

Minutes of the NFU General Assembly 2006

Time: Thursday 14 September 2006, 15:00
Venue: Menighetsfakultetet/Chateau Neuf, Majorstua, Oslo

1. Constitute meeting and approve agenda

- Darley Jose Kjosavik was chosen as the chair of the meeting. Tale Baadsvik and Tor A. Benjaminsen volunteered to write the minutes.
- The agenda was approved.

2. NFU Annual report 2006

The leader of NFU Håkon Fottland presented the annual report. The report was approved by general acclamation.

3. NFU Audited Accounts 2006

Håkon also presented the accounts for 2006 – period 01.06.2005 – 31.07.2006. The accounts and the audit report for 2006 were approved by the general assembly.

4. Accounts for NFU Annual conferences

- 2005: Noragric, UMB (coming later)

5. NFU Annual Conference 2007

- Tina Søreide presented the proposal from the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) *Power, politics and the State: Building the Infrastructure for Poverty Reduction* to organise next year's conference. The proposal was approved.

6. Incoming business

(None)

7. NFU Membership fees 2007

No changes in membership fees are suggested by the board. The fees will still be NOK 400 for regular members and NOK 200 for students. This was approved by the general assembly.

8. Work plan and Budget for 2007

The proposed work plan does not differ much from earlier years. The main activities are as usual organisation of the annual conference, support to the publication of Forum for Development Studies, participation at the national level to improve conditions for development research in Norway, publication of the NFU Newsletter, maintenance and updating of the website, participation in EADI, and the announcement of the NFU Prize and prizes for Masters students.

One new activity is to work on improving Nordic co-operation in the field of development research, an initiative that was strongly supported by the general assembly.

It was also emphasised that it is important to follow up the evaluation of development research in Norway, an evaluation that should be finished by September 2007.

The budget proposed by the board is more ambitious than for earlier years. The board goes for spending the funds on activities instead of keeping unspent funds on the account as in previous years. Hence, there is now a proposed over-expenditure of NOK 80 000. It is an important point that board members should try to get their separate institutions' support by the sponsoring of travel expenditures to board meetings.

The work plan and budget were approved.

9. Elections

Ruth Haug, the chair of the nomination committee, presented the list of new candidates for the board. For the first time in many years, there is actually now competition to sit on the board.

Håkon Fottland had agreed to continue as the chair. Siri Gloppen is the new chair of the nomination committee. The full list proposed and approved by the general assembly is as follows:

Board members:

Håkon Fottland, Semut, University of Tromsø (chair), (re-election)

Guro Aandahl, SUM, University of Oslo, (re-election)

Morten Bøås, Fafo, Oslo, (re-election)

Tale Baadsvik, Norwegian University for Science and Technology (NTNU), (re-election)

Darley Jose Kjosavik, NIBR, Oslo, (not on election)

Elisabeth Sandersen, Kvinnforsk, University of Tromsø, (not on election)

Asuncion Lera St.Clair, Dept. Education and Health Promotion , Univ.Bergen, (not on election)

Siri Bjerkreim Hellevik, NIBR, Oslo (new, previous deputy member)

John McNeish, CMI, Bergen (new)

Deputy board members:

Poul Wisborg, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (re-election)

Ragnhild Muriås, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (new)

Kristen Nordhaug, NUPI, Oslo (new)

Anne Cathrine Larsen, Department of Social Anthropology, NTNU, Trondheim

Election Committee:

Siri Gloppen, CMI, Bergen (chair) (re-election)

Einar Braathen, NIBR, Oslo (re-election)

Randi Kaarhus, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (new)

EADI representative:

N. Shanmugaratnam, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (not on election)

Auditor:

Hans Jørgen Oppi Christiansen, SUM, University of Oslo