

# **REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013**

*(Annual report)*

## **Meetings of the Board/Members**

The Board held five meetings in 2013, and 3 newsletters sent to members. Information is also sent via e-post to about 90% of our members. We arranged a spring seminar with technical lectures etc., with approximately 50 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](http://www.ngf.no). The meeting program is established for six months at a time.

## **NGF's Economy**

The accounts show a profit of NOK 605 966 compared to a budgeted profit of NOK 39 000. The difference is due to deviations with respect to the budget both on the income and expenses side. Income from courses was not reported in time and will be included in next year's budget. The first issue of the Pile Guidelines sold out during the year, and sale of it together with the lime-cement guide gave over NOK 400 000 more in income than budgeted. On the expenses side, scholarships were not awarded in 2013 and several committees did not ask for support. The Society's economy is satisfactory, with funds set aside to the committee fund among others to ensure continued support to the committees' contributions to the Society.

## **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 2013. 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 2013, which is the same as 2012 (490 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.

Companies registered as members as of 2014-01-01:

Class 1      Norconsult AS ([www.norconsult.com](http://www.norconsult.com))  
              Norges Geotekniske Institutt ([www.ngi.no](http://www.ngi.no))  
              Multiconsult ([www.multiconsult.no](http://www.multiconsult.no))

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

### **Courses, seminars and conferences**

A course in geotechnical construction, practical execution, documentation and control, was fully booked in September 2012 and held again 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.

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 were awarded in 2013.

### **Diploma prize**

A diploma prize was awarded in 2013; Helene Alexandra Kornbrekke Nøst for her diploma assignment "Skråningsstabilitet ved Rein Kirke med utgangspunkt i resultater fra Sherbrooke blokkprøver".

### **Honorary member**

Kjell Karlsrud 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 in Paris during the 18<sup>th</sup> ICSMGE. Kristian Aunaas and Jan K. Holme represented NGF, both at the Nordic board meeting and the Council Meeting of the international society. In addition, NGF was the host for the Nordic field committee meeting held in Oslo 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013.