

## Minutes of Board meeting No. 58

Date: 26 January 2011,

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 (Danish, Norwegian and Swedish time, GMT +1)

Video-meeting

Present:	Ágúst Sigurðsson	LBHI, chair
	Jørgen B Jespersen for Just Jensen	AU-DJF
	Antti Sukura	HU-V
	Marketta Sipi	HU-AF
	Grete Bertelsen for Per Holten-Andersen	LIFE
	Lena Anderson Eklund for Lisa Sennerby-Forsse	SLU
	Seppo Kellomäki	UEF-F
	Mari Sundli Tveit, for Hans Fredrik Hoen	UMB
	Björn Þorsteinsson	LBHI, chair NOVA-KUF
	Anna Berg Samúelsdóttir	NSB
	Aija Ryyppö	UEF
	Marianne Aarø-Hansen	AU-DJF coordinator
	Þórunn Reykdal	NOVA coordinator, secretary

Absent regular members:

Per Holten-Andersen	LIFE
Just Jensen	AU-DJF
Hans Fredrik Hoen	UMB
Lisa Sennerby-Forsse	SLU
Yngvild Wasteson	NVH

### Board meeting 58 Agenda

#### 58.1 Opening of meeting and approval of agenda

Ágúst Sigurðsson opened the meeting and the agenda was approved. A short presentation round was made. Yngvild Wasteson from NVH was unable to attend the meeting due to technical problems in video conference connections.

#### 58.2 Follow up on Board meeting 57

Þórunn Reykdal presented meeting minutes from Board meeting 57, the minutes were approved.

#### 58.3 Information from KUF meeting 37

Björn Þorsteinsson, chair of KUF reported on KUF meeting 37, the minutes were acknowledged.

#### 58.4 Preliminary accounts 2010

Þórunn Reykdal presented preliminary account for the year 2010. It was noted that very little of allocated funding for new areas had been used and pointed out that the local teams will have to actively promote new areas within their institutes.

Decision: The Board accepts preliminary account for 2010.

#### **58.5 NOVA Strategy 2011-2014**

Ágúst Sigurðsson presented the NOVA Strategy 2011-2014 and the minor suggestions of changes from KUF meeting 37 in November.

Decision: The NOVA Strategy 2011-2014 was acknowledged by the Board.

#### **58.6 Budget 2011 and member fee calculation, introduction**

Pórunn Reykdal presented suggested Budget 2011. Questions were raised concerning accounting of external projects and NOVA guarantee.

Decision: The secretariat will look into the matter and will send out final account for *Per Capsulam* decision by the Board.

Model of member fee calculation was introduced with various proportions of number of full time student equivalent (FTSE) and governmental funding. LIFE proposed that it should be developed further where the number of PhD students should have more weight in the calculation versus MSc students.

Decision: The secretariat will send out a new sheet of member fee calculation with raised weight of PhD students in the calculations.

#### **58.7 Acknowledgment of NOVA activity plan 2011**

Björn Þorsteinsson presented NOVA activity plan 2011 from KUF meeting 37.

Decision: The NOVA activity plan 2011 was approved with comments on that funding of PhD courses might change after final approval of budget 2011 and the rotation of the secretariat from LBHI to another NOVA member will be decided at the Board meeting in May.

#### **58.8 Support to coordination of Nordplus networking**

Pórunn Reykdal presented proposed funding of NOVA /BOVA Nordplus coordinator and study advisors meeting in Jelgava in March. The current academic year funding for networking was not received from NCM as previous years, the funding from NCM for 2010-2011 was only for mobility and courses. For the NOVA/BOVA Nordplus coordination these meetings have proven to be very important and in the NOVA strategy 2011-2014 involvement of study advisors in cooperation within MSc education and in promoting NOVA has been added.

Decision: The suggested funding of one coordinating meeting was approved, estimated cost 10.800 EUR.

#### **58.9 External funding**

Pórunn Reykdal presented external funding; the Nordic Council of Ministers provided the NOVA network with total funding of 31.000 EUR for student mobility for the academic year 2009-2010 and 56.000 EUR for 2010-2011, whereof 20.000 EUR were for intensive courses and 36.000 EUR for student mobility. The Nordic Forest Research Cooperation Committee (SNS) continued to support forestry related courses during 2010, by 16.000 EUR, maximum four courses with 4.000 EUR each, which was taken into account during funding of applications at NOVA autumn call.

January 20-21 NordForsk announced open calls for Researcher Training courses 2011 and Researcher Networks 2011. Submission deadline for the training courses is 16 March 2011 and for the networks is 6 April 2011. The secretariat has announced the NordForsk open call on the NOVA home page.

#### **58.10 Funding over budget of PhD courses, suggestion based on proportion of regained funding**

Follow-up from Board meeting 57; Þórunn Reykdal presented suggestion of funding of PhD course applications by 20% over budget, based on regained from PhD courses 2007-2009.

Decision: In 2011 KUF will fund PhD courses by 20% over budget.

#### **58.11 Annual Seminar 2011 Foulum 5-6 May**

Ágúst Sigurðsson opened for discussion on NOVA Annual Seminar in May. Comments were made on the necessity of making the topic *Education for sustainable Development in a Nordic Life Science Perspective* as relevant as possible for the NOVA network. Pedagogical approach was emphasized and possible attribution from the industry sector suggested, such as the Nordic food company ARLA. The local planning group at AU-DJF has been working on the seminar programme in cooperation with the NOVA secretariat and EC and a preliminary programme is expected to be launched within the next 2-3 weeks.

The AU-DJF team expects the cost of the seminar to be high due to high accommodation prices and additional participation due to parallel program of information officers from the institutes. Therefore it is requested to raise the budget to 25.000 €, anticipated in-kind contribution from AU-DJF is 11.000 € and maximum participation is 85 due to hotel facilities and budget. During discussions it was suggested that institutes could pay for participation exceeding the budget.

Decision: The budget for the annual seminar 2011 will be raised from 24.000 € to 25.000 € in the NOVA budget 2011 which will be confirmed by *Per Capsulam* decision.

#### **58.12 Rotating NOVA secretariat**

Ágúst Sigurðsson opened discussions on which institute will be the successor of LBHI from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Decision on chair of NOVA 2012-2013 will be on the agenda at Board meeting 59 in May.

#### **58.13 End of meeting**

No other issues were brought up and the chair closed the meeting at 11:00.



Ágúst Sigurðsson  
Chair, NOVA Board



Þórunn Reykdal  
Secretary