*Election to the Faculty Boards at NMBU 2019*

Presentation of the candidate. Highlights.

**Name:**

Maria Åsnes Moan

**Work location (Faculty):**

Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management (MINA)

**Position:**

Ph.D. candidate

**Education:**

Bachelor’s in Forest Sciences (2016 – 2019)

Master’s in Forest Sciences (2019 – 2021)

**Work Experience:**

I have previously done fieldwork in natural forests and Sitka spruce forests for NMBU (during the summers of 2019 and 2020). I have also worked as a student representative at student fairs, where I informed about Norway’s forest science higher education.

**Organizational experience / advice / controls etc. Relevant appointments and / or management experience:**

When I was a student, I was the deputy leader (2017-2018) and leader (2018-2019) of the student big band at NMBU. I have also been the secretary of the forestry student society (“skogbrukerforeningen” in Norwegian) on two occasions (2017-2018 and 2020-2021). Currently, I am representing the Society of Doctoral Candidates (SoDoc) in the Equality and Inclusiveness Committee at NMBU.

**Why I want to be a member of the board:**

I want to be a member of the board because MINA is doing important work for society, and it would be exciting to contribute to this work at the highest level. After spending five years as a student here, I have also come to care for MINA as an organization. I want MINA to be a good place to work, and I want to do my best to represent the temporary employees.

**What I see as the main challenges for the board:**

I think one of the main challenges could be wisely handling the ongoing budget cuts. I also think there might be some work related to the revision of MINA’s strategy and harmonizing this with the strategy of NMBU. It will also be important to continue the good work of keeping the students happy with their education and promoting the study programs at the faculty to new potential students.