

Minutes, NERA Board meeting 5.3 2019

Uppsala University

Uppsala University, Blåsenhus sal 14:340, von Kraemers allé 1

Board members:

Anna Slotte (Finland), Satu Perälä-Littunen (Finland), John Benedicto Krejsler (Denmark), Christian Ydesen (Denmark), Elisabeth Bjørnstad (Norway), Gry Paulgaard (Norway), Michael Dal (Iceland), Robert Thornberg (Sweden), Eva Hultin (Sweden), Maike Luimes (treasurer)

AGENDA

1. Opening

2. Election of secretary

Christian was elected unanimously

3. Election of two controllers

Eva and Gry were elected unanimously

4. Acceptance of agenda for the meeting

The agenda was accepted

5. Minutes from the Board meeting August 21-22, 2018, checked by Gry Paulgaard och John B. Krejsler) (Appendix 5a) Anna

The minutes were approved

6. Economy (Maike Luimes).

a. Balance 2018 (Appendix 6a 1 + 6a2 + 6a3)

Maike Luimes presented the 2018 account balance. The in-going/out-going balance is reduced with around 43,000 NOK. She also presented the status of the The Ahlström Award account. The prize was not awarded in 2018 so the amount is a status quo plus interests.

b. Budget proposal for 2019 (Appendix 6b)

Maike Luimes presented the 2019 budget proposal. The in-going/out-going balance will be reduced with around 70,000 NOK resulting in an outgoing balance at 74,411 NOK.

The board decided to accept the proposal with the following changes:

- *10,000 NOK is removed from 'Pre-conference and Network support'*
- *10,000 NOK is earmarked for economic counselling*

c. Other issues

No issues.

7. Follow ups from the Board Meeting in August 2018

- a. A working group consisting of Herner, Satu, Eva, Robert, Christian and Gry was established for the purpose of considering NERA's language policy.

There has been no progress on this issue. Satu will take initiative to begin the work and we will return to the issue at the autumn meeting.

- b. A working group consisting of Elisabeth, Maike and John was established for the purpose of considering handling of membership, membership fee and conference fee.

The group presented the issue and the findings so far. The group has not found a solution/recommendation. The core issues are:

- 1. VAT in the country of registration*
- 2. Making the conference fee and member fee into one process*
- 3. Mandatory membership of NERA*

A new working group (see item 11) continues its work on issue 1 and 2. The board decides to recommend a change in the bylaws so that membership in NERA is required for attending the NERA conference.

8. Network issues

- a. The networks' activity during the Uppsala conference

The board has received reports from all networks.

The network web pages are very diverse in terms of quality. It has been a recurring issue over the last three years. Some networks operate in closed Facebook groups.

There is a big issue in terms of what we can demand from the network coordinators (volunteer work). A network is a very dynamic entity ranging between extremes.

It is a requirement that every network has a coordinator..

- b. Application for establishing a new network within NERA, "Educational measurement and assessment" (Appendix 8b)

The network application will be treated at the board meeting in August.

9. International collaborations (Eva, Satu)

a. EERA (Appendix 9a)

Eva presented the status. Hamburg is the next conference venue followed by Glasgow in 2020, and Geneva in 2021.

The Sommer School will be held in Jyvaskyla, Finland.

b. Other issues?

There were no other issues.

10. NERA, NSE and Open Access (Anna, John, Maike) (Appendix 10.0)

a. Cappelen. Marte Ericsson Ryste will join the meeting 14.30 pm. Cappelen has sent us an offert (Appendix 10a1). See also Maikes comment (Appendix 10a2) and HERNERS comment (Appendix 10a3) + Cappelen's specified overview over the costs (NEW! App. 10a4)

b. Universitetsforlaget. Nina Kvalheim will join the meeting 16.00 pm. UF has sent us a new agreement draft (Appendix 10b1), an e-only budget + OA-budget 2020-draft (Appendix 10b2), an explanatory text (Appendix 10b3) and the Document Vedlegg 1, "Forlagets arbeid med tidsskriftene" (Appendix 10b4).

