

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015

(Annual report)

Meetings of the Board/Members

The Board held ten meetings in 2015, and sent 3 newsletters 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 40 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 profit of NOK 406 402 compared to a budgeted loss of NOK 721 000. The difference is due to deviations with respect to the budget both on the income and expenses side. Income from two courses in Pile Foundations and two courses in Stability Analyses were first reported in 2015. Income from Geotechnical Day and courses held in 2014 have come in late. On the expenses side, neither scholarships nor prizes were awarded in 2015 and several committees did not ask for support. The Pile Guidelines was reprinted. Support was given to a "My occupation" film about being a geotechnical engineer. 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 Excavation Guidelines Committee, Pile Guidelines Committee, the Geosynthetics Committee, the Frost in Soils Committee, the Soil Investigation Committee, the Further Education Committee and the Geodynamics and Vibrations Committee were active in 2015. 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 551 members at the end of 2015, which is 61 more than 2014 (490 members). Work has started on removing from the membership list, those who no longer want to be a member.

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 2016-01-01:

Class1

COWI AS (www.cowi.no)
DNV GL AS (www.dnvgl.com)
Multiconsult (www.multiconsult.no)
Norconsult AS (www.norconsult.no)
Norges Geotekniske Institutt (www.ngi.no)
Saint-Gobain Byggvarer AS (www.weber-norge.no)
Züblin A/S (www.zueblin.dk)

Class 2

Entreprenørservice A/S (www.entreprenorservice.no)
Fundamentering AS (www.fas.no)
Kværner Concrete Solutions AS (www.kvaerner.com)
Norsk Glassgjenvinning AS (www.syklus.no)
Rambøll Norge AS (www.ramboll.no)
Ruukki Norge AS (www.ruukki.no)
SINTEF Byggforsk AS (www.sintef.no/Byggforsk)
SWECO Norge AS (www.sweco.no)

Class 3

Cautus Geo AS (www.cautusgeo.com)
Fugro Geotechnics AS (www.fugro.no)
Geomek Stockholms Geomekaniska AB (www.geomek.com)
Geonor AS (www.geonor.no)
GeoSafe as (www.geosafe.no)
GeoVita as (www.geovita.no)
Golder Associates AS Norge (www.golder.no)
Keller Grøntlaggning AB (www.kellergrundlaggning.se)
VIANOVA GeoSuite AB (www.vianova.se)

Courses, seminars and conferences

A course in "Stability analyses of slopes, cuttings and embankments" was held for a second time in February 2015.

NGF has signed an agreement with TFSK for arranging courses in 2016.

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 120 members participated.

Scholarship

No scholarship was awarded in 2015.

Diploma prize

No diploma prize was awarded in 2015.

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 27th and 28th October 2015 in Stockholm. NGF was the host and was represented by Grete Tvedt and Geraldine Sørum.

Honorary members

During the Geotechnical Day three new honorary memberships were awarded: Torbjørn Johansen, Frode Oset and Rolf Sandven.

