

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012

(Annual report)

Meetings of the Board/Members

The Board has held 7 meetings in 2012, and 3 newsletters have been sent. Information is also sent via e-post to about 90% of our members. A spring seminar was arranged with technical lectures etc., with approximately 30 participants, and "Youth" day with approximately 50 participants.

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 203 115 compared to a budgeted loss of NOK 511 000. The difference is mainly due to deviations with respect to the budget on the expenses side. A lime-cement guide was published, and the revised Pile Guidelines cost more in production than budgeted. No scholarships were awarded in 2012 and several committees did not ask for support.

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 2012. 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 490 members at the end of 2012, which is an increase of 36 compared to 2011 (454 members)..

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 2013-01-01:

Class 1 Norconsult AS (www.norconsult.com)
 Norges Geotekniske Institutt (www.ngi.no)
 Multiconsult (www.multiconsult.no)
 Det Norske Veritas AS (www.dnv.com)
 COWI AS (www.cowi.no)

- Class 2 Aker Kværner Engineering Technology AS (www.akerkvaerner.com)
Entreprenørservice A/S (www.entreprenorservice.no)
SWECO Norge AS (www.sweco.no)
Jernbaneverket Utbygging (www.jernbaneverket.no)
SINTEF Byggforsk AS (www.sintef.no)
Ruukki Norge AS (www.ruukki.no)
Norsk Glassgjenvinning AS (www.syklus.no)
Rambøll Norge AS (www.ramboll.no)
- Class 3 Fugro Survey AS (www.fugro.geoteam.no)
Geonor AS (www.geonor.no)
GeoSafe as (www.geosafe.no)
GeoVita as (www.geovita.no)
Golder Associates AS Norge (www.golder.no)

Courses, seminars and conferences

A course in geotechnical construction, practical execution, documentation and control, was held 12th -13th September 2012. Nordic Vibration Day was held 18th October 2012. A course in ground reinforcement was held 1st – 2nd November 2012.

The Geotechnics Day was again held in November and was as usual a successful event. Our members held one presentation during the joint session and seven of nine different presentations during the Geotechnics session. Unfortunately the program had to be changed around due to non attendance. After the conference a dinner was arranged where approximately 100 members participated.

Scholarship

No scholarships are awarded in 2012.

Diploma prize

Three diploma prizes were awarded in 2012; Hilde Nøst for her diploma assignment "Undrained soft soil modelling with the Material Point Method", Petter Fornes for his diploma assignment "Effects of anisotropy, strain softening and shearing rate in numerical simulations of T-bar penetration in Onsøy clay", and Thomas Sandene for his diploma assignment "Metting og negative poretrykk ved trykksondering".

Honorary member

Gunnar Aas was made an Honorary member of the Society during the Geotechnics Day.

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 9th October 2012 in

Reykjavik. NGF was represented by Kristian Aunaas and Guro Brendbekken. Nordic cooperation is a topic at this meeting.