

The Nordic Demographic Society

Board Meeting 17. June 2010, 11.00-12.00 in Lund, Sweden

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1. Call to order

Chairman of the Swedish Demographic Society, Kirk Scott, opened the Board Meeting. The participants introduced themselves.

2. Economic standing, accounts and member fees

Kirk Scott, Sweden, presented the economic standing. The accounts have been accepted by the Swedish Demographic Society.

	Opening Balance	Incomes	Expenses	Closing Balance
2007	84 911,43	12 026,71	51 440,00	45 498,14
2008	45 498,14			67 395,26
2009	67 395,26	18 370,04	45 305,00	40 460,30

In 2009, some 18 000 SEK has been received as membership fees from the Nordic societies, including back payments for 2006-2008 from Norway and excluding membership fees for 2009 from Denmark (paid at the time of the Board Meeting) and Norway (to be paid as soon as possible). 44 930 SEK were allocated to the publication of the Scandinavian Population Studies from the 2008 Symposium in Helsingfors and transferred to the Finnish Demographic Society.

The Board unanimously recommends to the General Assembly that the annual fee from each national society to the Nordic society be lowered to 30 SEK per paying member, effective as of 1.1.2010, in part as a result of expected lower expenses with the discontinuation of the publication of the Scandinavian Population Studies.

The Swedish Demographic Society will continue to take care of the bookkeeping activities and accounts for the Nordic Demographic Society also in the future. The Board recommends that the auditor of the Swedish Demographic Society will continue to act as auditor of the Nordic Demographic Society.

3. Proposed changes to the Statutes and By-laws

At the request of the General Assembly held at the 2008 Symposium in Finland, The Norwegian Demographic Society has reviewed the Statutes and By-laws of the Nordic Demographic Society, with the intention of proposing changes to clarify and bring the Statutes and By-laws in line with current praxis. The proposed changes were discussed and generally accepted, with some minor changes and

one proposed change withdrawn. The revised proposal was unanimously accepted by the Board, and will be presented for approval at the General Assembly held at Lund, Sweden, 2010.

4. Next symposium

The next symposium will be organised by the Norwegian Demographic Society in or near Oslo in September 2012. The Norwegian organisers hope the Swedish organisers will write a short evaluation report based on their experiences with the Lund Symposium in 2010.

5. Other issues

a) It was suggested, with the removal of the (mostly defunct) newsletter from the by-laws, that each national society include the other national societies on their mailing-lists, in order to inform each other of activities. It is left at the discretion of the national societies whether any correspondence distributed to other societies in this way be in the national language only, or if an English translation be included.

b) With the discontinuation of the publication of the Scandinavian Population Studies, alternative solutions were discussed. The Board recommends that the Nordic Society not maintain a separate web site with papers/presentations from future Symposiums. Instead, the Board tasks future organisers of the Symposium to establish a dedicated webpage where papers, presentations and/or abstracts will be posted after the events. The following guidelines are proposed:

1. Each Symposium should have a separate webpage, and this page (or collection of webpages) should be “self contained”, in the sense that it should be possible to link directly to a webpage for a specific symposium, without, for example, going through the hosting nations national website.
2. If possible, abstracts should be posted on this webpage in advance of the event.
3. Papers, presentations, and abstracts should be posted as soon as possible after the event. It should not be necessary to wait for all papers/presentations to be available before publication starts; it is preferable that papers/presentations be published on the webpage as they become available.
4. Presenters should be made aware beforehand that they will be asked for an electronic copy of papers and/or presentations, to be put on the webpage after the event.
5. As soon as a new webpage is ready (even with abstracts only), the other national societies should be informed, so that they can provide a link to this from their own websites.
6. Each national society is tasked with maintaining, on their national societies’ website, an organised list of links to future symposium webpages, as they become available.

c) The Board encourages future hosts of the Nordic Demographic Symposium to invite and co-operate with national demographic societies of the Baltic states and interested parties from Iceland (in lieu of a national demographic society on Iceland).