

# The Nordic Demographic Society

General Assembly 18. June 2010, 18.15-19.00 in Lund, Sweden

## 1. Call to order

Chairman of the Swedish Demographic Society, Kirk Scott, opened the meeting. Kirk Scott (Sweden) was elected to preside, while Arve Hetland (Norway) was elected secretary.

## 2. Board Meeting

K. Scott reported on the Board Meeting on the 17. June 2010. The main point referred to, was how to deal with the discontinuation of the Scandinavian Population Studies. Mr. Scott presented the Boards recommendation that each hosting nation set up a webpage with abstracts/papers/presentations in relation to each symposium, and that each national society maintain a collection of links to each future symposium as they are held (please refer to the minutes of the Board meeting for details). After some clarifications to questions from the Assembly, the suggestion was accepted.

## 3. 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.

With minor comments, the General Assembly approves the Board's unanimous recommendation to lower the annual fee from each national society to the Nordic society to 30 SEK per paying member, effective as of 1.1.2010.

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 Assembly approved the Board's recommendation that the auditor of the Swedish Demographic Society will continue to act as auditor of the Nordic Demographic Society.

## 4. Proposed changes to the Statutes and By-laws

The Board's unanimous proposal for changes to the Statutes and By-laws was discussed. The question was raised by the Assembly whether, according to the, at the time current, Statutes and By-laws, any

changes not in the original proposal sent to the members could be decided on by the sitting Assembly. After some discussion, the Assembly arrived at the consensus that all members had been informed of the intention to change the Statutes and By-laws, and that the actual changes proposed at the Assembly had only minor differences as compared to the proposal sent to the members, and that the sitting Assembly therefore had the necessary authority to decide. Mr. Scott led the Assembly point-by-point through the changes, and all changes were accepted. A revised set of Statutes and By-laws will be made available to the national societies and through them to the members.

#### 5. Other issues

The Assembly emphasised the importance of contact between the Nordic Demographic Society and national demographic societies or other interested parties of Iceland and the Baltic states. The Assembly encouraged the Board to further co-operation, both formal and informal, with societies and individual professionals and academics with an interest in demography from these countries, including, but not limited to, extending invitations to future Nordic Symposiums.