

Minutes: NERA Board Meeting, Lillehammer 2014

Tuesday Mars 4, 2014

Participant: Carl Anders Säfström (Sweden), Robert Thornberg (Sweden), Anna Slotte-Lüttge (Finland), Sirpa Lappalainen (Finland), Niels Kryger (Denmark), John Benedicto Krejsler (Denmark), Hans Petter Ulleberg (Norway), Elisabeth Bjørnstad (Norway) Gestur Guðmundsson (Island), Maike Luimes (treasurer) and Fritjof Sahlström (NSE).

1. **Opening** – Carl Anders Säfström – chairman and president
2. **Election of secretary for the meeting** – Elisabeth Bjørnstad
3. **Election of two controllers for the minutes** – Sirpa Lappalainen and Robert Thornberg

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved with one amendment:

Item 6 Reports: Start with the Board Report. Present and prepare the Board Report for the General Assembly

5. **Approval of Minutes from board meeting Lillehammer 2013**

Minutes approved with corrections in items 4, 6, 7 and 8.

6. **Reports**

- **Board report**

Carl Anders Säfström presented the Board report. The Board approve the report with some corrections of misspelling of names.

- **Decisions made by the board per capsulam since last meeting**

Approved after correction of misspelling of name

- **Working groups:**

- a. Conference dinner

The Board will make some guidelines for the conference dinner. The working group recommended an informal dinner with local culture and nice music.

- b. Editor-in-chief

Gestur Guðmundsson informed the Board about the work with the editor-in-chief position. The working group (Gestur Guðmundsson and Carl Anders Säfström) and Sarah Salameh (Universitetsforlaget) will interview Herner Sæverot (the only applicant) on 5th March 2014.

The new Board will make the decision about the position in the extraordinary Board meeting on 6th March 2014, and the Board will discuss the profile of NSE, with present editor-in-chief and the incoming editor-in-chief, at the Board meeting in August 2014.

- c. EERA + WEERA

John B. Krejsler informed the Board about EERA and WEERA.

The next ECER conference will be in Porto in September 2014, and the following years ECER will be in Budapest (2015), and Amsterdam (2016).

EERA is expanding and the EERA Board has discussed geographic area; and where the boarder to Europe goes.

WEERA considered develop a Journal to encourage international research networks.

WEERA has elected a new president: Sari Lindblom-Ylänne from Finland.

Both EERA and WEERA are working to strengthen associations and collaborations between countries.

d. Conference in Lillehammer 2014 (Per Eriksson)

Per Eriksson informed the Board about the conference: The NERA congress in Lillehammer has 638 delegates, 500 paper presentations, and 148 sessions. Abstract is online – and the delegates have a paper copy of information and program

e. Conference in Göteborg 2015 (Karin Rönnerman)

The venue for the conference will be at Pedagogen, Gothenburg University, 4-6 March (starts with lunch on Wednesday and ends on Friday). The theme for the conference is: Marketisation and Differentiation in Education. The keynotes will be in the lecture hall and streamed to other auditoriums.

Invited keynotes: Prof. Jane Kenway, Monash University, Australia, Prof. Hugh Lauder, University of Bath, UK, and Lisbeth Lundahl, University of Umeå, Sweden.

Budget – calculated with 550 members' fee.

No cost for facilities

Conference dinner 500 SEK. casual way (dancing)

Earlybird 3000 SEK (incl. tax: 3750 SEK) – approximate 3500 NOK

Non-member 4375 SEK

Students 3000 SEK

Members fee 3500 SEK

Late fee non-members 5000 SEK

It was not clear whether the conference fee included lunch. Karin Rönnermann will check this up with the organizing committee.

The Board requested the conference committee to try to decrease the cost to maximum 3400 SEK

f. Conference in Helsinki 2016 (Anna Slotte-Lüttge)

Sirpa Lappalainen and Anna Slotte-Lüttge take contact with Helsinki. Justice for Education is a tentative theme for the conference.

g. Conference in Denmark 2017 (John B. Krejsler, Niels Kryger)

John B Krejsler, Niels Kryger and Gestur Gudmundsson have already met with Palle Rasmussen and more colleagues at Aalborg to discuss the next conference in Denmark. They need to find another location than DPU. The conference should be nearby Copenhagen. Alborg University, campus Copenhagen might a possible option to consider.

The Board discussed if the conference should be running during weekdays and was positive to arrange the NERA conference midweek (Wednesday-Friday).

To help forthcoming organising committees, the Board will establish a workgroup consisting of Niels Kryger, Gestur, Anna Slotte-Lüttge and Sirpa Lappalainen, to outline guidelines for the conference. The group will invite Per Eriksson after the Lillehammer conference to give some advice about registration and organisation. The first draft will be present at the Board meeting in August 2014.

7. Finances

Maike Luimes present the budget and the budget is in good balance.

Support to pre-conference: Network Pre-conferences funded by NERA spend their money in different ways. It's important that the Board follow up and control the budget the networks applied for.

Budget adjustments:

Ahlström Award: Transfer 10 000 NOK to the Ahlström account every other year. Switch the "saving" from Ahlström to the Journal and adm costs.

Suggestion to take out financial support to symposium AERA.

All agreed to take it out.

Suggestion to change: "Support to other symposium and network" to "Support to pre-conferences and network activities"

Approved by the Board

Suggestion to take out Support to extra pages in Nordic Studies in Education

Approved by the Board

Suggestion to set Ahlström in 0 SEK this year.

Approved by the Board

8. Networks

1. Activity report present by Hans Petter Ulleberg

Network 25, guidance/counselling, was approved as a new network. The change of the name of network 24 was approved. Their new name is School development. Annette Olin and Andreas have been adopted as new convenors.

Ulleberg received 14 of 25 network reports in 2013. We need to follow up the networks with e-mails and keep reporting as we do.

2. New network coordinator

Hans Petter has been in charge of the networks since 2006 and will stay for one year more.

9. Costs for participation at NERA conferences

Present by Gestur Guðmundsson

The Board discussed the conference fee and suggested to try to keep the cost around 3000 NOK as decided in the Board in 2012 with Early Bird 2800 NOK.

Gestur Guðmundsson and Carl Anders Säfström will take a closer look at reports from the conference organizers before the August meeting, and present an analysis of costs related to the conference fee.

10. Policy for the journal

1. Economy

The Board discussed the opportunity to be an electronic journal to lower the costs.

In terms of the costs, the Board found it appropriate to continue with an editor and an assistant.

Editor-in-chief applied for covering the cost for attending the conference in Lillehammer for the editorial assistant. The Board approved the application.

The Board suggested writing into the guidelines about whom to cover in future conferences.

2. The role of the board

Moved to editorial board meeting.

How should the relation be between the journal and the board? One suggestion was to constitute a subgroup as Editorial Board. The discussion will continue at the Board meeting in August.

11. Editor-in-chief for the period 2015, decision

Postponed to Thursday 6 pm

12. Boards plan

Present by Carl Anders Säfström

Monitoring the report and outcomes from the conferences.

Building up an information base for future conferences.

13. Any other business

Procedures for pre-conferences at NERA

Networks outside NERA: In order to call themselves a pre-conference related to the NERA, the networks have to send a request to the Board. The organization committee have to inform the Board if any network outside NERA want to have a pre-conference and promote them selves through the NERA web page/conference page.