



REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014

(Annual report)

Meetings of the Board/Members

The Board held ten meetings in 2014, 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 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 profit of NOK 114 716 compared to a budgeted profit of NOK 156 000. 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. Sale of the Pile Guidelines and the lime-cement guide gave over NOK 100 000 more in income than budgeted. On the expenses side, scholarships were not awarded in 2014 and several committees did not ask for support. The Pile Guidelines was reprinted. 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 2014. 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 2014, which is the same as 2013 (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 2015-01-01:

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)
 Jernbaneverket Utbygging (www.jernbaneverket.no)
 Kvaerner 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 Grunndlaggning AB (www.kellergrundlaggning.se)
 VIANOVA GeoSuite AB (www.vianova.se)

Courses, seminars and conferences

A course in "Pile foundations – design methods with practical examples", that was fully booked in 2013, was held again 22-23 January 2014.

A seminar on "Sampling – from choice of equipment to evaluation of sample quality", held 20-21 May and 21-22 May 2014, was fully booked both times.

The Geotechnics Day was again held in November and was as usual a successful event. Our members held two presentation during the joint session and seven different presentations during the Geotechnics session. In addition the 24th Bjerrum Lecture "Meeting todays Ground Improvement Challenges" was presented by Professor James K. Mitchell during the Geotechnics session. After the conference, a dinner was arranged where approximately 100 members participated.

Scholarship

A scholarship was awarded in 2014 to Jean-Sébastien L'Heureux in connection with "Use of to characterize Norwegian day".

Diploma prize

No diploma prize was awarded in 2014.

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 2nd September 2014 at Finse, Norway. NGF was the host and was represented by Grete Tvedt, Jan K. Holme and Geraldine Sørum. The meeting was concluded with a successful bicycle trip along the Rallar road.

**Updating of homepage ngf.no**

The society has worked with an updating of the web pages such that it should be easier to navigate and find relevant information. Focus has been better links to publications and checklists, better calender and updated links to the other Nordic Societies.