*Election to the Faculty Boards at NMBU 2019*

Presentation of the candidate. Highlights.

**Name:** Rieke Lo Madsen

**Work location (Faculty):** MINA

**Position:** PhD student

**Education:**

MASTER OF SCIENCE, Lund University: Major in Biology with specialisation in Ecology.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, Copenhagen University: Major in Natural Resources with specialisation in Plant Science.

**Work Experience:**

I have worked several part-time jobs, for instance as field assistant within ecology, instructor in various university courses (terrestrial botany, plant diversity), pedagogical assistant, library assistant and mentor for students dealing with mental health challenges.

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

I have always actively taken part in associations, particularly related to nature, education, and sports. Some examples:

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| ***Nov. 2021 – (ongoing)*** | **ECOLOGY GROUP**, ***MINA, NMBU***: planning of events in the ecology group e.g. EcoLunch talks, writing newsletter etc. | |
| ***Nov. 2019 – Jun. 2020*** | | **SPORTS MINISTER, *Smålands Nation, Lund***: in charge of organising and planning (sport) events in student association. | |
| ***Spring (autumn) 2018*** | | **WILHJELMGRUPPEN, *Danmarks Naturfredningsforening***: planning of Danish Nature Conference. Link: *https://wilhjelm.dn.dk/tidligere-konferencer/wilhjelm-17plus-2018/* | |

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

I am of course interested in becoming a board member to ensure that the wishes and needs of the temporary employees are heard. However, I have a particularly strong motivation to represent my international colleagues in this connection (see below)!

It is important for me that MINA is a pleasant place to work and that colleagues are also friends, whose well-being should be prioritized!

In addition, a personal motivation for becoming part of the board is to learn about the structure and organization of the faculty and university; including insights into the challenges that we are facing.

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

I will work for a more inclusive faculty and university: It is OK that some things might be lost in translation, but not that they are never translated!

I want to solve some of the challenges that we, as temporary employees, are facing, e.g. faster/better integration into a new working environment (what/where/who).

I want to contribute to MINA’s (and NMBU’s) never-ending strive towards being a sustainable organization.