

Minutes NJF Board 2/2018

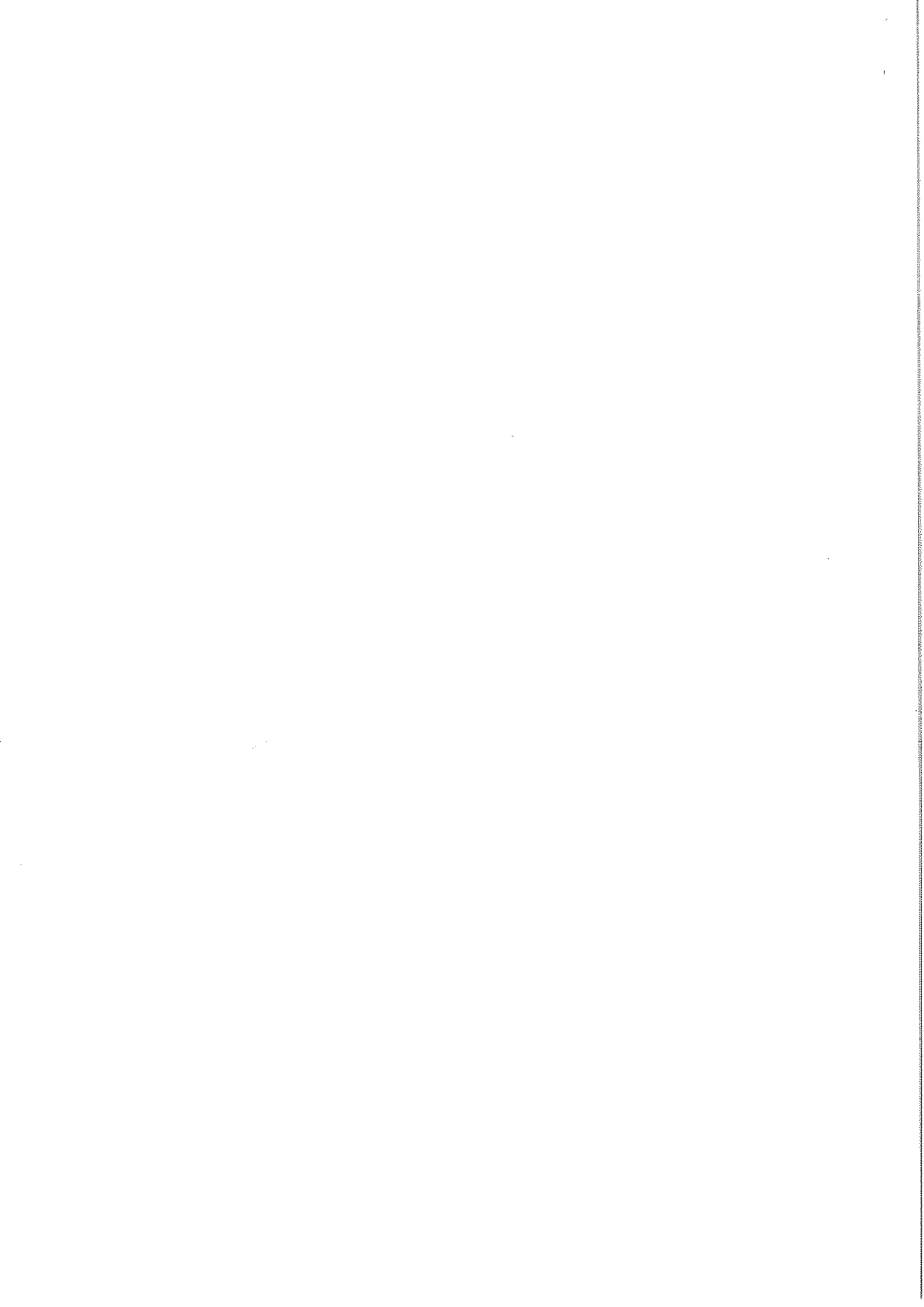
NJF board meeting in Norway Thursday-Friday 25-26 October hosted by Svein Skøien, NOFIMA, Ås, Norway.

