

General Assembly, 8 June 2005 in Kauniainen, Finland

The assembly was opened by the chair of the board, Tiina H. Airaksinen at 13:00.

1. Election of the chair, the secretary and the scrutinizers of the minutes for the General Assembly

Gørild Heggelund was elected as a chairman, Juha Vuori the secretary, and Kauko Laitinen and Matti Koskinen as the scrutinizers. All elections were unanimous.

2. Approval of the agenda

Invitation to the General Assembly was sent by email to the NACS members on 6 April, 2005 and has since been at the NACS web-site. The agenda was approved with the addition of point 9b Election of the NACS auditor and deputy auditor for 2005-2007 to the agenda.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly in 2003

The minutes were approved with a minor correction about Marja Kaikkonen's role as an auditor, not kassör as mistakenly stated in the minutes, which were then corrected.

4. Report of NACS activities in 2003-2005

Tiina H. Airaksinen reported on the activities of NACS. The main activities consist of the arranging of the biennial conference. A new feature in the conference was having keynote speakers from each of the member countries. Other activities included the launching of a new, better website, which includes an archive of NACS minutes, and providing information on Nordic China study activities through the NACS email-list.

Nis Høyrup Christensen reported on the first NACS workshop on fieldwork in China organized in 2004. The report can be found on the NACS website. Reimbursement of travel expenses for Nordic students is a key for successful future workshops.

The board had had two meetings, one of which had been conducted online. The minutes of these meetings can be found on the NACS website.

5. NACS Accounts

The treasurer of NACS Helena Löthman presented a report on the finances of NACS. She also presented a letter from the auditor Marja Kaikkonen

stating that the finances of NACs are in order. The board was relieved of financial responsibility.

6. NACS membership fee

It was decided that the membership fee remains at its current level.

7. NACS website after 2005

The current website at the University of Helsinki (gotten because of the conference) won't be available after 2005. The website should move either to Sweden or NACS could get its own domain, which isn't tied to a specific country. There was discussion on whether NACS should have its own domain. This option received support and the new board was authorized to look into the practical solution of this question.

The current website editor, Mikko Suutarinen, promised to continue until Dec. 2005, after which someone else should start editing the new website.

There was also discussion on the NACS mailing list. It could move to Sweden with the website, but if it stays in Finland, someone should take responsibility of it after Mikko Suutarinen in Dec. 2005. Mikael Mattlin could possibly be in charge of the mailing list thereafter.

8. Election of the new NACS board members and deputy members for 2005-2007

The election board had come up with a list of candidates for the board, which was elected unanimously. New board includes (the new board will choose a secretary from among them):

Denmark:

Member: vice-chair Nis Høyrup Christensen, NIAS; deputy Mads Holst Jensen, NIAS,

Member: Morten Laugesen, University of Aarhus; deputy Stig Thøgersen, University of Aarhus,

Finland:

Member: Juha Vuori, University of Turku; deputy Lauri Paltemaa, University of Turku

Member: Mikael Mattlin, University of Helsinki; deputy Raisa Asikainen, University of Helsinki

Norway:

Member: Elin Saether, University of Oslo; deputy Unn Målfrid Rolandsen, University of Oslo

Member: Gørild Heggelund, The Fridtjof Nansen Institute; deputy Rune Svarverud, University of Oslo

Sweden:

Member: treasurer Helena Löthman, Stockholm University; deputy and deputy treasurer Marina Thorborg, Södertörns Högskola (will be asked)

Member: chair Lena Rydholm, Stockholm University; deputy and secretary Johan Lagerkvist, Lund University (will be asked as NACS secretary)

Chair: Lena Rydholm, vice chair: Nis Højrup Christensen

9. Election of the NACS treasurer and deputy treasurer for 2005-2007

Helena Löthman was elected as the treasurer and Marina Thorborg as her deputy, if she agrees to the task.

9. B Election of the NACS auditor and deputy auditor for 2005-2007

Fredrik Fällman was elected as the NACS auditor and Jørgen Delman was elected as deputy auditor.

10. Election of the election board

The new election board includes: Kjeld-Erik Brødsgaard, Maria Henoch, Outi Luova, and Marte Galtung or Harald Bøckman from Norway.

11. Proposals / other issues

A letter from Geir Sigurdsson, University of Akureyri, Iceland proposing cooperation was presented to the assembly. Cooperation with Iceland was welcomed and the new board will look into its practical issues.

12. Closing of the General Assembly

The General Assembly was closed at 13:58.

INVITATION TO THE NACS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 8 June, 2005

Dear NACS member,

As the 7th Biennial Nordic Conference on Chinese Studies in Helsinki on 7-9 June 2005 is approaching you are thereby also invited to the NACS General Assembly. It is held on Wednesday 8 June, 2005, at 1 - 2 pm, at Workers' Academy, Kauniainen, Finland. (address: Vanha Turuntie 14, 02700 Kauniainen, Finland)

If you have any issues/ suggestions or proposals to add to the agenda and to be discussed during the General Assembly please notify the NACS chair by the 5 May, 2005.

Please find below the preliminary Agenda for the NACS General Assembly.

Helsinki 6.4.2005

Dr. Tiina H. Airaksinen

NACS chair, 2003-2005