



Minutes Annual Meeting 2021 The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP)

Location: The University Centre in Svalbard, Longyearbyen, Svalbard. And digital via Webex.
Time: Wednesday 1 December 2021, 15:30 – 16:30 (CET)
Participants: Grete K. Hovelsrud (President), Bjørn Kaltenborn (Vice president), Gudmund Hernes (Board member), Jøran Moen (Board member), Valeriy A. Kryukov (Academy member), Jan Ove Methlie Hagen (Academy member), Susan Crate (Academy member), Anton G. Kjelaas (Academy member), Willy Østreng (Academy member), Lars-Otto Reiersen (Academy member), Roland Kallenborn (Academy member), Kit Kovacs (Academy member), Jennifer Francis (Academy member), Johannes Schweitzer (Institutional member - NORSAR), Tina Bringslimark (Institutional member – Nord university), identity unknown.

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 were approved. Roland Kallenborn and Jøran Moen were elected to sign the protocol.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation and discussion about the Academy's activities in 2020 - 2021.</p> <p>Information about the Academy's activities in 2020 - 2021 was part of the Board's report attached to the call.</p> <p>The Chair presented the Board of Directors: Grete K. Hovelsrud (President), Bjørn Kaltenborn (Vice President), Gudmund Hernes, Cecilie Mauritzen, Jøran Moen and Gunnar Sand (Board members).</p> <p>The interest in the Arctic is continuing and many nations, scientists and institutions study and explore the multiple Arctic. The Academy's Strategic Vision address the duality of the global Arctic; the impacts on the region have a global origin and the changes in the Arctic affect the globe. Anthropogenically driven climate change is altering the Arctic's socio-political, economic, and environmental conditions, and human activities are exacerbating such effects. We have improved our knowledge about the Arctic significantly over the past decades, but we still need to push forward with science to keep abreast with the ongoing processes, feedback mechanisms and changes. Our membership's scientific diversity, and our new strategy calls for broad involvement of our members in defining research areas that are relevant for policy makers.</p> <p>NVP cooperates with the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (KVA) on two symposiums, one in Sweden and one in Norway. The overarching title is "Security and preparedness in the changing north – research perspectives." The symposium programmes will have five main topics:</p>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conditions for livelihoods, health, and ecosystems. 2. Forecasting the changing ice, ocean and weather conditions. 3. Impacts of climate change - effects and actions. 4. Access to infrastructure and data for Arctic research. 5. Defense and geopolitics. <p>The symposium in Sweden has been postponed to February 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The symposium in Oslo will be arranged in April 2022.</p> <p>In early 2021, we asked our members to provide topic areas where NVP may have a positive impact. The Board decided to focus upon two topics for analysis in 2021/ 2022: Topic 1: Problems of forming of more appropriate ways of economic activities in Arctic. Proposer: Valeriy A. Kryukov. Board supporters: Grete K. Hovelsrud and Tina Bringslimark. Topic 2: Development of Norwegian policy for Svalbard. Proposer: Arild Moe. Board supporter: Bjørn Kaltenborn.</p> <p>Our Academy encourages cooperation with like-minded institutions, e.g. with joint sessions at Arctic Frontiers and Arendalsuka. In August 2021, the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA) invited scientific academies in Norway to establish a channel for collaboration. An annual meeting for science communication and for joint responses to public consultations was suggested.</p> <p>The Academy has formalized collaboration with High North News on publishing popular science articles. We welcome our members to contribute to this work. More information will follow.</p> <p>Bjørn Kaltenborn presented NVP's interdisciplinary international summer schools, held in Longyearbyen every second year since 2011. Cooperation with UNIS and with academic/professional institutions in Norway and abroad is prioritized. A programme committee for long term planning of annual summer schools has been established with «The Global Arctic» as a common platform. Main objectives are to address and understand the principal linkages and similarities between "the three poles" (Arctic, Antarctica and the Himalayas.) The summer school 2020 had to be postponed to 2021 and further to 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program for 2022 is ready, funding is secured and almost all of the students admitted in 2020 wants to participate in 2022.</p> <p>Valeriy A. Kryukov told the audience that he would provide updated information about Topic 1: Problems of forming of more appropriate ways of economic activities in Arctic.</p> <p>Roland Kallenborn asked about possible cooperation on summer schools via U-Arctic. The secretariat responded that there are plans to link up the NVP summers school with similar summer schools in Greenland and Canada, pending financial resources. The secretariat is in touch with U-Arctic's president about such opportunities.</p> <p>Willy Østreng asked about the Academy's activities in Antarctica. Kit Kovacs told the audience that she would provide information about an Antarctic-researcher at the Norwegian Polar Institute, who may assist with information and advice.</p>
4.	<p>Financial Statements and the Board's report 2020.</p> <p>The Chair referred to the documents sent with the call. The Financial Statements and the Board's report for 2020 were approved.</p>
5.	<p>Information about the Academy's financial situation.</p>



	<p>Office Manager Marte E. Engebretsen referred to the financial statement for 2020.</p> <p>The accounts showed an income of NOK 700 000 in 2020. Five institutional members paid fees totaling NOK 700 000. Rental income from the property Isdammen 1 were NOK 0 This is because the Board granted Better Moments AS a rent free 2020 as a measure to alleviate the financial burdens caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Operational costs were NOK 513 560 resulting in an operational surplus of NOK 186 440. After financial adjustments, the annual result in 2020 shows a surplus of NOK 186 649.</p> <p>The Academy's economy in 2020 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>The Academy received 10 proposals for new members. NVP's New Members Committee considered alle proposals and gave their recommendations to the Board. At the Board's meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board decided on the new members 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. Larry A. Mayer 2. Yi-Fan Li 3. Elana T. Wilson Rowe 4. Rolf Skatteboe 5. Yury F. Sychev 6. Camilla Svensen 7. Tore Furevik 8. Joseph Henry LaCasce
<p>7.</p>	<p>Elections.</p> <p>The Chair presented the proposals of the Elections Committee.</p> <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanne Sagen was elected as member of the Board for a two-year period (2022-2023), replacing Cecilie Mauritzen. <p>Election Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marit Reigstad was elected as member of the election committee for a three-year period (2022-2024), replacing Rolf Langvatn. <p>Hanne Sagen (to the Board) and Marit Reigstad (to the Election Committee) were unanimously approved by acclamation.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>None.</p>



December 1, 2021
Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

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/s/

Roland Kallenborn

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Jøran Moen