

# Minutes from NFU General Assembly 2012

Time: Thursday 26 Nov. 2012, 17.00-18.00

Venue: CICERO, Oslo

About 50 participants

## 1. Constitution of meeting and approval of agenda

- Håvard Haarstad was elected Chair of the General Assembly
- Reporters: Kristen Nordhaug and Cecilie Hirsch
- The agenda was approved

## 2. NFU Annual Report 2012 (Enclosure)

The Annual Report for the meeting was approved by the General Assembly, covering the period November 2011 to November 2012.

## 3. NFU Audited accounts 2012

Accounts for the 2012 financial year (31.10.2011–15.11.2012) were presented. The auditor has approved the accounts. The incoming balance was 174 613, 71, the outgoing balance was 156162,44.

The accounts were approved by the General Assembly.

## 4. Annual Plan and Budget for 2013

The annual plan and Budget for 2013 was approved, with minor remarks.

Remarks to annual Plan 2013:

- Consider membership fee for Nordic members
- The board should be more pro-active in supporting membership

## 5. Elections

### Board members

Håvard Haarstad, Department of Geography, University of Bergen (Chair) (not on election)

Ingunn Bjørkhaug, Fafo, Oslo (not on election)

Darley Kjosavik, Noragric, Oslo (extended)

Kristen Nordhaug, Oslo and Akershus University College (extended)

Knut Gunnar Nustad, NUPI/UiO, Oslo (extended)

Cecilie Hirsch, SUM, University of Oslo (new)

Trond Waage, University of Tromsø (new)

Hanne Haaland, Agder University (not on election)

Thomas Sætre Jacobsen, NTNU, Trondheim (not on election)

Ingvild Skage Aagedal, University of Bergen (not on election)

### Nomination Committee

Petter Andersen, UiB (extended)  
Morten Bøås, Fafo (extended)  
Trond Vedeld, NIBR (extended)

**EADI representative**

Kristen Nordhaug

**6. Suggestions by NFU Board to change statutes regarding deputy members**

The current statutes stipulate the following:

**5. The Board**

The NFU Board is in charge of all NFU matters between the General Assemblies.

- The NFU Board is constituted by a Chair, 8 members and 4 deputy members. It ought to include members from different disciplines and regions. At least 3 of the board members and 2 of the deputy members should come from research environments outside Oslo/Østlandet.
- If a parity of votes occurs, the Chair has a double vote. Deputy members have the right to attend all meetings, but can only vote if replacing a board member.

The General Assembly approved that the statutes are amended to state the following:

**5. The Board**

The NFU Board is in charge of all NFU matters between the General Assemblies.

- The NFU Board is constituted by 8-10 members, including a Chair. It ought to include members from different disciplines and regions. At least 4 of the board members should come from research environments outside Oslo/Østlandet.
- Decisions in the Board should be consensus-based, and voting should be used only as last resort to reach agreement. If parity of votes occurs, the Chair has a double vote.

**7. Additional**

Maren Aase and Ulrikke Wethal were thanked by the General Assembly for their service to the NFU.

There was a brief discussion on the meaning of the term “development”, and suggested that the NFU could organize a panel discussion on the future of development research in conjunction with its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.

It was agreed that the Chair will have procurer (prokura) rights.