

NFPF / NERA Board Meeting in Reykjavik

Friday, August 31st and Saturday, September 1st, 2012

Reykjavik, School of Education.

Minutes

Attending:

Berit Karseth, Tone Dyrdal Solbrekke, John Benedicto Krejsler, Niels Kryger, Carl-Anders Säfström, Roger Thornberg, Biörn Hasselgren, Gestur Guðmundsson, Þuríður Jóhannsdóttir, Hans Petter Ulleberg, Kasper Kofod and Anna Slotte-Lüttge.

Issue 6a): Mikael Dal, Kristin Jónsdóttir and Inga Sölnes (from the Conference bureau Your host).

Absent: Marjatta Lairu.

1. Opening of meeting

- Berit Karseth opened the meeting at 9:14.
- The board decided to use Scandinavian languages during the meeting.

2. Election of 2 controllers

- John B. Krejsler and Hans Petter Ulleberg were elected as controllers.

3. Approval of agenda

- Niels Kryger announced an extra issue: Evaluation of the congress in Copenhagen.

4. Adjustment and approval of minutes from Board meetings in Copenhagen (Minutes received by e-mail 5/6)

- Anna announced that she was not attending the meeting March 10th, as said in the minutes.
- Otherwise the minutes were approved.

5. Follow up the General Assembly 2012 (Minutes received by e-mail 5/6)

- Berit Karseth informed that minutes will be at the website.
- No further comments on the minutes.

6. Congresses

a) 2013 Reykjavik

- Report from the organization committee (Mikael Dal, Inga Sölnes and Gestur Guðmundsson)
 - Mikael presented the web site.
 - Registration:
 - It's possible to register to papers, symposia, round tables and posters. Symposia - Nordic group, includes papers from the participants, ideas are presented. Roundtable, more idea stadium, do not include papers, ideas are discussed.
 - Important to register to these separately, which makes it possible to get an overview over the amount of papers, symposia etc.
 - Register form as regular.
 - Registering possible from September 5th.
 - Registration time: 15.9–1.11. 2012.
 - Important that you have to register chair and discussant when you register symposia, so it becomes clear in the program.
 - Organization committee organises chairs for sessions, through the network convenors.

- Desirable: a system where you have to identify yourself at the registration in order to avoid no payers.

- Gestur Guðmundsson presented the program draft 30.8.2012 (draft handed out).
 - Because of the travels the schedule deviates from the normal: Registration and reception already at Wednesday.
 - Still missing:
 - Annual meeting
 - Network meeting (during lunch)
 - Network convenor meeting
 - The organization committee will continue working with these issues.
 - Conference dinner will be in restaurant Harpan.

- Gestur Guðmundsson presented the economy plan (handed out).
 - The costs are in Island currency, but the information will be in NKR.
 - Aim: total costs like in Copenhagen, 300 000 NKR.
 - More expensive in Reykjavik:
 - Meeting locals, the organization committee will strive to get the prices down.
 - One hotel night more needed and more expensive travel costs (for the keynotes).
 - There is a plan to reduce the cost of the printing materials (smaller brochure). Information will also be available on the screen at the university.
 - There is a system developed, between Universitetsforlaget and the congress organizer, for how to compare and check the membership. Berit Karseth will give it to Gestur Guðmundsson, Inga Sölves and Tone Dyrdal Solbrekke.
 - From September there will be a half time employee to work with the planning

- Price categories, Gestur Guðmundsson presented the plan (handed out).
 - The prices categories (same system as at the last conference) were discussed. There are quite many alternatives now. It must be profitable to be /become a member; could clearly appear at the registration form.
 - There are still some changes to be done (within the same budget). The board gives the responsibility to the organization committee to do the changes.

- Hotel situation and travels (Inga):
 - 550 rooms reserved in different price categories in many hotels (from apartments, bed & breakfast to Hilton). There will be describing texts on the web site. Payment 4 weeks in advance. 25% cheaper than normal prices.
 - Excursions: Extra curricula on Thursday (riding tour, Golden circle with dinner, Blue lagoon). Registration and payment in advance.

- Other issues:
 - Is it possible to have discussion forums at Facebook and Twitter, in order to support an active discussion? Possible to get comments on the abstracts even before the conference? Possible to create an app?
 - Social meeting points? Café Reykjavik suggested.
 - 750 participants calculated max amount. Hotels auditoria can be used for big groups.

- Second call
 - No discussion.

b) 2014 Lillehammer

- Topic and agreement
 - Berit Karseth informed that the contract is assigned (similar with the one used for Copenhagen).
 - Topic is under discussion. Keynotes: Suzan de Castell from Siomin Frazer University, Trond Jakobsen from Høgskolen i Lillehammer, Arjen Wals from Wageningen University and maybe Julia Kristeva from Bulgaria.
 - Organization committee: Lars Monsen, Trond, Rune Haustetter, Ingrid Tvette.
 - Divergent conference days due to skiing event: Wednesday-Friday.

c) 2015 Göteborg

- Topic?
 - Berit Karseth has sent a reminder to Agneta Edvardsson (contact person). They will take contact after a meeting September 5.

d) 2016 Finland

- Where?
 - Marjatta Lairo suggested (in e-mail): Helsinki
 - Helsinki could be good for membership recruiting.
 - Anna asks Fritjof Sahlström to probe the interest at the University of Helsinki.
 - Vaasa is a second alternative.

