



Minutes Annual Meeting 2020 The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP)

Location: Digitally on Microsoft Teams
 Time: Monday 16th November 2020, 15:30 – 16:30
 Participants: Grete K. Hovelsrud (President), Bjørn Kaltenborn (Vice president), Gudmund Hernes (Board member), Cecilie Mauritzen (Board member), Jøran Moen (Board member), Tatiana Vlasova (Academy member), Birger Poppel (Academy member), Anton G. Kjelaas (Academy member), Lars-Otto Reiersen (Academy member), Jan Ove Methlie Hagen (Academy member), Valeriy A. Kryukov (Academy member), Lawson Brigham (Academy member), Kristine B. Westergaard (Academy member), Robert W. Corell (Academy member), Britt Kramvig (Academy member), Susan Crate (Academy member), Olav Orheim (Academy member), Henry Huntington (Academy member), Bo Andersen (Academy member), Johannes Schweitzer (Institutional member - NORSAR)
 Secretariat: Thor S. Larsen (Secretary General) and Marte E. Engebretsen (Office Manager)

1.	<p>Opening of the annual meeting.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting was opened and chaired by NVP's President, Grete K. Hovelsrud. The Chair referred to the call.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the call and election of members to sign the protocol.</p> <p>The call and the agenda was approved. Robert W. Corell and Valeriy A. Kryukov were elected to sign the protocol.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation and discussion about the Academy's activities in 2019 - 2020.</p> <p>Information about the Academy's activities in 2019 - 2020 was part of the Board's report attached to the call. The Chair referred to some activities, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pursuance of interdisciplinary / transdisciplinary research and teaching via national and international collaboration. • revision of the strategy 2015 – 2020. • cooperation with The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (KVA) including a joint planning committee for a symposium programme with five main topics to be held in Sweden (in 2021) and in Norway (in 2022), • as member of a North Center Partnership, which with 19 institutional partners prepares for and facilitates programs for «Arendalsuka.» • in cooperation with the High North Center at the North University hosted a debate forum at «Arendalsuka» 2020 entitled «The Arctic Council – a toothless talk club or an important international forum». • planning the international summer school for 2020 (postponed to 2021). • as member of the University of the Arctic (UArctic) pursuing opportunities for international cooperation on summer schools. • association with the “Joint North Atlantic-Arctic Ocean Science Programme Initiative” (B2B), • together with the Arctic University of Norway (UiT), GRID-Arendal and the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) a side event at Arctic Frontiers (AF) 2020 in Tromsø



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looking into opportunities for cooperation with the private sector and other institutions in Longyearbyen. • will apply for observer status in the Arctic Council, <p>Lawson Brigham and Robert W. Corell reminded the meeting about plans to have a seminar in Washington DC together with the US Polar Research Board and with support from the Norwegian Embassy. They will bring the idea up again together with Henry Huntingdon and others.</p> <p>Although the Academy's main interest is in cooperation with the Arctic Council's working groups, it can be difficult to obtain observer status in the Council. Support from the member states is important. Robert W. Corell, Lawson Brigham and Susan Crate will explore opportunities for support by the US government.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Financial Statements and the Board's report 2019.</p> <p>The Chair referred to the documents sent with the call. The Financial Statements and the Board's report for 2019 were approved.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Information about the Academy's financial situation.</p> <p>Marte E. Engebretsen referred to the financial statement for 2019.</p> <p>The accounts showed an income of NOK 828 346 in 2019. Five institutional members paid fees totaling NOK 700 000, and rental income from the property Isdammen 1 were NOK 128 346.</p> <p>Operational costs were NOK 562 018 resulting in an operational surplus of NOK 266 328. After financial adjustments, the annual result in 2019 shows a surplus of NOK 266 795.</p> <p>The Academy's economy in 2019 was sound, but are dependent upon the annual contributions from the institutional members for fulfilment of planned activities and goals.</p> <p>The reporting on the financial situation was approved.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Presentation of new members.</p> <p>NVP's New Members Committee had proposed six new members, as seen in the documents sent with the call. All six were admitted as new members at the Board's meeting prior to the Annual meeting according to the statutes' item 6.3.</p> <p>The new members were presented by the Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Geir Ottersen 2 Marie-Anne Blanchet 3 Hyoung Chul Shin 4 Maaïke Knol-Kaufmann 5 Bodil A. Bluhm 6 Su Ping



	<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>The Chair presented the proposals of the Elections Committee.</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grete K. Hovelsrud was reelected as President of the board for the new two years period (2021-2022).• Bjørn Kaltenborn was reelected as Vice President of the board for the new two years period (2021-2022).• Gudmund Hernes and Gunnar Sand was reelected as members of the board for the new two years period (2021-2022). <p>New Members Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anton G. Kjelaas, Dag Lorentzen and Stein Sandven were reelected as members of the New Members Committee for a new three years period (2021-2023). <p>Election Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kit Kovacs was elected as member of the election committee for a three years period (2021-2023), replacing Sven Sandven. <p>All members of the Board, and all members of the Committees were unanimously approved by acclamation.</p>
8.	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>None.</p>

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February 16, 2021
Key Biscayne, Florida, USA

Place and date

/s/

Robert W. Corell

January 14, 2021
Novosibirsk, Russia

Place and date

/s/

Valeriy A. Kryukov