

## **General Assembly 2009**

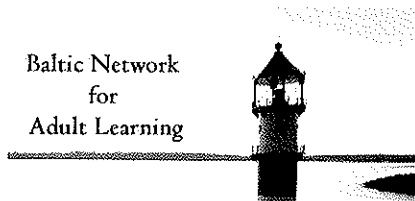
### **Minutes**

Date: December, 3, 2009  
Time: 13.00 – 14.30  
Place: S:t Mikael's Church and Rütli Rahvakool in Tallinn, Estonia

Participants: Mats Hellström  
Sirli Linnat  
Ingegerd Axelsson Le Douaron  
Justinas Bartusevicious  
Anders Bergström  
Joanna Trela  
Margareta Hammerman  
Fleming Thøgersen  
Hans Jörgen Vodsgaard  
Anna Hein.

- § 1. The Chairman, Mats Hellström opened the General Assembly.
- § 2. Formalities  
Mats Hellström was elected as Chairman for the General Assembly.  
Margareta Hammerman was elected as Secretary for the General Assembly.
- § 3. Preparation and approval of voting list  
The presented voting list was approved (see below)
- § 4. Approval of the agenda for the meeting  
The agenda was approved.
- § 5. Election of one or two persons to approve the minutes  
Ingegerd Akselsson Le Douaron and Anders Bergström were elected to approve the minutes.
- § 6. Establishing whether or not the General Assembly has been properly convened  
The invitation to the General Assembly was sent out one month prior to the Assembly.  
The meeting decided that the meeting has been properly convened.
- § 7. Presentation of the Annual Report including an economic report  
Margareta Hammerman commented the Annual Report and the Cashier, Ingegerd Akselsson Le Douaron commented the financial report.

In total BNAL has received SEK 5026 in membership fees within 2009. The membership fees have been paid to the Secretariat. All 36 members from 2008 were invoiced in April and a reminder was sent out in September. In total 15 members paid



the fee for 2009.

The balance on December, 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 was 40 409 SEK and the balance on December, 1st 2009 was 45 435 SEK (approx. EUR 4 202). In 2009 the administration of BNAL has been financed by the Norden Association with support by the SIDA Baltic Sea unit.

The Annual Report including the Financial Report was confirmed.

- § 8. The chairman's speech and questions from members to the Board and the Secretariat  
The Chairman emphasized in his speech that there is both an interest for and a need of the BNAL network. The potential for growth and development of the network is good among folk high schools and other organisations that are working with non formal education in the Baltic Sea region.

Even though with limited resources the Secretariat has managed to support several interesting projects within this year. To support our members in finding project partners in the region, support the initial project development including finding of suitable financing is one of the most important tasks for the network.

For the coming year recruitment of new members needs to be in focus. We have simple too few paying members and also with a dominance of Swedish members. The balance needs to be better. We need help with recruitment from all our members and in particular from the members of the board.

The Secretariat function is not yet solved. In Sweden we are trying to find a solution at least for 2010. It is important that the board investigate possibilities for national funding from other countries than Sweden.

The Chairman finalised his speech with thanking Margareta Hammerman for her job in the Secretariat and wished the members a nice coming Christmas and New Year holiday.

- § 9. Decisions

a/ regarding approval of the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance sheet

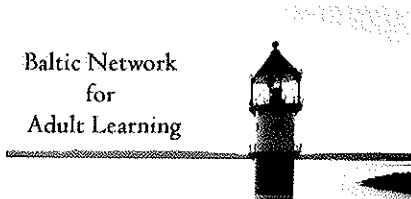
The Profit and Loss account was approved by the General Assembly.

b/ regarding discharge from liability of the Board members and the Chairman

The General Assembly decided to discharge the Chairman and the rest of the members of the Board from liability.

c/ regarding allocation of the BNAL's profit according to the approved Balance Sheet

The General Assembly decided to approve of the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet. An Audit Report was presented at the General Assembly. The report was written by the elected auditor, Ingegerd Lusensky.



d/ proposal to change the statutes, § 4:2 to “The General Assembly should be held not later then on April, 1<sup>st</sup> the following year.”

The General Assembly decided to change the statutes in accordance with the proposal.

e/ proposal to change the statutes, § 1, “Aim and objectives” in order to incorporate Norway and Iceland among the member countries

The General Assembly decided to change the statutes §1 “Aim and objectives” and add Iceland and Norway to the list of member countries in the network

f/ proposal to be decided on next years General Assembly to as well ad Belarus and Ukraine to the list of member countries to § 1, “Aim and objectives”

The General Assembly decided to put forward the proposal to be decided by next years General Assembly.

§ 10. Organisation and financing

From January 1, 2010 there will only be a contact person, Margareta Hammerman responsible for the Secretariat function until the financial situation has been solved. The Norden Association has applied for financing from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Sweden. An answer is expected early next year.

§ 11. Presentation of the work performed by the election committee

The members of the election committee 2009 has been; Margareta Hammerman, Flemming Thøgersen and Georg Johansson.

The election committee suggested re-election of the board from 2009 but for the position as Vice Chairman that has been unoccupied. The committee proposed election of Flemming Thøgersen as Vice Chairman.

The election committee proposed the General Assembly to decide on postponing the election of further members to the board until the financial situation for 2010 is clarified. An advice to the board is to invite representatives from Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, NW Russia and Kaliningrad as co-opted to the board. That will strengthen the board and give better possibilities to reach and recruit more members.

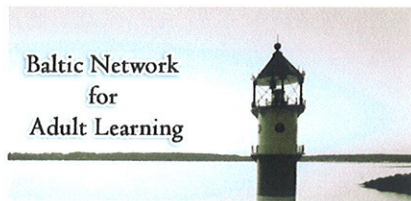
§ 12. Deciding on the number of Board members to be elected at the General Assembly

The number was decided to 11 persons.

§ 13. Election of Board members, as well as of Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board

The General Assembly decided in accordance with the proposal from the nomination committee.

Mats Hellström , Chairman  
Flemming Thøgersen, Vice Chairman



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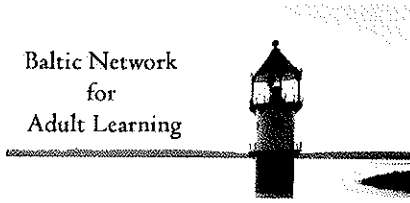
- § 13. Decision on membership fee for 2010  
The General Assembly decided to keep the annual fee EUR 50.
- § 14. Decision on removing § 16 from the agenda of the General Assembly as it is the board that decides on the budget  
The General Assembly decided in accordance with the proposal.
- § 15. Election of Audit Committee 2010  
The General Assembly decided to re-elect Ingegerd Lusensky and to elect Anna Hein as members of the auditing committee.
- § 16. Election of Nomination Committee 2010  
The General Assembly decided to re-elect Georg Johansson and to elect Joanna Strela from Poland to be the Nomination Committee.
- § 17. The Chairman thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

Mats Hellström  
Chairman

Margareta Hammerman  
Secretary

Ingegerd Akselsson Le Douaron

Anders Bergström



Participants

1	Mats Hellström	Sweden
2	Anders Bergström	Sweden
3	Hans Jörgen Vodsgaard	Denmark
4	Flemming Thøgersen	Denmark
5	Margareta Hammerman	Sweden
6	Joanna Trela	Poland
7	Justinas Bartusevicius	Lithuania
8	Ingegerd Akseleson	Sweden
9	Anna Hein	Sweden
10	Sirli Linnat	Estonia
11	Ingegerd Lusensky	Sweden by "Power of Attorney"

Total members with the right to vote are 15.