Participants:


Fredrik Fogelberg, NJF president,
Guðmundur Jóhannesson, Iceland,
Ainis Lagzdins, Latvia,
Anders Larsolle, Sweden,
Kirsty McKinnon, Norway,
Linas Stabingis, Lithuania.

Secretary General: Anna Mårtensson

1.	The president Fredrik Fogelberg opened the meeting
2.	The General Secretary Anna Mårtensson was appointed for keeping the minutes.
3.	The agenda was approved.
4.	Anders Larsolle was appointed to verify the minutes in addition to the president.
5.	The minutes of the last board meeting was briefly discussed.
6.	26 th Congress in Lithuania 2018- Linas Stabingis reported. About 30 contributions have been submitted to the proceedings, work on-going. A regional scientific committee reviews the contributions. Number of participants was 86, including invited speakers. No support was received from national agencies. Income from participation fees is about 28 000 euro, expenses including website, invited speakers, meals, transports, proceedings end up to 27 000 euro. A surplus of around 1 000 euro has therefore been generated, some invoices still pending. A written report is foreseen before Christmas. An electronic evaluation sheet has been generated, 16 persons responded, therefore it is difficult to make any conclusions. Some pictures from the congress will be submitted to NJF-central for posting on the NJF website. Experiences from the previous congresses have to be transferred to the next organiser, by for instance start-up meetings and/or written guidelines. Important is that the role of the organiser is clear. NJF-central will prepare a draft checklist to be distributed for comments amongst the delegates for comments. The opportunities for on-line presentations in the future will be investigated.
7.	Reports form National boards: <i>Sweden, Anders Larsolle</i> - A new national board will be elected spring 2019. The election committee is looking for recruits. <i>Iceland, Guðmundur Jóhannesson</i> - A celebration meeting is planned to be implemented within the coming months. No changes in the national board. <i>Linas Stabingis, Lithuania</i> - A change in board will be carried through in next year at the national annual meeting.



	<i>Ainis Lagzdins, Latvia</i> - A new board was elected in 2018, no changes next year. <i>Kirsty McKinnon, Norway</i> - A new board will be elected next spring.
8.	It was decided that Alana Lennon, Ole Gren and Nils Bjugstad will be given the NJF award for significant contribution to agricultural science for 2018.
9.	<p>Reports from NJF-central: The International Fertiliser Society has invited NJF to cooperate, future steps to be taken by NJF-central at a joint meeting in December. A meeting with an Estonian company is planned for setting up a new tool for arranging conferences such as registration, invoices and other items related to organising a conference. Report to be distributed as soon as possible. All material from NJF-central from 1918 and on-going is now archived and lists of the material is available and will be posted on the webpage. The national archive of the Swedish and Norwegian NJF has been compiled and are kept in the archive room at RISE, Uppsala, Sweden. Lists of available archived material will be posted on the web page. Recommendations regarding material to be submitted to the central archive will be distributed. A set up of a new web page is on its way with possibilities to have member login with more member service opportunities. A 'word press' based system could be an alternative.</p>
10.	Any other business. Suggestions of changing the structure of the NJF was discussed. The scientific committee to be changed or? Sections needed, how many? National board needed? To study the structure of similar organisations could be of help. The operational periods of the chairpersons of the sections may benefit from being shortened and make the position more attractive. NJF-central will initiate work on developing a new organisational model in collaboration with board members and other NJF competence.
11.	Time and place, next board meeting. It was decided that the coming board meeting will be in April 2019 at SEGES, Copenhagen, preferably 11-12 th of April.
12.	End of meeting. The board thanks Svein Skøien for a well organised meeting.

Keeper of the minutes: 

(Anna Mårtensson)

Minutes verified:  

(Anders Larsolle)

(Fredrik Fogelberg)

