

Dear CPN members,

You are given the information from the discussion at annual conference and some decision regarding to discussion as well the activities planed at the board meeting held on Sunday 5th Oct.

Revision of CPN constitution (see full text attched)

Three issues have been discussed and agreed upon by the 2/3 majority at CPN annual conference. They include: help new comers, see §2.1; social development as one area for cooperation between Norway and China, see §2.3; and membership fee, see §4.4.

It has been passed at conference by the majority that membership fee will be increased to 150 NOK for an individual membership, 300 NOK for a family membership and 75 NOK for a student membership. This will be revised in the CPN constitution and in force from the year 2009. However, it does not apply to those who have already paid membership fee for 2009 at CPN 2008 annual conference or are going to pay before 31st Jan. 2009. In the future, CPN will send a reminder at proper time.

To make it easy to remember, the membership fee should be paid in January of each year. CPN board should send a reminder about it at the right time. Those, who do not pay for the membership fee after three times reminder, will be removed from CPN mailinglist. For those who join CPN at CPN annual conference (around October) or later, it will be counted automatically for the next year. CPN gets new members mostly at two big events: Chinese new year party and CPN annual conference. New comers begin their study or work in the fall.

Online payment to CPN account is preferable. In the last years, we collected membership fee in the events. As more members and more people join CPN activities, over 250 participants this time, and some came very late due to some reasons. This resulted in a very difficult way to collect fee in place and to keep the door open all time. We do realize things should be improved better in the future, for examples, advance payment and longer time for registration before the activity should begin. We need your support and keep things running according to the schedule.

Survey on use of CPN's Web/mailling list

How to use CPN mailing list and web has been an agenda discussed at the annual conference. Due to the time limit, there was no agreement reached, but a survey to be done afterwards. It's under working and will be informed shortly. Further decision should be made based on this survey.

CPN board for the period 2008-2010

The newly elected CPN board had its first meeting. All board members are willing to offer their service to CPN and its members. Each board member has got his/her own duties/functions in the board below.

Xinli WANG, Director for public relationships
Xing CAI, Secretary General
Haimiao BAO and Dasheng CAI, Director for culture and sports

Yong LIN and Tianyu MAI, Director for academic affairs
Ji SU Director for business affairs
Jing YU, Manager for media and communication
Xiuhua ZHANG, President

Activities due Feb, 2009

Some activities have been planned at the board meeting. Minor changes can be made. Each activity will be followed by the detailed information when the time is near.

They will be:

1. Music seminar by Dasheng Cai, 14th Oct. 2008
2. A seminar about communication between children and their parents. The final topic and date (one day in November) will be informed later.
3. CPN choir singing training, 13-15pm for those dates 26/10, 9/11, 26/11, 7/12, 2008 and 11/1, 18/1, 2009.
4. CPN will organize one-day ski trip around the Christmas time if the weather allows us. Otherwise, an indoor activity like visiting a museum, a memorable place will be organized instead.
5. The Chinese New Year celebration. 24th Jan 2009. CPN is going to invite some Norwegian and Chinese guests to the party. The 2009 Chinese new year party is for adults and a children party will be arranged around Xmas or Yuan Xiaojie festival. 8 Feb. ???
6. A gathering for CPN new members/new comers.
7. Top10 candidates from CPN for 2008

The seminars will be held at meeting rooms at the library of Oslo University and the parties in the research park. Both places are familiar with most members.

An electronic piano will be purchased for the singing practice. CPN choir has established a blog, you can find some videos and photos there, with some music at <http://www.cpnchoir.blogspot.com/>. The location for practice is Su Ji's working place (Pelles Design). You can find the map at <http://www.pellesdesign.no/Kontakt-oss.htm>. The easiest way to get there by public transportation is to take bus 23 to Lørenvangen.

We have started preparing the show for the new year party. All of you are welcome to join!

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For CPN Board