

# The Nordic Demographic Society

General Assembly 6.6.2008, 17.00-17.30 in Rantapuisto, Helsinki, Finland

## Participants:

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Sven Gunnar Lönn	Helge Brunborg	Marie Berlin
Lena Lundkvist	Silje Vatne Pettersen	Christian Skarman
Lisbeth B. Knudsen	Mika Gissler	Kirk Scott
Lene Blenstrup	Trude Lappegård	Pekka Martikainen
Fjalar Finnäs	Margit Kriegbaum	Hanna Remes

## 1. Call to order

Chairman of the Finnish Demographic Society Pekka Martikainen opened the meeting.

## 2. Previous protocol

Previous protocol was accepted.

## 3. Economic standing, accounts and member fees

Helén Marklund, Sweden, presented the economic standing. The accounts have been accepted by the Swedish Demographic Society. Traditionally, the small amount of income tax related to bank account interest has been paid by the Swedish Demographic Society. From 2008 onwards, this will be shared by the Swedish Demographic Society and the Nordic Demographic Society.

	Opening balance	Incomes	Expenses	Closing balance
2005	67 380.37	9 520.00	790.00	76 110.37
2006	76 110.37	9 591.06	790.00	84 911.43
2007	84 911.43	12 026.71	51 440.00	45 498.14

In 2007, 50 740 SEK were allocated to the Symposium 2005 in Aalborg. The other expenses were related to bank transfer accounts. In 2008, some 8 000 SEK have been received as membership fees by the Nordic Societies. Some are still pending. 2/3 of the membership fees will be transferred to the Finnish Demographic Society for the Scandinavian Population Studies/Finnish Yearbook of Population Research publication.

Each Nordic society will pay an annual membership fee, which is 40 SEK per member.

The Swedish Demographic Society will continue to take care of the treasury and bookkeeping activities and accounts also in the future. The auditor of the Swedish Demographic Society also acts as the auditor of the Nordic Demographic Society. The accounts were endorsed by the general assembly.

#### 4. Scandinavian Population Studies

The Board decided on its meeting in 5 June 2008 to discontinue the publication of Scandinavian Population Studies in paper format, and rather distribute the conference papers on permanent web pages of the Nordic Demographic Symposiums. This decision will take effect on the next symposium in Lund in 2010. The papers will not be peer reviewed, but the authors will have the possibility to improve their papers after the conference presentations. The language can be decided by the author(s).

Starting with the preparation of the next conference, the monetary contribution formerly associated with the printing of Scandinavian Population Studies (2/3 of the membership fees) will be allocated to the preparations of the next conference and to maintaining the web pages of the Nordic Demographic Symposiums. The establishment of the webpages will be done by the Swedish Demographic Society in connection with the next symposium. These decisions were endorsed by the general assembly.

#### 5. Next symposium

The next symposium will be organised by the Swedish Demographic Society in Lund in the end of May or early June 2010.

#### 6. Other issues

The by-laws of the Nordic Demographic Society will be updated and the national by-laws should be adjusted to be in line with the Nordic by-laws. A working group will go through the by-laws in early 2009 and propose changes in these by-laws for the general assembly in the next symposium in 2010.