7 Half year balance

- Tone Dyrdal Solbrekke presented the half year balance (enclosed to the agenda)
 - NERA has a saldo of 536 640,48 NKR which means a large surplus. The reasons behind the surplus:
 - The Congress did not have to pay to University of Århus for all the expenses set up in the original budget for the congress.
 - More attendants at the congress than calculated.
 - More attendants paying a high fee than calculated
- The board will explain the reasons behind the surplus to the members at the annual meeting. This should be done in a concrete, clear way.
- We still have to calculate with many early birds.
- Berit Karseth pointed out that the account documents are internal.
- The board approved the half-year balance.

8 Budget

- Tone Dyrdal Solbrekke presented the proposal to adjust the budget (proposal enclosed to the agenda).
- Berit Karseth noticed that NERA now is back to the ordinary sums /situation as in 2010 and opened up for discussion about how to use the surplus
- Network support:
 - The network reports indicate wishes to organize pre-conferences. Could be worth to signal network support; possible higher network activity.
 - There is a need for a policy document about NERA's support.
 - The networks can decide how to use the sum (dinner, guest lecturers...)
- Berit Karseth will write a draft for a policy document (according to the statutes) about the support possibilities and sends it to the board.
- NERA announce in the journal and at the website about the possibility to apply for network support.
- NERA increases the network support from 30 000 NKR to 50 000 NKR (see adjusted budget).

- AERA support
 - Discussion: What do we get out of it? More people gain the network support.
 - The NERA slot in AERA signals the importance of a Nordic voice outwards. Could be clear at the web site: to be a NERA member means a possibility to a slot at NERA?
 - Possible to get a slot also in WERA, without any economical support?
 - The board will discuss the AERA-issue each year.
 - NERA's support is to be regarded as a part support.
 - The support for the NERA-slot in AERA 2013 is already decided, no changes in the budget.

- Ahlström Award account
 - NERA transfers 10 000 NKR back to Ahlström Award account.

- NERA's role regarding to cooperation with other educational research associations?
 - Possibility to support networks to cooperate with other than AERA?
 - Possible to get a slot for NERA without a promise of financial support?
 - The board decided that John B. Krejsler (coordinator), Carl Anders Säfström and Niels Kryger form a working team with the with the task to propose an approach concerning the relationship between NERA and other educational research associations.
 - The board will discuss the text before it is taken to the Annual Meeting
 - Deadline January 31st, 2013
 - The group will be in contact with Thurild about the experiences in Reykjavik.

9 Possible sources for economic support to NERA

- Berit Karseth and Tone Dyrdal Solbrekke will continue working with the issue.

10 Networks

- Activity reports (Hans Petter Ulleberg). Hans Petter has sent a list of the network reports.
 - We have 25 networks.
 - Network 17 has been on ice some year now and has changed name and profile from Physical Education to Leisure-time pedagogy. The network is re-established as Leisure time pedagogy with a new convener, and will be present at NERA 2013
 - Network 18 is not active. Network 20 wants to merge with network 18. The board suggest that network 20 formulates a describing text that covers both networks.
 - Youth research (network 21) is missing at the website.
 - School development (Network 25) lacks a convener (the former has left). The organization committee needs a name.
 - New convenors in networks 1, 10, 11.
 - Hans Petter Ulleberg will send Berit Karseth information about the networks for the website.
 - 11 network reports have been sent in (of 19 possible)
 - The amount of participants and the amount of sessions is important information for the organization committee.

- Other network issues
 - Network convener meeting in Copenhagen (Silwa Claesson wrote the minutes)

- Carl Anders Säfström reports from the meeting: In general good feeling. Concrete suggestion: developing the website. Link from the website to discussion platforms? Could the web editor be more active in initiating?
- Hans Petter Ulleberg will send out information to the convenors about how to work with the web sites.
- Could it be possible to register to more than one network in Reykjavik?
- There are some challenges for the smaller networks: according to the reports they wish bigger forums.
- The board (Hans Petter Ulleberg) takes the responsibility to initiate a merging between networks 18 and 20 to one network.
- Networks with less than 7 presentations could be encouraged to merge.
- ICT and Education (network 13) is a small network; there has been discussion in Malmö about the continuation. The convener wants to keep the network active, and will participate at the 2013 congress.
- Symposia can be good starting forums for new networks.
- Cluster with networks with just some paper presentation in order to get more discussion between and in the networks?
- How can we support more meetings and discussions between people?
- For the next congress
 - Sessions will contain presentations from different countries.
 - Small, similar networks/themes should not overlap each other in the schedule.
 - Gestur Guðmundsson writes concrete suggestions for the Reykjavik-conference.

