



**BALTIC NETWORK for ADULT LEARNING**

## **Protocol General Assembly 2008**

Date: 2008 12 18                      Time: 10 30 a.m.

Place: S/S Shamrock/Skeppsholmens Fhsk

Participants: Ingegerd Axelsson Le Douaron, Justinas Bartusevicious, Niels Bendix, Anders Bergström, Roger Börjesson, Agnieszka Dadak, Margareta Hammerman, Ingvar Hansson, Mats Hellström, Sirli Linnat, Ingegerd Lusensky, Yury Pashkevich, Irina Sadokova, Fleming Thogersen, Hans Jorgen Vodsgaard, Dimitry Zvagin

§ 1. Formalities:

Mats Hellström was elected chairman for the meeting.

Roger Börjeson was elected secretary for the meeting.

§ 2. Preparation and approval of voting list; Approval of voting list (encl.) accepted

§ 3. Approval of the agenda for the meeting; The meeting accepted the agenda issued by the Norden Association.

§ 4. Election of one or two persons to approve the minutes: Ingegerd Akselsson Le Douaron is to approve the minutes.

§ 5. Establishing whether or not the General Assembly has been properly convened; The Meeting established that it had been properly convened.

§ 6. Presentation of the Annual Report including an economic report; Presentation of the Annual Report (encl.) was done by Mr. Anders Bergström.  
The annual report was accepted.

From the Economic report was reported that BNAL have 18 paying members – the annual fee is 500 SEK – it was also reported that the cashier Mr Hindrikes was not present at the meeting.

§ 7. The chairman`s speech and questions from members to the Board and Secretariat of the BNAL.

A short briefing of the background of the BNAL was held by the Chariman. “Common links” was emphasized such as; environment, democracy and participation. The BNAL was sprung from an idea of co-operation around the Baltic Sea from Olle Olsson who arranged the first meeting in Riga – BNAL has also been influenced by the idea of the Baltic University. Textbooks from the Baltic University about democracy, participation and Baltic history should be acquired for next meeting.

The effort to recruit new members was reported; 17 institutions was contacted by the Chariman and Mrs. Margaretha Hammerman on their Fact Finding mission to St. Petersburg and Novgorod earlier this year.



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Also the recruitment in Denmark (Interfolk) has continued. The Chairman is also trying to recruit institutions in Northern Germany (Greifswald).

Anders Bergström reported about the method of the BNAL; Members of the Board suggest cooperation projects and identify possible partners

The Secretariat invites the partners to a planning meeting in Sweden financed by the support project. If needed a feasibility study or a fact finding mission is funded as well. The Board/Secretariat appoints a process leader to participate in the planning meeting and ensure the result; a project plan with realistic goals and budget.

The project group apply for many and report to the Secretariat of the progress of the project. All the question about Baltic Sea NGO Network was answered. Two formal proposals by Fleming Thøgersen; 1) was to include Norway and Iceland; the Meeting was positive to the proposal.

According to the "Hanseatic definition" these countries should be included.

2) A second proposal; also from Fleming Thøgersen, was about a more distinct definition of "Adult Learning", more emphasizing "Non Formal Learning".

The Meeting was positive to the proposals.

### § 8. Decisions:

- a) regarding approval of the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance sheet
- b) regarding discharge from liability of the Board members and the Chairman
- c) regarding allocation of the BNAL's profit according to the approved Balance Sheet
- d) The General Assembly decided to approve of the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet.

The General Assembly decided discharge from liability of the Board members and the Chairman.\*

The General Assembly decided allocation of the BNAL's profit according to the approved Balance Sheet – assets from 2008 were moved to a new account for year 2009.

\*(Audits Report was given by Ingegärd Lusensky and she recommended the Board discharge from liability, year 2008)

### § 9. Presentation of the work performed by the election committee; the election committee consists of: Margareta Hammerman, Anders Bergström, Georg Johansson.

Anders Bergström reported two nominations; Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard from Denmark and Dmitiriv Ivanov from Russia

### § 10. Deciding on the number of Board members to be elected at the General Assembly. The number was decided to 10 persons according to proposal. However Tommy Hindrikes, on account of personal circumstances, wished to be excused from the Board. The Meeting accepted the excuse.

### § 11. Election of Board members, as well as of Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board. The Meeting decided according to proposal.



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The new Board 2009 will be:

Mats Hellström	Chairman
Anita Sjöholm	Vice Chairman
Roger Börjeson	Secretary
Agneiszka Dadak	
Sirli Linnat	
Ingegerd Akselsson Le Douaron	
Justinas Bartusevicius	
Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard	
Dmitry Ivanov	
Niels Bendix	

§ 12. Deciding on the annual membership fee. The membership fee has been 50Eur – The Meeting decided that the annual fee should be 50 Eur.

§ 13. Deciding on the budget was adjourned. See § 16.

§ 14. Audit Committee – The Meeting decided according to proposal. The Audit Committee will be: Anders Georlin, Ingegärd Lusensky

§ 15. Election Committee – The Meeting elected Fleming Thøgersen, Margareta Hammerman and Georg Johansson to be the Election Committee.

§ 16. (After recess)

**Economy** – In total BNAL has received SEK10 899,62 SEK as membership fees in 2008. The membership fees are collected in a bank account for the future, controlled by the BNAL cashier. The financial status by the year 2007 12 31 was 29 500 SEK and in total for the year of 2008: 40 399,62 SEK. The BNALs administration and other activities has been financed by the Norden Association by the funding they received to support BNAL from SIDA Baltic Sea unit.

The Meeting decided that the account – earlier controlled by the cashier – will be assumed to the account controlled by the Secretariat;  
so in the future there will be only one account.

The founder Olle Olsson held a short speech about the folk high school idea and the idea of a collaboration in the Baltic area – he wished the BNAL a good continuation.

§ 17. The Chairman thanked the participants and concluded the meeting 15.15 pm.

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Mats Hellström  
Chairman

Roger Börjeson  
Secretary

Ingegerd Akselsson Le Douaron  
For the minutes