



Minutes Annual Meeting 2022 The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP)

Location: The Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center (NERSC), Bergen. And digital via Microsoft Teams.

Time: Thursday 15 December 2022, 14:00 – 15:00 (GMT+1)

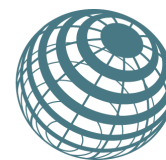
Participants: Grete K. Hovelsrud (President), Bjørn Kaltenborn (Vice President), Gudmund Hernes (Board Member), Jøran Moen (Board Member), Hanne Sagen (Board Member), Tore Furevik (Academy Member), Anton G. Kjelaas (Academy Member), Bob Corell (Academy Member), Roland Kallenborn (Academy Member), Tatiana Vlasova (Academy Member), Steinar Martin Paulsen (Institutional Member – UiT The Arctic University of Norway), Johannes Schweitzer (Institutional Member – NORSAR).

Secretariat: Thor S. Larsen (Secretary General) and Ragnhild Utne (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. Hanne Sagen and Steinar Martin Paulsen were elected to sign the protocol.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation and discussion about the Academy's activities in 2021–2022.</p> <p>Grete K. Hovelsrud made references to the NVP strategy and its key mission issues. NVP works closely with its members and with like-minded institutions around the world with emphasis upon cooperation on interdisciplinary research, teaching, and outreach. The Academy complements the activities of other research institutions that traditionally have disciplinary profiles.</p> <p>Norway's H.M. King Harald is the Academy's patron.</p> <p>NVP cooperates with the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (KVA) on two symposiums titled "Security and preparedness in the changing north – research perspectives". The symposium programmes 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>One symposium hosted by KVA in Stockholm was arranged 8-9 November 2022. A follow-up symposium was planned to be held in Oslo in April 2022 but has been postponed to 23-24 March 2023 due to practical conditions and the lectures' availability.</p> <p>NVP is cooperating with 18 other Norwegian institutions, with a secretariat at the Norwegian Parliament, in a Partnership of the North ("Nordområdepartnerskapet"). The 19 institutions work together to develop topics and activities for the annual "Arendalsuka", which is a wide-ranging meeting place for everyone engaged in the society we live in, including debates on today's and tomorrow's policies and societal challenges. In 2022, in partnership with "Nordområdepartnerskapet", the Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research and the Uarctic, NVP met with several institutions in a modern and large version of the <i>lavvo</i> (a temporary dwelling used by the Sami people) under the slogan "Arctic seen from Arendal ("Arktis sett fra Arendal"). Topics and discussions ranged from geopolitics in the Arctic, to cooperation and conflicts related to marine areas, to climate change and to opportunities and challenges facing people in the North, NVP was involved with presentations and subsequent debates in two sessions, on geopolitics and on people in the North.</p> <p>Bjørn Kaltenborn presented NVP's interdisciplinary international PhD/ Postdoc summer school named "The Global Arctic", based upon a NVP strategic document with the same title. The summer school, which was held in Longyearbyen 17-26 June 2022 had been postponed from 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The summer school had 17 students from many countries and with very diverse backgrounds. UNIS played key roles with teaching and with logistic support. The lectures presented by teachers from several institutions were well received by the very active students. There was more focus on social aspects than in previous summer schools, which worked well. The students are now preparing a scientific peer-reviewed article addressing with different scientific and interdisciplinary interpretations and implications of borders in the Arctic and with case studies ranging from global down to local cases and conditions. The issue invites many different approaches. A first draft manuscript should be ready at the end of 2022.</p> <p>The 2023 summer school, which also will address the global Arctic, will focus particularly on the linkages between the Arctic and the Himalayas. The 2023 summer school will be held partly in Longyearbyen, partly at Isfjord Radio.</p> <p>Bob Corell referred to the US government's recognition of indigenous knowledge in research, which triggered an important and good discussion.</p> <p>Hanne Sagen highlighted the need to coordinate NVP roles in the International Polar Year (IPY) with the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA). It is important to have updated information about IPY on NVP's home page.</p>
4.	<p>Financial Statements and the Board's report 2021.</p> <p>The Chair referred to the documents sent with the call. The Financial Statements and the Board's report for 2021 were approved.</p>
5.	<p>Information about the Academy's financial situation.</p>



	<p>Office Manager Ragnhild Utne referred to the financial statement for 2021.</p> <p>The accounts showed an income of NOK 616 875. NOK 550 000 is coming from our four institutional members. NOK 66 875 is rental income from our property Isdammen in Longyearbyen. The Board granted Better Moments AS free rent from January through May in 2021, as well as half rent for June and July. This was a measure to alleviate the company's financial burdens caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic. Full rent was paid from the month of August.</p> <p>Operational costs were NOK 600 138, resulting in an operational surplus of NOK 16 738.</p> <p>The Academy's economy in 2021 was sound but will also in the future be dependent on the annual contributions from the institutional members for fulfillment of planned activities and goals. From 2020 to 2021 we had one less institutional member, resulting in a reduction in our income of NOK 150 000, compared to the previous year.</p> <p>The reporting on the financial situation was approved by acclamation.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Presentation of new members.</p> <p>The Academy received 9 proposals for new members. NVP's New Members Committee reviewed all proposals and gave their recommendations to the Board to admit 7 of the nominations. At the Board's meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board approved these to become 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. Muthalagu Ravichandran 2. Katrin Vorkamp 3. Li-Qi Chen 4. Helene Reinertsen Langehaug 5. Richard Alan John Davy 6. Elin Darelus 7. Elena Dybtsyna <p>Richard Alan John Davy, at NERSC, was invited to participate in the Annual Meeting. The floor suggested that the Board in the future should decide upon new members in good time before the Annual Meeting so that new members can be presented and participate in the same year's Annual Meeting.</p>
<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"> • President Grete K. Hovelsrud, Vice President Bjørn Kaltenborn, Board Member Gunnar Sand, and Board Member Gudmund Hernes to be re-elected for a two-year period (2023–2024).



	<p>Election Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jørgen Berge (UIT/NTNU) to be elected as new member of the Election Committee for a three-year period (2023–2025), replacing Kit Kovacs. <p>Re-elections of Grete K. Hovelsud, Bjørn Kaitenborn, Gunnar Sand, and Gudmund Hernes to the board and election of Jørgen Berge to the Election Committee were unanimously approved by acclamation.</p>
8.	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>None.</p>

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