

Annual meeting of the Nordic Bryological Society: Sodankylä-Kittilä, Finland 2019

Agenda:

Opening of the meeting

a. Election of a chairman, a secretary and a minute checker for the meeting.

Irina Goldberg was elected as a secretary, and Riikka Juutinen as a minute checker.

b. The annual report from the Council.

- Last years main activity was the annual meeting and excursion in Dovrefjell, Norway. 15-20 people attended the excursion.
- Lindbergia runs on as an open access journal, now distributed through the publisher BioOne.
- Kell Damsholt's liverwort flora is out of stock, and work is in progress to get it re-printed.
- We have established a new web page of the society (Kristian Peters, Leif Appelgren and Irina Goldberg).
- We have established a Facebook group (Riikka Juutinen and Irina Goldberg).
- The statutes should be altered so it is stated more clearly who is the trusty of the society. A suggestion for the statement is to be completed this year in co-operation with Leif and presented at the annual meeting in 2020.

c. Budget for the coming year.

- Lindbergia is the main yearly cost (23.500 SEK), but also the main source of income through J-Store 33.000 SEK (gave sur plus of about 9.500 SEK in 2018). There were 84.000 SEK on our account at the Oikos editorial office in 2018
- The annual excursion is another yearly cost, where we normally cover transport cost during the excursion.

d. Treasurer's report.

- We used to have two accounts: one in Norway and one in Sweden. The Swedish account was closed in December 2018, and the money (21 726 SEK) were transferred to the Norwegian account with a short delay, in January 2019, so they are not on the budget for 2018. The Norwegian account thus hold 62 856 NOK by end of 2018 and 20 926 NOK were received from the Swedish account in January 2019.

e. Setting the membership fee.

No-one is interested in changing the membership fee. It will still be 50 NOK.

f. Election of President and members of the Council.

Not on election:

Kristian Hassel (president to 2020)

Leif Appelgren (treasurer to 2020)

Riikka Juutinen (to 2020)

Nils Cronberg (to 2020)

On election:

Gerhard Kristensen (to 2021)

Irina Goldberg (to 2021)
Sanna Laaka-Lindberg (to 2021)
Kåre Hombles (to 2021)

All members are elected for the next period.

g. Appointments of two auditors

Not on election:
Per Darell (elected to 2020)

On election:
Svein Olav Drangeid (elected to 2021)

h. Annual excursion 2020

It is Denmark's turn to arrange the next excursion. Jan R. Larsen and Irina Goldberg will find out if we can go to West Greenland. The suggested route is Kangerlussuaq (Sønder Strømfjord) – Ilulissat (Jakobshavn) – Disko Island. The preliminary information will be sent to the members of the society in November this year.

Sweden 2021.

i. Report from the Editor of Lindbergia.

Report from Nils Cronberg:

- Lindbergia is an open access journal, it is from 2018 published through BioOne – a non profit publishing institution.
- Old volumes is covered by J-store, a non-profit distributor of old issues of scientific journals. This means that all older volumes of Lindbergia are scanned and available via internet.”

j. Code of safety

Safety on excursions: first of all we need to formalize it in form of safety instructions for the organisers. Riikka and Kati are asked to do it since they already have written instructions for the excursion this year.

Other subjects

- We encourage everyone to submit manuscripts (including short communications) to Lindbergia. The journal is doing better now, and it will very likely get an impact factor again.
- Travel grants for member students: two of 1.000 NOK / 100 EUR pr. year. They need to submit an application including a short presentation of what they are working with.
- Lindbergia: It would be good to receive a notification when a new paper is published. Is it possible?

Irina Goldberg

Riikka Juutinen

Statutes for the Nordic Bryological Society

The statutes were accepted at NBS annual meeting in Kilpisjärvi August 5th 1992.

§1 The name of the society is Nordisk Bryologisk Förening, NBF (Nordic Bryological Society, NBS). The language of the society is English.

§2 The objectives of the society are:

- a. To encourage all branches of bryological research.
- b. To facilitate co-operation and communication between Nordic bryologists, amateurs as well as professionals.
- c. To encourage bryological knowledge by arranging meetings, courses and field excursions in bryology.
- d. To provide expertise to assist in the protection of sites of bryological interest.
- e. To encourage publication of bryological papers.

§3 Membership in NBF is open to anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the society. Membership is attained by application to the Secretary of the Society and retained as long as the fees are paid. Honorary membership can be approved by a simple majority of votes cast at an annual meeting after an unanimous recommendation from the Council of the Society. Any member acting contrary to the objectives of the Society may be expelled.

§4 Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to the members at the latest one month in advance. Proposals for candidates for the President and the Council of the Society should be sent to the Secretary at the latest two months before the annual meeting.

§5 The annual meeting is arranged, preferably in connection with an excursion, in rotation between the Nordic countries. At the annual meeting the following matters must be on the agenda:

- a. Election of a chairman, a secretary and a minute checker for the meeting.
- b. The annual report from the Council.
- c. Budget for the coming year.
- d. Treasurer's report.
- e. Setting the membership fee.
- f. Election of President and members of the Council.
- g. Appointments of two auditors.
- h. Determination of place, time and organiser for the next excursion.
- i. Report from the Editor of Lindbergia.

§6 The Council of the Society shall consist of at least seven persons: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three council members. Insofar as possible, all Nordic countries should be represented in the Council. Only Nordic members can be elected to the Council. The Council may whenever necessary appoint committees to take care of various activities within the sphere of interest of the Society. The financial year of the Society is 1 January to 31 December.

§7 The president shall serve for two years, and shall be eligible for re-election. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes in a single ballot shall be elected.

§8 Members of the Council shall serve for two years and shall be eligible for re-election. Three Council members shall be elected at each annual meeting. The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes in a single ballot shall be elected. The annual meeting may decide, by simple majority, to add up to two additional Council members until the next annual meeting.

§9 Two auditors shall be appointed at the annual meeting in alternate years.

§10 The Council shall appoint the Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer from among its own members. A majority of Council shall constitute a quorum. In the case of tie vote at a Council meeting or a general meeting the President shall have a casting vote.

§11 The Society publishes the journal Lindbergia, independently or in collaboration with other societies. Lindbergia shall have its own statutes approved by an annual meeting of NBF.

§12 Changes to the statutes of the Society require a two-third majority of the votes cast at two successive annual meetings. Proposals for new or revised statutes must be announced when notice of the annual meeting is given.

§13 Any proposals for the dissolution of the Society requires simple majority in the Council in two meetings at least one year apart. The proposal must then be submitted to all members of the Society and requires a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. In the case of dissolution of the Society its assets must be used to further the objectives of the Society in a manner to determined by the Council, but in such way that arrangements concerning the funding of Lindbergia are maintained.