3. Presentation and discussion about the Academy's activities in 2018.

Information about the Academy's activities in 2018 was part of the Board's report attached to the call. The Chair referred to some activities during 2018, e.g. the 10 years anniversary activities organized in Longyearbyen and in Oslo. The Academy approved 2 new members in 2018:

- Ole Lindefjeld
- Robert W Corell

With those memberships the Academy's counts 150 members from 19 nations and six institutional members.

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4. Financial Statements and the Board's report 2018.

The Chair referred to the documents sent with the call.

Five institutional members paid fees for 2018 totaling NOK 700.000.

With these comments, the Financial Statements and the Board's report for 2018 were approved.

5. Information about the Academy's financial situation.

Jorge Kristiansen referred to the financial statement for 2018.

The accounts showed an income of NOK 825.927,60. Total running costs are NOK 766.761,71. After financial adjustments, the annual result in 2018 shows a surplus of NOK 58.575,89

NVP's economy in 2018 was sound, but we are dependent upon the annual contributions from our institutional members for fulfilment of planned activities and goals.

The reporting on the financial situation was approved.

6. Presentation of new members.

NVP's New Members Committee had proposed 10 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:

- 1 Birgitta Evengård
- 2 Brit Lisa Skjelkvåle
- 3 Henry Huntington
- 4 Jennifer Francis
- 5 Lars Kullerud
- 6 Lars-Otto Reiersen
- 7 Susan Crate
- 8 Tatiana Vaslova
- 9 Torbjørn Pedersen
- 10 Kristine Bakke Westergaard

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. Pål Brekke had to resign from the Board. Cecilie Mauritzen was elected member of the Board for the period 2019-2021.

The Election Committee members Rolf Langvatn and Bo Andersen were re-elected for a new period (2019-201.)

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8.	Any other business
	No items were raised.

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Gunnar Sand	Gudmund Hernes