

Constitution of the Nordic Society for Research in Mathematics Education, NoRME

1. The Nordic Society for Research in Mathematics Education (NoRME) is a society established by a founding General Assembly on 24 April, 2008 at Norma08 in Copenhagen. The society is open to membership from national societies for research in mathematics education in each of the five Nordic (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) or the three Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), or regional organisations of the same kind (among Nordic or Baltic countries), and the Nomad association. Individuals are part of NoRME by being members in at least one of the national or regional societies. The society has its home at an institution of higher education decided by the board. The society is non-commercial and not intended for pecuniary profitable activities.
2. The aim of the society is to support and raise the quality of Nordic and Baltic research in mathematics education, and especially through the collaboration among researchers in the Nordic and Baltic countries. An important aim is to achieve funding for the activities among members in NoRME by initiating applications to funding bodies. The member societies are autonomous and NoRME will not interfere with their internal affairs. The aim of the society is also to support the aims of the member societies concerning research in mathematics education and to ensure the continuation of Nomad and Norma-conferences, as well as to create forums for discussions and constructive meetings for researchers in mathematics education. The aim is also to ensure the collaborative continuation of activities such as those carried out by the Nordic Graduate School of Mathematics Education, NoGSME.
3. Members are allowed into the society by decision in the General Assembly. Members can be excluded, by decision in the General Assembly with a majority of 2/3 of the voters, if they act contrary to the aims of the society.
4. The highest body to decide in NoRME is the General Assembly (GA). It consists of the chair of each member society and one editor-in-chief of Nomad, all with the right to have one vote. If the chair of a society cannot be present at the GA meeting, he/she is entitled to appoint a substitute (from his/her society) for that particular GA. Representation by substitute should be made known to the GA in written form two weeks ahead of the GA meeting. The right of a substitute also applies to the editor-in-chief of Nomad. The general assembly meets during each Norma conference or, if the Norma-conference does not take place, every three years. The board has the right to call an extraordinary GA. The invitation to the General Assembly, including an agenda of the meeting, should be sent out two months in advance. Any individual belonging to a member society is allowed to be present and speak at the General Assembly and is also allowed to send in proposals to be treated at the GA (motions) at least one month in advance. Member societies can also send proposals (motions) at least one month in advance. One activity period for the society is from one GA to the next. Due for elections that take place in the GA is any person who is a member in any of the member societies. The following is to be included in the agenda for the General Assembly:
 - opening of the meeting of the general assembly (GA)
 - remarks about the invitation to the meeting
 - decision about the agenda for the GA
 - decision about voters present at the GA
 - decision about chairperson and secretary of the GA-meeting

- election of two person to sign the protocol together with the chair of the GA, also vote counters in case of voting in the GA
 - treatment of the activity report from the Board, balance sheets and Treasurer's report, the report from auditors and decision about acceptance of the reports for the last period
 - decision about budget and plan for activities for the next period (normally three years)
 - issues set up by the board in advance
 - issues raised by members (motions or proposals)
 - decision about the number of Board members including the chair
 - election of chair for the NoRME board for the coming period
 - election of Board members for NoRME for the coming period (not more than two from the same member society)
 - election of two substitute Board members
 - election of one auditor/examiner and one substitute for the auditor/examiner for the coming period
 - election of group for preparation of next elections (2-3 persons) for the coming period
 - other issues to be discussed
 - closing of the meeting
5. The Board of NoRME is between General Assemblies the highest executive body. The Board consists of the chair and members elected by the GA. The Board elects from its own members a treasurer and a secretary. Decisions are taken by simple majority. The chair has casting vote. The Board is required to follow up decisions taken in the General Assembly and between these meetings lead the work of NoRME. The Board has as its main task to try to achieve funding for the members in NoRME and to create cooperation and share activities and information between members. The Board is required to prepare for the General Assembly and issue invitations and agenda to it according to the constitution. Protocols are to be written from Board meetings and sent to all member societies within one month of the Board meeting. The chair and the treasurer of the Board are both allowed to sign documents for the Board and responsible for the running economy.
 6. The economy of the society runs from one General Assembly to the next. The economical activities of the period must be closed two months before the General Assembly. Balance sheets and Treasurer's report must be prepared by the Board and submitted to GA one month before the GA. The auditor and his/her substitute cannot be members of the board.
 7. The election period runs from one General Assembly to the next.
 8. The constitution can be changed or decision about the dissolution of the society taken only if such issue is on the agenda for the general assembly. Decision about either of these issues must be made at two consecutive General Assemblies and with a majority of 2/3 of the General Assembly. How to use any property belonging to NoRME that is left is to be decided at the final GA.

The constitution was agreed by the founding GA (20080424).