

NORWEGIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE (NVF)

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I The Association's objectives

1. The Norwegian Association for the History of Science (NVF) is an independent association based in Norway. The Association's objective is to gather and make visible the Norwegian history of science community. The Association brings together scholars working on the history of science, medicine and technology on any theme, topic or period to discuss historical, epistemological, political, institutional, and ethical issues of relevance to both a Scandinavian and an international audience, welcoming researchers of all nationalities at all stages of their careers.
2. The objective is furthered through:
 - a) Organizing a history of science conference every second year
 - b) Representing Norway in the Division of History of Science and Technology (DHST), within the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST).
 - c) Contribute to information dissemination and other measures consistent with §1.

II The Association's membership

3. The Association accepts as members active researchers, advanced students, and others with interest and competence in the history of science and in related fields.

III The Association's functions and organs

4. The Association's main organ is the general meeting, held every second year in connection with the history of science conference. The meeting is open to all members of the Association who have paid their membership dues.
5. The announcement of the meeting, along with appended documents, shall be made available to members no less than fourteen days before the meeting.
6. The meeting approves the annual report and account and approves the budget for the coming two-year period. The meeting sets membership dues. The meeting chooses the local organizers for the next conference and considers other matters that may arise.
7. If necessary the leadership can call an extraordinary meeting outside the time frame of the conference.
8. The Association's regulations can be changed at either a general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting. Such a change shall require a two-thirds majority of votes cast.
9. The Association may be dissolved if a two-thirds majority of votes at a general or an extraordinary general meeting approves a proposition for dissolution.
10. The Association's leadership consists of a board of five to seven representatives chosen at the general meeting. The board shall normally consist of a chair, a treasurer, a secretary, a member responsible for the Association's website, and a representative of the local organizers for the conference following the election. The chair is selected by the general meeting while remaining members of the board constitute themselves.

11. The term of office for all members of the board shall be two years or until the next election, should the period between conferences deviate from the standard two-year cycle. Board members are eligible to serve for successive terms.
12. NVF shall strive to achieve gender balance in its board, with no more than 60% representation by any one gender. The Association shall further strive to achieve representation from a diverse range of institutions, age groups, and disciplines. It is desirable that at least one PhD student shall be a member of the board at any time, and that at least one member of the board shall represent the local organizers of the conference following the time of the election.
13. The board shall nominate candidates to serve on the board in advance of every election.

IV The history of science conference

14. NVF shall strive to arrange a history of science conference every second year. The objective is to serve as a meeting place for researchers working with Norwegian history of science, Norwegian researchers working in history of science outside the geographic limits of Norway, and researchers working on topics of interest for the history of science in Norway.
15. The board shall serve as the program committee for the conference. The program committee shall have responsibility for the conference's academic content. The committee's primary objectives are to issue a call for participation in the conference, to ensure that this is circulated widely in relevant scholarly circles, and to compile a program in keeping with accepted academic norms.
16. The program committee shall ensure that sufficient resources are obtained to allow the conference to be held, including seeking economic support in conjunction with the local organizers.
17. Scholarly quality shall be the primary criterion for accepting contributions to the conference.
18. The main language of the conference is English. The program committee is free to invite contributions in a Scandinavian language at its discretion.