

MINUTES

The NOFOD General Assembly

Time: Thursday April 25, 2024, at 17.15-18.15 (CEST)

Place: Høyskolen Kristiania, Urtegata 9, Oslo

1. Opening of the meeting

By Irene Velten Rothmund (NOFOD chair)

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

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

Chair: Karen Vedel

Secretary: Anne Fiskvik

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

Lena Hammergren and Elizabeth Svarstad were elected.

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

Yes, the assembly agreed to this.

6. Report of the Board

Irene Velten Rothmund (chair) gave the following report:

Period: July 2022- April 2024

The board first met in Copenhagen July 7, 2022, and we had in total 7 meetings after this: The constituting meeting was on zoom September 13, 2022. The board has met 3 times in Oslo: Oslo 28-29 January 2023, 25-26 November 2023, and 23.4.2024. We have also met on zoom 3 times: 5 June 2023, 7 September 2023, and 8 April 2024.

We have had some changes in the board since the last general assembly: Sarah Pini took over for Franziska Bork Petersen in January 2023. Halldis Folkedal went into maternity leave in June 23, and Hilde Rustad stepped in as a substitute for her from August the same year. Sigríður Soffía Nielsdóttir officially left the board at the same time.

The board has succeeded in planning and arranging this present 16th NOFOD Conference, *The Dancer and the Dance*, in cooperation with Kristiania University College in Oslo. For the conference we applied money from Nordic Culture Fund and Letterstedtska föreningen twice. So far, we did not get any funding, however we are still awaiting answer from Letterstedtska. We have also had a cooperation with the Nordic association for folk dance research (Nff) in arranging a book launch and dance evening and hosting their yearly meeting.

Nofod's Facebook page has 552 followers and has reached 1.200 persons in April 2024.

- The report was approved by the general assembly.

7. Report of the Auditors

The auditors Hilde Rustad and Annette Sture Iversen gave an oral report. They approved the accounts. They had the following suggestions:

To make it as easy and understandable as possible for the future auditors:

We think it necessary to make explanations and comment that makes it easy to understand the different attachments and receipts. This could be done with a pen directly on the attachment or receipt.

When the currency is not the country's currency, it is important that it is 'translated' into the country's currency. The auditors should not have to do this in order to check if the numbers are right.

The Finnish accounts are especially difficult to understand for non-Finnish auditors. We recommend that the Finnish accounts are translated as much as possible into English. For the template for the treasurers, - it is good if all use the same terms. We noticed that now some used 'cashbook' others 'attachment'.

8. Confirmation of the balance sheet

Treasurer Lars Dahl Pedersen (NOFOD treasurer) started out by giving a report of the NOFOD memberships. Thereafter he presented the balance sheet (see appendix).

The balance sheet was approved.

9. Item of discharging the Board

The board was thanked for their work and was discharged.

10. Election of the Board

Sweden: Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt and Camilla Reppen

Iceland: Katrin Gunnarsdottir and Atli Freyr Hjaltason

Norway: Irene Velten Rothmund and Hilde Rustad

Denmark: Sarah Pini and Inger Damsholt

Finland: Tuire Colliander and Maikki Uotila-Kraatz

11. Election of the two auditors and their substitutes

Kamma Siegumfeldt and Lars Dahl Pedersen were elected.

Substitutes: Siri Mæland and Karen Vedel.

12. Confirming/adjusting the level of the contingents

The general assembly approved of not adjusting the levels of the membership fees. However the student fee category is changed to a reduced fee who also include non-affiliated scholars and artists.

13. Adjustment of the Bylaws: §5 General Assembly

The board suggest adjusting the text about the announcement of the general assembly.

Old text: "The board announces a general assembly by a letter to each and every member with at least three months in advance."

New text: "The board announces a general assembly by e-mail to each and every member with at least two months in advance."

The adjusting of bylaws was approved by all persons present at the general assembly.

14. Report from the Nordic Journal of Dance

Anette Sture Iversen made a report about the journal. There will be a special conference issue.

The NOFOD board have decided that we want to continue to send out the paper copy to members. When there is a conference issue, this issue will be sent out to the members.

15. Special interest groups

Artistic research group will continue, there will be a new converner.

History research/working group will continue, will establishing an email list, where members can share things of interest. Request: Could there be a list-serving at the nofod website, in order to update email addresses? Or will use a manual list (gmail). Asks for more time for interests group for next conference

Folkdance and popular dance interest group will continue, mostly talked about their own research, hope this area will be more included for future conferences.

Dance Pedagogy interest group will continue, fruitful discussion, created an email list.

Suggestion that one person in the board coordinates the interest groups.

Suggestion for new group: Dance Science /Medicine.

16. The next conference

The next conference will be in Iceland, 2026, probably around end of May/beginning of June. The theme has yet not been decided. Suggestions about the dancing body/climate change. But it is the privilege of the new board to decide this.

17. Other items

No other items

18. Closing the meeting

Recognition to those leaving the board.

The minutes are confirmed by:

Oslo 26/04-24

Date/place

Irene VeltenRothmund

Name: Irene Velten Rothmund (chair)

Oslo 26/04/24

Date/place

Elizabeth Svarstad

Name: Elizabeth Svarstad

Oslo 26/04/24

Date/place

Lena Hammergren

Name: Lena Hammergren

Accounts all Nofod countries 2022-2023

(in Euro)

TOTAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

| Income | 2022 | 2023 |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Membership fees | 2.675 | 3.337 |
| Other income | 206 | 23 |
| Conference income | 29.163 | - |
| Total income | 32.044 | 3.360 |
| Working expenses | | |
| Postage and stationary | | |
| Nordic Journal of Dance | 630 | 749 |
| Nordic board meetings | 1.878 | 2.419 |
| National meetings | - | - |
| Other expenses | 104 | 185 |
| Conference expenses | 27.948 | 871 |
| Fees | 381 | 362 |
| Interests | | |
| Total expences | 30.838 | 4.622 |
| Total Profit and loss | 1.103 | - 1.262 |

BALANCE

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|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Asset | | |
| Bank and Cash | 7.490 | 6.064 |
| Total Asset | 7.490 | 6.064 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Working Capital primo | 6.593 | 7.326 |
| Total Profit and loss account | 897 | - 1.262 |
| Working capital ultimo | 7.490 | 6.064 |
| Total Liabilities | 7.490 | 6.064 |