

General NPA member meeting

Date: 12. September 2025

Location: AHHA Science Center, Tartu

1. The NPA President, Üllar Kivila, opened the meeting and reported that the planning of the conference has gone smoothly and the conference will have a positive result due to large interest from vendors. Some attendees have yet to pay their invoices.
2. A short message from the Managing Director, Anna Arnadottir. All is well with the NPA. We currently have 185 members on the mailing list.
3. The treasurer, Lars Peterssen, was unable to attend so his financial report was presented by the Managing Director. All in all it was a very quiet period with little movement on the account. See appendix.
4. Open discussions:
 - a. NPA meeting on weekends vs weekdays. Historically NPA was held on weekends. This year it was held on a weekday. NPA members liked this change and it has not affected the number of people attending the NPA conference.
 - b. Voting members pay 10 euro to NPA and currently the NPA has no expenses. It was discussed what projects NPA could engage in. Suggestions from the members included:
 - i. NPA could set up (small) grants for resource development.
 - ii. NPA could set up (small) grants for travel to promote increased networking and collaboration.
 - iii. Content development competitions.
 - c. There was an open discussion about ideas for the next conference. Suggestions from the members included:
 - i. Kickstart networking by organizing a "speed dating" event where planetarians and vendors meet each other in small groups for a limited number of minutes.
 - ii. Collect stamps - A fun challenge to promote exploration of the science center and to increase interaction between planetarians attending and with the vendors supporting the conference.
 - iii. The opening event could include a quick (one slide) presentation from everyone where they present their dome/science center/company.
 - iv. Poster session/area could be made available
 - v. Stricter time moderation of sessions.
 - vi. There could be a fare with tables where people present projects and/or hands-on activities.

5. The Managing Director presented a list of the current board members and asked for nominations for the coming two years.
6. No new nominations emerged during the general member meeting so the Managing Director presented her proposed list of board members for the coming two years (see appendix). This list was presented for a general vote and passed with an overwhelming majority (none against).
7. There was one bid to host the 2027 conference, from Heureka in Vanta, Finland. Paula Havaste presented the bid, since Lauri Hynninen could not attend NPA2025 in Tartu. After the presentation the bid was presented for a general vote and was passed with an overwhelming majority (none against).

APPENDIX: Presented material at the NPA member meeting

Financial report for the fiscal period 09.09.2023 – 09.09.2025

Income	DKK	EUR (converted)
Membership fees (NPA23)	2.250	300
Interests	72	10
TOTAL	2.322	310
Expenses		
Support, NPA23	2.250	300
Result	72	10

Equity	DKK	EUR (converted)
09.09.2023	2.795	389
Result (2023-25)	72	10
09.09.2025	2.867	399
Assets		
Nordea Bank, Danmark	2.867	399

- Note that transactions on the account are in DKK (first column is the financial report). The numbers in EUR are just to get a feeling, if you are not familiar with Danish kroner.

- Note that the 300 EUR for membership fees in 2023 are just for illustration. No transactions in the account were really made. The board decided, that the membership fees should support the conference in 2023 to make it break-even.
- All in all this period was really quiet. The only transactions were the two interests (renter), in total 72 DKK.

Board members for the period of 2023-2025

President	Representatives from Denmark	Representatives from Estonia
Üllar Kivila	Aase Roland Jacobsen - Steno museum	Margus Aru - AHHA
Treasurer	Frederik Würtz Sørensen - Science Museerne	Rauno Pilvik - Energiakeskus
Lars Petersen		
Managing Director	Representatives from Sweden	Representatives from Latvia
Anna S. Arnadottir	Mariana Back - Tekniska Museet	Dace Balode - Tehnoannas pagrabi
	Elin Johansson - Teknikens Hus	Reinis Balodis - Tehnoannas pagrabi
Representatives from Norway		
Karen Torsteinsbø - Jærmuseet		Representatives from Iceland
Vette Eide - Vinterfabrikken	Representatives from Finland	Anna Arnadottir - Lund University
	Lauri Hynninen - Heureka	Snævar Guðmundsson - Náttúrustofa Suðurlands
Representatives from Lithuania	Jonna Rintamaki - Ursa	
(None)		

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Lauri Hynninen	Frederik Würtz Sørensen - Science Museerne	Margus Aru - AHHA
Treasurer	Mikkel Theiss Kristensen - Syddansk universitet	Rauno Pilvik - Energiakeskus
Vetle Eide		
Managing Director	Representatives from Sweden	Representatives from Latvia
Anna S. Arnadottir	Elin Johansson - Teknikens Hus	Dace Balode - Tehnoannas pagrabi
	Alexander Bock - Visualization Center C	Reinis Balodis - Tehnoannas pagrabi
Representatives from Norway		
Vetle Eide - Vinterfabrikken		Representatives from Iceland
Lars Pedersen - Vitensentret	Representatives from Finland	Anna Arnadottir - Lund University
	Lauri Hynninen - Heureka	Snævar Guðmundsson - Náttúrustofa Suðurlands
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(None)		