



**Nordic Educational Research Association  
(NERA/NFPF) Annual General Assembly 2023  
Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4.55-5.55 PM (CET)**

**AGENDA - minutes**

1. Opening of the meeting.

Meeting opened at 16.55. Michael Dal opened the meeting.

2. Election of chairperson for the meeting.

Elizabet Bjornestad was elected chair for the meeting.

3. Election of secretary for the meeting.

Paul Adams was elected secretary for the meeting

4. Election of two members to check the minutes.

Two members were elected to check the minutes: Rauno Huttunen & Jonas Almqvist

5. Approval of the meeting agenda.

Errors in the meeting numbering were noted, and rectified. The agenda was ratified. No other matters were noted as arising.

6. Annual reports for 2022.

- a. The Board's report /Michael Dal

Last NERA conference was held in June in Iceland. Board meeting in September 2022. Membership fee was attached to conference registration. This has impacted positively NERA funds. Prior to this, NERA was in a less healthy state. An annual NERA research conversation was held online in October 2022. Around 100 people attended. From January the early bird

registration began. From then, the conference has been the main topic for the board. Some members have resigned from the board; these will be replaced throughout the year.

b. Balance / Simona Bernotaite

NERA finances were presented by Simone for financial year 2022 to 2023. 2022 started with a healthy surplus. Some membership fees for 2023 were paid in last financial year. There were some refunds from Iceland conference and some from some networks. Spending was outlined. There was some overlap for change in treasurer so that bank access etc. could be maintained. There has been a significant increase in NERA funds. the annual reports have been approved by the auditors.

c. Auditor's report / Daniel Petersson & Pia Haugerud

The financial report was accepted by the meeting.

d. Editor's report / Herner Saeverot

The editor gave an oral and visual report from the journal. Numbers of accepted and rejected papers remain stable. Downloads are increasing year-on-year. Downloads continue from the old platform. Closing of the books, 2022.

7. The meeting agreed to close the books from 2022.

8. Acceptance of the work of the board 2021-22.

The meeting accepted the work of the board for 2022.

9. Plans for 2023

a. Board's plan / Michael Dal

Michael Dal outlined 5 points for action for the board. A major part of the board's work is to develop the website and move to a new platform. Last 6 years have seen support from the Nordic Council. This is now due to cease. the convenor asked whether fees for key-note speakers and their travel costs could be provided. This was agreed, with reservations according to cost. The number of networks was queried and there is some imbalance between networks viz size. It was noted that COVID might have impacted here. It was noted that there is a need to balance conference attendee numbers and number of networks. Network 11 (history of education) was noted as having had no network meeting. It was determined that this was due to miscommunication. The need to improve communication between the board and networks was noted. Matters related to network 14 were also raised. Another network had not had a network meeting, so this network was removed from the conference programme. Network convenors

were reminded to submit a report of their activities throughout the year. The board's plans were accepted.

b. Editor's plan / Herner Saeverot

The most recent special edition was published on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the second issue will be published later this year. Other special editions have been published stemming from the Nordic conversations. All matters were discussed: a programme has been identified as helping with this. This will be updated later. The editor's plan was accepted.

11. Budget for 2023 / Simona Bernbotaite

The treasurer outlined the budget plan for the forthcoming year. The meeting accepted the treasurer's budget plans.

13. Elections (Proposal from election committee) / Kirsten Elisa Petersen

a. Board

Proposals were made and accepted for board

b. President

c. Deputy members

d. Auditors and deputy

e. Election committee

f. Convener of the election committee

g. announcement of new treasurer

14. Any other business

a. Next GA will be March 2023 at NERA 2024 hosted by the The University of Malmø.

b.

15. Closing of the meeting

The meeting closed at 17.43.