

*Minutes of the General Assembly
The Nordic Society of Middle Eastern Studies
Lund, Sweden, September 20, 2013
Venue: Elite Hotel, Lund*

1. Opening of the General Assembly
Opened by Leif Stenberg

2. Approval of agenda
Accepted

3. Election of chair of the General Assembly
Knut S. Vikør elected.

4. Election of secretary of the General Assembly
Jørgen Jensehaugen elected.

5. Activity Report 2010-2013
Presented by Leif Stenberg and Jørgen Jensehaugen. See attachment.
In summary:

- Better web page.
- One PhD course was held in Istanbul
- Babylon more integrated into Society
- More open membership

6. Financial review (Nordic Society/membership fee)
Leif Stenberg presented current status, see attachment.
Society has 77 members. This is far too little and the process of getting old members to pay for the next three years starts after conference.
Budget presented as a combination of Society and Conference. When final costs are included these will be separated. Budget can only be accepted once this is done.
General Assembly decided to appoint Jonas Otterbeck as auditor. When budget is finalized and audited by Jonas Otterbeck, it will be sent out to members for approval.

7. Election of new board members
As chair for election committee Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen nominated three new candidates to replace three outgoing board members.
Sweden: Susanne Olsson nominated to replace Pernilla Myrne
Norway: Jon Nordenson nominated to replace Jørgen Jensehaugen
Finland: Pekka Tuominen nominated to replace Anitta Kynsilehto

Leif Stenberg was nominated to continue as chairman.
Jonas Otterbeck nominated as auditor.

All nominations were accepted.

8. Election of election committee

Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen presented new election committee:

Jørgen Jensehaugen (chair), Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen, Pernilla Myrne, Anitta Kynsilehto.

Accepted by General Assembly.

9. Activities of NSM 2013-2016

Get more members

Appoint "ambassadors" for the Society at Nordic universities.

Conference in Denmark in 2016.

Arrange PhD course.

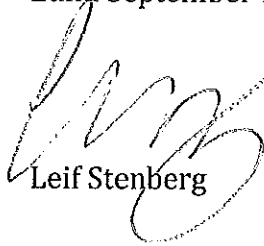
The Nordic Society aims to function as an information hub (via the web page) and as a middle man for participation in PhD courses etc.

Work will be done to grant members access to mideastwire.

10. Other questions

None.

Lund September 19, 2013,



Leif Stenberg



Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen