

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011

(Annual report)

Meetings of the Board/Members

The Board has held 7 meetings in 2011, and 5 newsletters have been sent. Information is also sent via e-post to about 90% of our members. In addition 5 meetings offering technical lectures etc. have been arranged. Attendance has varied between 20-30 people.

Information about the Society and our future meetings are published on the Society's web pages, www.ngf.no. The meeting program is established for six months at a time.

NGF's Economy

The accounts show a deficit of NOK 408 401 compared to a budgeted loss of NOK 741 000. The difference is due to deviations with respect to the budget mainly on the expenses side. In particular the revised Pile Guidelines that was planned published in 2011 will first be available in 2012.

Technical and Administrative Committees

The Pile Guidelines Committee, the Geosynthetics Committee, the Frost in Soils Committee, the Soil Investigation Committee, the Further Education Committee and the Vibrations Committee were active in 2011. Details of committees work are given in the section "Virksomheten i NGFs komiteer og utvalg".

Many NGF members are also active in both European and international committees. Further information on these activities is given later.

Members

The Society had 454 members at the end of 2011, which is an increase of 12 compared to 2010.

Support membership was established in 1987 for companies and institutions working within the geotechnical field. The subscriptions for support members are divided into three classes. The membership entitles the members to a free advertisement in the annual report and half price for insertions in the newsletters. NGF would like to thank all support members for their contribution to NGF.

The following companies are registered as members as of 2012-01-01:

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| Class 1 | Norconsult AS (www.norconsult.com)
Norges Geotekniske Institutt (www.ngi.no)
Multiconsult (www.multiconsult.no)
Det Norske Veritas AS (www.dnv.com) |
| Class 2 | Aker Engineering & Technology AS (www.akersolutions.com)
Entreprenørservice A/S (www.entreprenorservice.no) |

Sweco Norge AS (www.sweco.no)
Jernbaneverket Utbygging (www.jernbaneverket.no)
SINTEF Byggforsk AS (www.sintef.no)
Ruuki Norge AS (www.ruuki.no)
Glassitt AS

Class 3 Fugro Survey AS (www.fugro.geoteam.no)
Geonor AS (www.geonor.no)
GeoSafe as (www.geosafe.no)
GeoVita as (www.geovita.no)
Rambøll Norge AS (www.ramboll.no)

Courses, seminars and conferences

The Frost in Soils committee arranged a seminar on the subject in March. The Soil Investigation Committee repeated the success from last year and arranged a seminar on "In-situ metoder – CPTU og vingebor" in May. It is a shame that these two good events, that had a moderate charge, required a lot of follow-up afterwards due to members not paying on time or not at all.

The Geotechnics Day was again held in November and was as usual a successful event. Our members held two presentations during the joint session and nine different presentations during the Geotechnics session. After the conference a dinner was arranged where approximately 100 members participated.

Scholarship

No scholarships are awarded in 2011.

Contact with the other Nordic Geotechnical Societies

The Society is in touch with the Danish (DGF), the Swedish (SGF), the Finnish (FGF) and the Icelandic (IGF) societies. The ordinary Nordic Board meeting was held 25th March 2011 in Helsinki. NGF was represented by Vidar Gjelsvik and Beate Kvalsund. Nordic cooperation is a topic at this meeting.