



## Swedish Society OIKOS

Minutes of the 2019 annual general meeting at SLU, Ultuna, Uppsala, 14:00-14:30 February 6th 2019 in Loftets hörsal.

Attendance: 20 members

### Agenda:

1. Jan Bengtsson was elected as chair and Jessica Abbott as secretary for the meeting.
2. Karin Nilsson and Anna Gårdmark were elected to certify the minutes of the meeting.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. The board was granted discharges for 2018. The auditors' report is appended.
5. Election of board for 2019. Present:
  - i) Johan Olofsson, Umeå President (new)
  - ii) Anders Telenius, Stockholm Vice president (new)
  - iii) Jessica Abbott, Lund Secretary and treasurer
  - iv) Kristina Karlsson Green, SLU Alnarp
  - v) Lars Hillström, Gävle
  - vi) Martin Lind, Uppsala
  - vii) Agnes Karlsson, Stockholm
  - viii) Hanne Løvlie, Linköping
  - ix) Joachim Strengbom, SLU Uppsala (new)
  - x) Lars Gamfeldt, Göteborg (new)
6. Lars Ericson and Anna Gårdmark (new) were elected as nominating committee.
7. Åsa Lankinen and Johan Stenberg were elected to continue as auditors, with Johan Ehrlén and Thomas Elmqvist as deputies.
8. Anders Telenius was elected as continuing representative with Jan Bengtsson as deputy in the Council of the European Ecological Federation.
9. Anna Persson (Lund) and Linda Calamnius (Gävle) were elected as continuing representatives in INNGE (International Network of Next-Generation Ecologists).
10. The society approved Lars Ericson and Anna Gårdmark as nominating committee of the Nordic Society Oikos. (Members are formally elected by the NSO at their yearly meeting.)
11. The society approved Ayco Tack as member with Sara Cousins as deputy in the Board of the Nordic Oikos Society. (Members are formally elected by the NSO at their yearly meeting.)
12. The society approved Ayco Tack as member with Sara Cousins as deputy in the Board of the Oikos Editorial Office. (Members are formally elected by the NSO at their yearly meeting.)
13. Jessica Abbott provided a short report on the society's financial situation, which is good and does not give cause to increase the membership fee. Membership fee for 2019 therefore stays at 60 kronor per year for now. The board of the society has discussed increasing the number of activities sponsored by the society, so an increase might be appropriate at some point in the future depending on the extent of these activities.
14. Oikos 2020 (Oikos 38) will be held in Reykyavik and Oikos 2021 (Oikos 39) is suggested to be held in Gothenburg. Unfortunately Lars Gamfeldt (board representative from Gothenburg) could not attend the meeting, but the board will discuss the possibility of holding Oikos 2021 there with him.
15. Report from the Board meetings 2018-19. Apart from following up on the planning of the Oikos meeting in Uppsala, the board discussed organizing a workshop or symposium about the UN Sustainability Goals, to be organized by Jan Bengtsson. The board also discussed providing financial

support for workshops that society members can apply for. A list of criteria for being approved for support is currently being developed. The society website is outdated and needs to be updated. We have been waiting for the NSO to decide on a common platform for websites, membership databases, and mailing lists. This process is almost completed, so the new website should be launched during 2019. In connection with this, there was a short discussion during the general meeting about updating the society logo. This is also something that the board has discussed previously. Linus Svensson from the Oikos Editorial Office suggested it might be a good idea to coordinate with the NSO and other societies, in order to develop a set of new logos with a consistent style. This suggestion was favourably received.

16. Possibility of joint meeting with NAEM (Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting). This was discussed during the board meeting the same day, and we came to the conclusion that a joint meeting would probably be more appropriate at an NSO meeting. The members at the annual general meeting agreed. Linus Svensson will get in touch with the NAEM representative Claudius van de Vijver and probably invite him to the NSO meeting in Reykyavik to discuss possibilities.
17. How can/should the society contribute to public discussion of relevant issues, such as climate, sustainability, or conservation? Jessica gave a summary of possible initiatives that the board has discussed before, such as a blog for communicating members' recent scientific results to a wider audience, or acting as a contact point for journalists looking for experts in areas related to ecology and evolution. The board also previously planned to send out a survey to society members about their preferences with respect to public engagement, but this has been put on hold since the NSO recently sent out a similar sort of survey. The board mainly aims to support initiatives that facilitate member engagement in the issues. The board is reluctant to engage the society as a whole in political or policy decisions, since not all members may have the same opinions. Members attending the annual general meeting had some suggestions. The society could make a statement to funding agencies about which areas are currently under-studied (this could be a result of the proposed workshop about the UN's Sustainability Goals). Support for PhD courses would be appreciated, although probably mainly co-funding would be feasible. Travel grants for invited speakers at courses or workshops was another suggestion. Jessica will send out a call for additional suggestions on the Oikos mailing list.
18. Other issues: Linus Svensson provided some general information about the Nordic Society Oikos.

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Jan Bengtsson, meeting chairman



Jessica Abbott, secretary

Certified by:



Karin Nilsson



Anna Gårdmark