*Election to the Faculty Boards at NMBU 2022*

Presentation of the candidate. Highlights.

**Name:** Niklas Wickander

**Work location (Faculty):** MINA

**Position:** PhD-candidate

**Education:** BsC in Biology from Uppsala university and MsC in Genetic and Molecular Plant science

**Work Experience:** Gardener at the Bergius botanic garden in Stockholm. Research assistant at the Swedish University for Agricultural Science. Teacher/Guide for Vetenskapens hus in Stockholm

**Organizational experience / advice / controls etc. Relevant appointments and / or management experience:** Minor organizational experiences, I have assisted in organizing initiation weeks for new students at a very basic level and handled interns at the Bergius botanic garden.

**Why I want to be a member of the board:** The board makes and influences decisions that impacts everyone employed or studying at MINA. As a PhD it feels important in influencing the decisions made that affect our working conditions and working environment. I have been studying and working at several different universities in Sweden and seen many positive and negative parts at many of the departments I have been a member of. Bringing in that different perspective while also being new and fresh at NMBU would give a new perspective that could give the best opportunities at the MINA faculty and for everyone studying and working at the university. I would like to bring that to the board.

**What I see as the main challenges for the board:** Ensuring that the faculty can give and make sure that opportunities and collaborations are available to further future research and researchers.