Following thorough preparation work conducted by the working group, Anna presented different models and their economic consequences/conditions.

The Board decided that NSE should be an open access journal.

Marte Ericsson Ryste from the Cappelen publishing house presented the services and operations of Cappelen Academic. There was a Q&A session with the board.

Nina Kvalheim from Universitetsforlaget presented the services and operations of Universitetsforlaget. There was a Q&A session with the board.

The board discussed advantages and disadvantages with the models associated with the two publishing houses.

The board recommends that NERA enter into negotiations about NSE with Cappelen.

11. NERA – Organizing Committees

a. Modification of Agreement between NERA and the host Universities. (see Appendix 11a1 and 11a2)

A working group consisting of John, Michael, and Maike is established to investigate options in terms of issue 1 and 2 under agenda item 7 in light of documents 11a1 and 11a2.

12. Board report 2018. Discussion of draft. (Appendix 12)

The webpage and the board report should be aligned. Christian contacts Eivind Larsen (UIO).

A few minor changes were made to the draft.

13. The Board plans for 2019

- a. Candidates for new board members. Discussion about special duties?

Elisabeth and Anna will leave the board

John is president

Michael is vice-president

Christian is secretary

Eva is international coordinator

Gry and a new board member is network coordinator

A new board member may take up a new position as fundraiser

- b. Development of the board panel, se Minutes from August 2018 (Working group: John, Gry, Eva, Elisabeth, Herner)

The plans for board panels will be taken up again in the future.

- c. NERA in Facebook? (Christian, Eva & Anna)

The issue will be on the agenda for the next board meeting

- d. NERA in Twitter (Christian, Maike & Elisabeth)

The issue will be on the agenda for the next board meeting

- e. Presentation of the board's plan at the annual meeting, draft (Appendix 13e)

The board plan was discussed and approved.

- f. Other issues?

No other issues were raised.

14. NERA Conferences

- a. Uppsala, meeting with Jonas Almquist (9.30 pm)

750 participants in total, some 600 participating in the welcome reception, and some 450 participating in the castle dinner. The Ahlström award will be

awarded at the dinner by Michael, Satu and Herner.

There are 34 rooms active simultaneously on Wednesday and Thursday divided in four venues. Some rooms are at Blåsenhus, some in the University house, some at Engelska Parken, and some at the Evolutionary Biology Centre. There are no presentations on Friday. It is reserved for key notes and closing ceremony.

b. Turku conference 2020, 4–6 March

The working group established under item 11 will address the issue about fees.

The programme draft of the Turku conference was discussed. Some minor suggestions for adjustments will be discussed with the organising committee (John and Anna).

i. Panel discussion (see Appendix 14b1, 14b2 and 14b3)

There will not be a board panel discussion at the Turku conference. The organising committee plans a panel discussion

c. Denmark 2021

i. Agreement, see issue 11

The issue will be on the agenda for the next board meeting

d. Norway 2022

i. From the minutes, August 2018: *No venue has been found. Tromsø and Bergen should be further investigated (Gry and Elisabeth).*

The issue will be on the agenda for the next board meeting

e. Iceland 2023

i. Venue: University of Iceland

The issue will be on the agenda for the next board meeting

15. Website issues?

Eivind Larsen (UIO) has the task of updating the NERA web page. Michael takes responsibility for communicating with Eivind. The issue will be taken up at the board meeting in August.

16. NERA annual general assembly 2019: 7.3. 12:45 – 14:15. Checking of agenda and appendixes.

See appendix 8 for the Annual Delegates Assembly.

The time slot of the general assembly is changed to 12:45 – 14:05.

17. Next meeting

a. Friday 8.3. 13:15-15:15 pm

18. Other issues.

No other issues were raised.

19. Closing of the meeting.

The meeting was closed 10:10.

Minutes made by Christian Ydesen

Controllers:

Gry Paulgaard

Eva Hultin