Minutes of the General Assembly of the
Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies
held in Reykjavik 24th September 2022

1. The chairperson of NSMES, Mark Sedgwick, opened the General Assembly.

2. Ragnhild Johnsrud Zorgati was elected chair of the meeting.

3. Knut S. Vikør was elected secretary.

4. The proposed agenda was accepted.

5. The report of the activities of the board for 2019-22 was presented by the chairperson. Among the activities reported were the organization of a Ph.D. workshop, distribution of the Eurames newsletter, and activity on the Society’s Facebook page; in addition to the triennial conference. The report was accepted by the assembly.

6. The audited Financial Report for 2019-22 was presented by the chairperson. The report was accepted by the assembly.

7. Election of board members and substitute members: The proposal of the electoral committee was presented by Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen. The candidates for board members were:

   Denmark   Mark Sedgwick (Univ. of Aarhus)
              Kirstine Sinclair (Univ. of Southern Denmark)

   Finland   Tiina Hyypä (Univ. of Helsinki)
              Laura Wickström (Åbo Academy University)

   Iceland   Thorir Jonsson Hraundal (Univ. of Reykjavik)
              Kartan Orri Thorsson (Univ. of Reykjavik)

   Norway    Jacob Høigilt (Univ. of Oslo)
              Charlotte Lysa (Univ. of Oslo)

   Sweden    Olof Heilo (SRII, Istanbul)
              Oliver Scharbrodt (Univ. of Lund)

   These candidates were elected unanimously.

   The electoral committee nominated these as substitute board members:
   For Denmark: Christine Crone
   For Finland: Riika Tuori
   For Norway: Teresa Pepe
   For Sweden: Elena Chiti

   These candidates were elected unanimously.

8. Election of chairperson of the board: The electoral committee proposed Mark Sedgwick. He was unanimously elected.
9. Election of auditor and assistant auditor. The election committee proposed:
   Auditor: Marianne Laanatza (Sweden)
   Assistant Auditor: Mulki al-Sharmani (Finland)
   They were elected unanimously.

10. Election of the electoral committee for 2025: The chairperson proposed this electoral committee:
    Ulla Prien (Denmark)
    Pekka Tuominen (Finland)
    Susanne Olsson (Sweden)
    Liv Tønnessen (Norway)
    They were elected unanimously.

11. Plans for the activities 2022-2025 were presented by the chairperson. They included
    i.a. the organization of an MA workshop, and the possibility for Ph.D. courses. The
    next conference, planned for 2025 is expected to be held in Norway.

12. Any other businesses. No other subjects were suggested.

Bergen, 10.10.22
Knut S. Vikør