

# **NFPF / NERA Board Meeting in Reykjavik**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Reykjavik, School of Education.**

## **Minutes**

### **Attending:**

Berit Karseth, Tone Dyrdal Solbrekke, John Benedicto Krejsler, Niels Kryger, Carl-Anders Säfström, Robert Thornberg, Gestur Guðmundsson, Hans Petter Ulleberg, Kasper Kofod, Fritjof Sahlström and Anna Slotte-Lüttge.

**Absent:** Marjatta Lairio

### **1. Opening of meeting**

- a) Berit opened the meeting at 11:15.
- b) The board decided to use Scandinavian languages during the meeting.

### **2. Election of 2 controllers**

- a) John and Hans Petter were elected as controllers.

### **3. Approval of agenda**

- a) No extra issue announced.

### **4. Adjustment, approval and follow up of minutes from the Board meeting in Reykjavik 31/8-1/9.**

- a) The minutes from the Board meeting in Reykjavik 31/8-1/9 (sent by e-mail to the board 29.10.2012) were approved.

### **5. Reports**

- a) Finances: report by Tone. Tone presented the report, earlier sent to the board:
  - i) 2012 was a special year with a weak start and a good end, due to the conference in Copenhagen (many attendants; extraordinary contribution, 364 012NOK, from the university).
  - ii) The publisher, Universitetsforlaget, paid 50 000 NOK for the expenses of the board meeting in March in Reykjavik; the real costs were 75 000 NOK (due to the extra travel days). Tone will negotiate with Universitetsforlaget about the possibility to get refund for some of these extra expenses – if the expenses for the congress in Lillehammer will be kept low.
  - iii) Low costs for ECER-conference in Cadiz in September 2012 (changed plans because of bankrupt airline company).
  - iv) Three networks were supported for pre-conferences in Reykjavik. The expenses for the support will go to the budget year 2013.
- b) Networks: Hans Petter presented the report, earlier sent to the board:
  - i) The network 25, School development, lacks a network convener. Gestur Guðmundsson and Gry Forsgård will take care of the network during the conference. Youth research network is present at the congress again, and at their network meeting there will be a discussion of the future and profile of the

- network. Dahl + Puriður Jóhannsdóttir will take care of network 13, ICT and Education in Reykjavik. During the conference new coordinators will be elected.
- ii) Network 18, Research on Teacher Education and beginning teachers, is not active during the conference in Reykjavik.
  - iii) There are still no minutes from the network convenor meeting 2012 in Copenhagen (Silwa Claesson wrote the minutes). Carl Anders will ask for them.
  - iv) Some networks have only few sessions in Reykjavik: Youth research (no 21), Social pedagogy (no 24), Historical Research (no 2) and Leisure time pedagogy (no 17). The biggest networks are Politics of Education and Education Policy Studies (no 22) and Adult learning (no 1).
  - v) The board called attention to the importance of giving space also to the smaller networks. The current interests for the networks change over time, e.g. Leisure time is an expanding network.
  - vi) All networks have to be visible and active. It may be necessary to follow up some.
  - vii) Social pedagogy and Leisure time were not interested in merging, as proposed.
  - viii) Carl Anders will join Hans Petter to the network convenor meeting during the conference.
  - ix) The board recommend that it should be possible to apply to two networks in the congress in Lillehammer (like the system in ECER).
  - x) Gestur reported that 30 persons did not apply to any network in Reykjavik.
- c) Web page: report from Berit.
- i) The comments about the web pages are included in the proposal to the Board report, sent out January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board is satisfied by the web pages of NERA and there have been few problems reported. On the other hand we have received few requests for support from the network conveners.
  - ii) Still low activity by the network coordinators, though it was discussed during the last meeting.

## 6. Congresses

- a) Iceland 2013, School of Education, University of Iceland (Gestur)
  - i) The collaboration with the network coordinators has worked out good.
  - ii) Some practicalities about the congress:
    - (1) The keynotes have been moved to Hilton (the limit was 600 attendants).
    - (2) The annual meeting begins at 16:00, i.e. the same time as the sessions end. According to Gestur this signals that the members should go directly to the meeting room and that the meeting will begin 16:15. Berit requested a more specified time-table in the program.
    - (3) The member registration will be followed up by Helga Sigurðardóttir.
  - iii) Recommendation to Lillehammer:
    - (1) The registration system needs to be more exact.. There are also some uncertainty as regards to the differences between paper and symposia for some attendants.
    - (2) One person should be responsible for a whole symposium; this person should send in all the papers in the symposia.
  - iv) According to the contract the expenses of the board will be repaid by the conference, but the amount of the extra dinners related to the extra travel days is unclear. If the congress makes surplus it is desirable that all the needed dinner costs will be paid by the congress. According to Gestur the contract stipulates the hotel costs Tuesday-Sunday, the travel costs, the dinner at Wednesday and the congress dinner at Saturday.
- b) Norway 2014, Lillehammer University College (Berit)

