

# Minutes from NFU General Assembly 2009

Time: Thursday 23.11.2009, 18:30 – 19:30.

Venue: Auditorium, Gimlemoen campus, University of Agder, Kristiansand

12 members were present.

## *Agenda*

### **1. Constitute meeting and approve agenda**

- Håkon Fottland was elected Chair of General Assembly
- Reporters: Håvard Haarstad and Kristen Nordhaug
- The agenda was approved

### **2. NFU Annual Report 2009 (Enclosure)**

The Annual Report for the meeting was approved with two minor additions:

- Point 2: Carl-Erik Schultz was elected board member at the 2008 General Assembly. Soon after he tragically passed away in an accident.
- Point 5.2: On November the 16<sup>th</sup> NUPI and Routledge/Taylor & Francis agreed and signed a contract that Routledge/Taylor & Francis will publish *Forum for Development Studies*.

### **3. NFU Audited Accounts 2009 (2008)**

Accounts for the 2009 period (01.11.2008 - 30.09.2009) were enclosed along with the Auditor's report for 2009. As a result of a low level of activity at the board and activities which had not been paid at the end of the reporting period, there was a surplus of 40,008.41 NOK instead of the budgeted deficit of 44,200 NOK. The accounts were approved.

The Auditor's report for 2008 was presented for information, as it was issued and approved by the NFU Board after the NFU General Assembly 2008.

### **4. NFU Annual Conference 2010**

The venue for the 2010 meeting has not yet been decided. There were suggestions for Stavanger, Tromsø and Oslo, and inconclusive discussions on whether or how to move forward with initiatives for Nordic conferences. The new board will make the final decision. Applications to hold the conference for the NFU should be ready no later than February 1, 2010.

### **5. Incoming business**

No incoming businesses

## **6. NFU Membership fees 2010**

It was approved that membership fees should be the same as for 2009:

- Full membership NOK 400
- Student members, retired persons NOK 200

## **7. Annual Plan and Budget for 2010**

The board's proposal for plan and budget were approved by the General Assembly. The strategic goal of the Annual Plan is to increase member involvement in NFU. Anders Asphaug presented proposed measures to improve the future work of NFU, which included a clearer role for the leader and some administrative support for the leader. There was expressed support for the proposals.

## **8. Elections**

### **Board members**

Anders B. Asphaug, Department of Geography, NTNU (not on election)

Håkon Fottland, University of Tromsø (not on election)

Håvard Haarstad, CROP, University of Bergen (new)

Kathleen Jennings, Fafo, Oslo (not on election)

Hilde Kjøstvedt, CMI, Bergen (not on election)

Kristen Nordhaug, Oslo University College (not on election)

Knut Nustad, NUPI (Chair)

Arne Olav Øyhus, Agder University (previous deputy)

Maren Aase, SUM, University of Oslo (not on election)

### **Deputy board members**

Camilla Brautaset, University of Bergen

The new board is requested to find more deputy board members

### **Nomination Committee**

Morten Bøås, Fafo, Oslo (not on election), Trond Vedeld, NIBR, Oslo (new)

The new board is requested to find an additional member of the nomination committee outside of the Oslo area

## **9. Addition**

Håkon Fottland was thanked by the General Assembly for his long service to the NFU.