



NERA Board meeting March 4th 2025

AGENDA

Place

Helsinki University, Main building, Fabiansgatan 33,
Room: U2071

Participants

Solveig Cornér (Finland), Riikka Sirkko (Finland), Dion Rüsselbæk (Denmark), Thomas Iskov (Denmark), Hege Knudsmoen (Norway), Gry Paulgaard (Norway), Michael Dal (Iceland), Anette Olin Almqvist (Sweden), Joacim Andersson (Sweden)

Editor: Herner Sæverot (Norway)

Part 1: kl. 9:00 – 12:00

1. Opening.

Some changes were made to the agenda concerning the order of issues

2. Election of secretary.

Hege writing minutes

3. Election of two controllers.

Joacim and Riikka

4. Acceptance of agenda for the meeting.

Accepted

5. Minutes from the Board meeting October 3rd and 4th, 2024.

Accepted

6. Economy (Michael).

a. Balance 2024.

- Michael went through the balance for 2024.
- No support for Nordforsk to the Journal, it's the same for the upcoming years.
- The economic situation is good.

- The budget indicate that we support more relevant network meetings additional to the association.
- The main activity is the conference and the journal, The membership fee is necessary to increase the activity, also in the networks work.

b. **Final account**

The importance of economic transparency was discussed. We discuss the post, example of present for next conference fee can be a present or the idea of “lifetime” membership, suggestion for the next board meeting.

i. **Audit** 2024.

Daniel Petterson og Mette Meidell, suggested for next year also and was accepted.

c. **Budget proposal** for 2025.

Discussion on NERA's costs. Organising the conference is a risk for the organising committee. The organizing committee must balance the budget of its own institution, and it is suggested that the NERA Board should provide more support for the organization of the conference.

We take more responsibility for the risk associated with organising the conference. We are still developing some principles to support the organisation of the conference. This can be reformulated in a future agreement.

Decision: Established a working group on ‘contribution from the conference’ (Michael, Anette, Riikka, Thomas & Hege)

The budget proposal was accepted.

7. Network issues (Gry).

a. **Report** from network coordinator.

b. **Distribution of abstracts** between networks 2025.

The activity in the networks have increased, also regarding the amount of preconference. The president and network coordinator had a digital meeting with convener in the end of January 2025 Deadline for network activity should be reported at least two weeks before the board meeting in October.

Gry introduced network issues relating more than the convenor and moving abstracts between the networks. NERA will adopt the same arrangement as ECER. When submitting abstracts, each abstract shall have two network priorities. The network should announce who will be the corresponding convener who will be responsible for the website on the network website.

Network convenors send information to the treasurer about which of the convenors that will receive the refund of membership fee, contact information and bank account information.

The deadline for report from network activity is 15th September 2025, send the president. The deadline for network report is 15th April, and it should be sent to the network coordinator. At the NERA conference the convener meeting should be on Thursday, so they have some experience with the conference.

Decision the network have more than two convenors, appoint one corresponding convener possible in the country the conference take place. Information if in the responsible for the website is needed for the coordinator and the board need to know which convener should have the refund, report to the treasure.

8. [Website issues](#) (Anette & Michael).

No special issue, except the picture is needed, we will try to generate it at the conference in Helsinki. The NERA Congress history site is an issue, we don't have an archive. Maybe we should write in the contract that the website should be available as long as possible.

9. International collaborations (Michael).

a. EERA .

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EERA meeting in March some problem about organising the conference in Cypres at ECER 2024 regarding the Greek part the northern part. 10% of the network were not allowed to go to the conference in the northern part if it will be arranged there. The will not be arrange conference in Cyprus the upcoming five years. The next ECER conference will be in Beograd, September 2025.

b. [SERA](#) & ESAI.

It's developed a proposal for SERA and NERA collaboration, it seems that is no interest at an organisational level.

c. AERA.

Established collaboration that work well.

d. Other issues?

10. The President has been in contact with the BERA board. We expected to arrange a session, but no response from. Next meeting who do we like to collaborate with, clarify their expectation to us. Board's Plan

a. Review of Board's plan for 2025.

b. Discussion of [Board's plan for 2025 - 26](#) (Michael).