- i) Flyers about the next conference will be distributed in the congress bag. Lars Monsen, Yngve Nordkvelle and Jenny Stainer will have a meeting with Gestur in Reykjavik.
- ii) Is there a need to expand the marketing of Lillehammer to get enough attendants? There is a pattern of relation between the number of attendants and the size of the cities (Örebro was an exception). If Julia Kristeva will be one of the keynote speakers it will be safe. The organizing committee in Lillehammer has promised to effort marketing. The board needs to follow it up.
- c) Sweden 2015. University of Gothenburg (Berit)
  - i) Berit has been in contact with Agneta Edvardsson. Theme and contract are discussed and need to be followed up.
- d) Finland 2016. University of Helsinki (Anna). There have been some opening discussions (via Fritjof) and the institution seems to take a positive stance. Fritjof will continue the discussions.
- e) 2017? No discussion.
- f) It will be Iceland's turn for NERA's 50 years anniversary.

## 7. International collaboration

- a) EERA report (John). John had sent minutes and agenda from the EERA-meeting as information to the board.
  - i) 2013 ECER in Istanbul. New: Pressroom. Suggested that information about central issues and information about the educational system of the host country will be published at the web page before the conference.
  - ii) 2014 ECER in London. The local organization committee wished to increase registration fee, but the idea was rejected.
    - (1) An idea of minimum charges for the social advents, also sponsoring was discussed as well as social events being free of charge for doctoral students.
  - iii) 2015 ECER in Budapest. Problem: The university demands a very high overhead. Suggestion: HERA is the contract partner instead of EERA. The idea was rejected; local universities, not member associations, shall be the contract partners.
  - iv) 2016 ECER in Porto.
  - v) 2017 ECER in Maastricht.
  - vi) EACA, EU-application called Periscope, 25 000 euro, under work with the aim to be better prepared for EU-collaboration, to strengthen the strategy work and the work of the linked convenors. A key part of the proposal is a workshop to be attended by Link Convenors to continue the discussions on the 6th challenge of Horizon 2020, currently reserved for Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH). EERA will support 25.000 euro for hosting the Horizon 2020 workshop with link convenors in June 2013, in case the grant proposal won't be accepted.
  - vii) EERA works on Wikipedia entry.
  - viii) EERA is open for sponsorship enquiries in general. The EERA board discusses the possibility to work out ethical rules.
  - ix) Frustration with WERA, but EERA's membership was still considered important to represent an European perspective, specially against the background of the withdrawal of some other associations, such as NERA.
  - x) SWOT-analysis work in progress.
  - xi) Berit suggested that the central issues from the work in ECER could be sent to the web editor + copy to Berit.
  - xii) The board will continue to discuss these themes. Carl Anders, Nils and John's assignment to prepare a discussion about NERA's role in the international collaboration was postponed for next board meeting.

8. **Final decision on The Ahlström Award 2013** (based on publications in NSE year 2011 and year 2012).
  - a) Two nominations: Carl Anders has suggested the article of Hansbjörg Hohr and Berit has suggested the article of Sabine Gruber.
  - b) The board decided to continue the discussion after the annual meeting.
    - i) [After the second discussion the board decided to give the Ahlström Award to Hansbjörg Hohr.]
9. **Appointment of new treasurer.**
  - a) After 14 years Tone will withdraw from the assignment (during the year 2013).
  - b) A sum of 24 000 Euro is set aside to make it possible for Tone to work parallel with the new treasurer under a transitional period; i.e. Tone will join the board meeting in Lillehammer in the autumn.
  - c) Maike Luimes was suggested as the new treasurer. The board accepted the proposal.
  - d) There will be a meeting between Universitetsforlaget and Tone, Maike, Berit, Carl Anders (nominated as the new president) and Fritjof late spring 2013.
10. **Annual Delegates Assembly**
  - a) Berit has sent out the documents to the board.
  - b) The evaluation reports from Copenhagen will be attached to the report.
  - c) The EERA-work shall be made visible. John prepares suggestions.
  - d) Correction: 13, not 11, networks have not sent in their rapport.
  - e) Additions to the boards plan:
    - i) The board takes the initiative to a fellow Nordic symposia about current themes in the educational field.
    - ii) NERA will support networks financially (instead of Further discuss...)
  - f) Issues 10 & 11 were accepted with minor changes.
  - g) Issue 12: Tone presented the budget proposal 2013.
11. No Other Business.
12. Berit ended the meeting at 14:30.

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Berit Karseth (chair)

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Anna Slotte-Lüttge (secretary)

Controller of minutes 1: John Benedicto Krejsler, 2013-05-22.  
Controller of minutes 2: Hans Petter Ulleberg, 2013-06-09.