

General Assembly of NOFOD

Time: Friday 24th of October 2008, 20.08 – 21.22

Place: Holiday Inn, Tampere, Finland

Participants: 23 members (see attachment # 1)

MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting

The chair Ingrid Redbark-Wallander declared the meeting opened.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting approved to the agenda with introducing the issue of the proceedings in section 15 (Other items).

3. Election of the Chair and Secretary for the General Assembly

The meeting elected Egil Bakka to act as the chair and Leena Rouhiainen to act as the secretary of the assembly.

4. Election of the two persons to sign the minutes of the General Assembly along with the Chair.

The meeting elected Mats Nilson and Hanna Järvinen to sign the minutes.

5. Has the General Assembly been called in accordance with the Nofod bylaws.

The meeting agreed that the General Assembly was called together according to the bylaws.

6. Report of the Board

Ingrid Redbark-Wallander presented the report of the board describing its recent activities: establishing the website, organizing Dance – Movement – Mobility – conference in Tampere in October 2008, the activities on the national level of the member countries etc. (see attachment # 2)

The meeting accepted the report.

7. Report of the Auditors

The auditors Irene Jelin and Bodil Person accepted the Nordic profit and loss accounts for years 2006 and 2007. The reports were introduced in the meeting by Ingibjörg Björnsdóttir. The report of the auditors was accepted by the meeting.

8. Confirmation of the balance sheet

Ingibjörg Björnsdóttir introduced the balance sheets for years 2006 (Total Liabilities 3.909,56€) and 2007 (Total Liabilities 2678,01€). The balance sheets were accepted by the meeting.

9. Item of discharging the Board

On the basis of the accepted balance sheets the meeting gave the board of Nofod freedom of responsibility.

10. Election of the Board

Denmark: Susanne Ravn continues on and Ulla Katrine Sundby Friis is leaving the board. Pia Stilling was suggested as the new representative of Denmark. The meeting accepted Pia Stilling as a board member of Nofod.

Finland: Leena Rouhiainen continues on and Petri Hoppu is leaving the board. Elina Seye was suggested as the new representative of Finland. The meeting accepted Elina Seye as a board member of Nofod.

Iceland: Sesselja Magnusdottir continues on and Ingibjörg Björnsdottir is leaving the board. Iceland had no suggestion for a new representative. The meeting gave Sesselja Magnusdottir and Iceland's national meeting authority to choose its new representative in January.

Norway: Anne Fiskvik continues on and Siri Maeland is leaving the board. Hilde Rustad was suggested as the new representative of Norway. The meeting accepted Hilde Rustad as a board member of Nofod.

Sweden: Nina Lundborg has already left and Ingrid Redbark-Wallander is leaving the board. Camilla Damkjaer was suggested as a new representative. The meeting accepted Camilla Damkjaer as the new representative of Sweden. The meeting gave Ingrid Redbark-Wallander and Camilla Damkjaer the authority to choose the second representative for Sweden.

11. Election of the two auditors and their substitutes

The meeting elected Birgitte Bauer-Nilsen and Anne-Maria Nielsen as the two auditors.

12. NOFOD website

Susanne Ravn asked the meeting to evaluate how the website had functioned for the conference and to make suggestions for further developing the website.

The meeting complimented the board for doing a good job in establishing the website. It has supported disseminating information on Nofod. Information of the Tampere conference was clear and easy to access. It was suggested that guidelines on how to create a poster for the conference could be more detailed. It was also suggested that members send the board comments and information that can be added to the website. The new board will elect a webmaster amongst itself for this end.

It was discussed if the personal codes to enter the website pages that are only for Nofod members were worthwhile. It was suggested that Nofod gives up the codes and instead creates an open debate forum on the website. It was also suggested that the board creates an email list containing the addresses of all its members so that everyone could participate in disseminating news on interesting events, publications etc.

13. Cooperation with SDSH

Lena Hammergren a member of the board of Society of Dance History Scholars informed the meeting on an interest by SDHS for a joint conference with NOFOD. The suggested time is June 2013 and place Trondheim NTNU. Anne Fiskvik and Egil Bakka are working for a proposal for SDHS.

It was suggested that in case the joint conference is realized Nofod members should not need to pay membership fees to SDHS to attend the conference.

14. Contingents of 2009 and 2010

The meeting decided not to raise the membership fee but to keep it at 25 € and equalize the payment between countries. Each country pays the fee in its own currency according to the exchange rate of the date.

It was additionally suggested that Nofod could accept donations together with the membership fees. This issue will be taken up by the new board.

15. Other items

Proceedings

Leena Rouhiainen introduced the question of continuing to publish the proceedings in the form of an e-book on the website of NOFOD.

In order to offer services in return of the membership fee, it was suggested that the proceedings in pdf-form would first be accessible only to the Nofod members. After the next conference they could be made generally accessible. To make the use of webcode (that would allow for the abovementioned procedure) easier, it was suggested that the code would be the same for each member. The new board will continue working on the issue.

Newsletter

The meeting was informed of the newsletter that is sent to the members both through email and placed on the website. Participants were also reminded to think of news for the next newsletter that will be issued in November 2008 and send information to Sesselja Magnusdottir to be published in it.

Honorary to Egil Bakka

Siri Maeland introduced the Norwegian honorary that is given to Egil Bakka in November for his work in cultural heritage and traditional dance. The meeting appreciated and applauded this gesture.

16 Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 21:22.

Date and place

Hanna Järvinen

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Mats Nilson

Date and Place

Leena Rouhiainen

Attachment 1

Participants:

Hilde Rustad
Kamma Siegumfeldt
Hanna Järvinen
Lena Hammergren
Petri Hoppu
Elina Seye
Maj Vester-Janson
Sesselja G. Magnusdottir
Siri Maeland
Susanne Ravn
Camilla Damkjaer
Anne Fiskvik
Leena Rouhiainen
Inger V. Damsholt
Mats Nilsson
Egil Bakka
Gunnel Biskop
Birgitte Bauer-Nilsen
Charlotte Svendler Nielsen
Ingibjög Björnsdottir
Eeva Anttila
Ingrid Redbark-Wallander
Lise Lavelle