The president went through the board plan. Regarding economy add on point to secure and improve the support to the organisation committee.

11. NERA portfolio for the coming year (Michael).

- a. Overview and status.
- b. [Election committee](#).
- c. Changes of board members.
- d. Expressions of interest

In January we should send in the election information to the convenor.

Anette Olin Almqvist take over the position of President and Hege Knudsmoen as vice president. Denmark will take over the position, and then Finland. It's normal that the board sitting in this position four years.

Regarding expression we change the conference fee for academic staff NOK 800,-, and for students and emeritus/emerita NOK 500,-. We put that forward to the general assembly.

12. NERA Conferences

- a. Denmark 2026 (Thomas)
- b. Norway 2027 (Gry)
- c. Sweden 2028 (Anette)

[Nera Conference 2026](#) ~~[Nera Conference 2026](#)~~ have the venues ready, they will clarify the Oxford or other conference application later. They have spaces to host a big conference, the organising committee is preliminary, but Ane is fixer. The conference fee is 520 euro because of the Danish taxes. We discuss the programme, maybe move the network meeting and convener meeting.

The head of the Department of Education has agreed upon arranging the conference, the head of the Faculty of Social sciences, Humanities and Teacher Education will sign the contract. Silje Sivertsvik, Siri Sollied Matsen (professor and vice head of research) and Gry Paulgaard.

The University of Mälardalen university are positive to host the conference in 2028, they will clarify their capacity throughout the semester.

We suggest Iceland for 2029 and Finland again for 2030.

Part 2: Kl. 13.00 – 17.00

13. NERA 2025: meeting with the conveners at University of Helsinki:

- a. Conveners present conference issues to the board.
- b. Discussion.

14. Preparation of NERA General Assembly meeting (Michael)

- a. [Agenda](#)

We went through the agenda for the general assembly. Suggestions:

- Jonas Almqvist, lead the meeting
- Hege Knudsmoen, secretary
- Silje Sivertsvik and Siri Sollied Matsen will be check the minutes

15. NSE Editorial Meeting (kl. 16.00 – 16.45).

a. Key numbers for NSE for 2024

The principal perspective on leadership, relational thinking and topics didactics, bullying etc.

b. Editorial Report from Herner

- Anette, Michael and Herner had a meeting with Cappelen recently.
- It's still a huge work to get reviewers.
- No financial support available for publication.
- NERA boards are co- editors, but Herner will be careful to use the board in that way. Herner send the board a request on what kind of theme we can help on.
- Discuss the concept of the Nordic Perspective as a normative question, see special issue 2023.

c. Activities, marketing from Cappelen, see the editor report:

- Number of pages published in 2024: 336 (350 as per contract: 364 in 2023, 394 in 2022)
- 4 issues
- 18 peer-reviewed articles (21 in 2023, 22 in 2022)
- 0 editorials (1 in 2023, 0 in 2022)
- 2 book reviews (2 in 2023, 1 in 2022)
- Submitted articles: 94 peer-reviewed (average: 87/year)
- Rejected articles: 75 peer-reviewed (average: 66/year)
- Number of contributors: 43 (62 in 2023, 48 in 2022)

d. Publication plans for 2025

Herner will inform the conveners

e. Special issue 2025

Herner will ask the conveners to suggest special issue

f. The 6th Annual Nordic Educational Conversation 2025

Ask the convener, also book series one or two per year in Bloomsbury

g. The Ahlström Award 2026

Herner and Hege prepare the readings of the article of Ahlström Award 2026 before the board meeting in October.

h. Other

Established a working group to discuss narrowing the Nordic perspectives and research frame of the Journal. Solveig Cornér, Dion Rüsselbæk, and Joacim Andersson with Herner will be the working group. They suggestions will be presented in the next board meeting.

16. Next meeting

20.-21. October in Aarhus, Denmark.

17. Closing of the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joacim Andersson'.

Joacim Andersson
Controller

Riikka Sirkko
Controller