11 International collaboration

- EERA (John B. Krejsler)
 - The costs for the NERA-deputy was discussed.
 - Support for summer school and network are important in EERA.
 - Some other countries also intend to leave WERA. BERA is a growing association, interesting to follow.
 - After NERA has left WERA it's important that NERA through EERA is active in WERA.
 - EERA aims at increasing the collaboration with EARLI.
 - EERA tries to expand ECER from 3 to 3,5 day.
 - Berit Karseth represents NERA at ECER in Cadiz (due to the fact that John lost air transportation opportunity as airline went bankrupt) . Next ECER: 2013 in Istanbul, 2014 in London, 2015 in Budapest, 2016 in Porto? 2017, in Italy?
- WERA (Berit Karseth). NERA has still not received the invoice from 2011.
- AERA (Berit Karseth). We have received information about the practicality about the NERA-slot.

12 SWERA: The relationship between the newly established Swedish educational research association and NERA

- Biörn Hasselgren informed (attachment enclosed to the agenda).
 - NERA (Biörn Hasselgren) was at the constituting meeting in Copenhagen, in March 2012.
- Berit Karseth informed about an e-mail from SWERA.

- SWERA wishes a SWERA-slot under the NERA conference in order to have a meeting; SWERA has no interest to compete with NERA, it's rather an economical question.
- The board discussed the issue and decided that NERA can support the arrangement for a SWERA meeting during the conference - in the morning before the ordinary program or at the evening after.
- The board decided to take an initiative to a fellow Nordic symposium about the field of the politics of education, within the normal session program:
 - Panel of representatives from all Nordic countries.
 - Planning group for the symposia: Carl Anders Säfström, Berit Karseth, Hans Petter Ulleberg, Gestur Guðmundsson, Anna Slotte-Lüttge + Danish representative.
 - Aim: To write an abstract to the congress organization committee. Initiator: Hans Petter Ulleberg.
 - The abstract build on a report on the state of Nordic educational research. Berit Karseth will send it to the group.
- John B. Krejsler will talk with Sverker Lindblad about the idea of organising a symposium about the theme.

13 Congress language (see issue 12 b in the minutes, attachment enclosed)

- Marjatta Lairos comment was noticed and the board discussed the issue.
- The board decided that English will retain as NERA's official language, but to stress the Scandinavian languages as an alternative.
- Changes in the policy text are to be made in order to emphasize the Scandinavian languages.
- Berit Karseth will initiate the new policy text and send it to the board members for response.

**The board decided to postpone issues 14, 15, 16 until the next day, September, 1st.
The meeting ended at 17.20.**

NERA Board meeting, Saturday, September, 1st

Reykjavik, School of Education.

Attending:

Berit Karseth, Tone Dyrdal Solbrekke, John Benedicto Krejsler, Niels Kryger, Carl-Anders Säfström, Thornberg Thornberg, Biörn Hasselgren, Gestur Guðmundsson, Kasper Kofod and Anna Slotte-Lüttge.

Absent: Marjatta Lairo, Hans Petter Ulleberg

Berit Karseth opened the meeting at 9:05.

14 Ahlstrom Award 2013: Procedures and responsibilities (attachment enclosed)

- Berit Karseth presented the decision proposal:
 - In the beginning of January the Board members will individually go through year 2011 and 2012 and nominate 1 or 2 articles. Criteria are critical, outstanding and peer reviewed.

These nominations and the rationales will circulate between Board members in January. The Board will take the final decision latest at the Board meeting in March 2013.

- The board approved the proposal.

15 Election 2013 - Information about planned resignations 2013

- Berit Karseth will resign in 2013.
- Tone 2013 will resign as treasurer, but will be ready for assisting the new treasurer initially.
 - Since NERA has the account in a Norwegian bank it can be appropriate if the treasurer is placed in Norway.
 - Berit Karseth proposed that Berit Karseth and Tone write a suggestion on a new treasurer. The board approved the proposal.
- All other members on the board are willing to sit one more year.

16 Other business

- Berit Karseth reported from a meeting with Universitetsforlaget.
 - There is some unclarity with our registration number. Universitetsforlaget will clear it up.
 - Universitetsforlaget, as other publishers, is not satisfied with their placement during the congress; they want to be more visible.
 - Universitetsforlaget does not have to pay for their place during the congress.
- Niels Kryger: Evaluation of the Copenhagen congress.
 - An evaluation form was sent out after the congress.
 - 160 answers; 30% of the members.
 - Generally good judgements; specially the technical support and the key note speakers (in particular Popkewitz and Rosa) got positive judgments.
 - The question about languages: equal distribution among the answers – from “very important” to “not important at all”.
 - Niels will send out the evaluation summary.
 - Niels will write a statistics for the annual report.
- Biörn Hasselgren asked if it is possible that web sites for the congress could come up earlier.
 - Berit Karseth: According to the plan the web sites should have been ready, but some problems arose. Lillehammer will have their sites ready before the Reykjavik congress.

Berit Karseth stated that it's good to have a whole day for the board meeting and ended the board meeting at 9:30.

The next meeting will be March, 6th, 2013, 9:00 AM.

Berit Karseth (chair)

Anna Slotte-Lüttge (secretary)

Controller of minutes 1: Hans Petter Ulleberg, Approved yes with minor comments
Controller of minutes 2: John Benedicto Krejsler, Approved yes with minor comments