

Minutes of the SWESSE General meeting

Friday 12 April 2019, 10.00–11.00

Malmö University, Faculty of Education and Society, Nordenskiöldsgatan 10, Room D222

Present

An estimated 20 members were present and four members of the board.

Apologies received from

Annika Denke and Stuart Robertson

1. Terry Walker was elected to chair the meeting
2. Terry Walker opened the meeting
3. The agenda was approved with two additions under 10. Any Other Business
4. The previous minutes (from 28 April 2017) were approved
5. President Terry Walker offered her president's report:

Terry attended the ESSE board meeting in Greece in 2018, and in Brno, Czech Republic, on 28-29 August 2018, just prior to the ESSE conference. She reported that there is a great sense of enthusiasm and fellowship among the members, despite the political and economic difficulties facing universities, lecturers and doctoral students in certain European countries. She will be attending the next Board meeting on 27-28 August 2019 in Wrocław, Poland, which coincides with the ESSE Doctoral Symposium there. The next ESSE conference will be in Lyon, France in 2020.

Terry thanked the members of the SWESSE nominations committee, Maria Holmgren Troy and Philip Shaw for their work in consulting members and identifying society members who are willing to join the board.

She also thanked Maria Wiktorsson and Julie Skogs for their continued good work as auditors of the SWESSE accounts.

She thanked the members of the SWESSE Thesis wards committees for their hard work. Irene Gilsenan Nordin is stepping down as chair of the Literature committee (so special thanks to Irene for all her work for SWESSE), and Lydia Kokkola will assume the role of chair. Giles Whiteley will continue as a member, and Marius Hentea has agreed to join the committee. The members of the linguistics committee are Solveig Granath, chair, Philip Shaw and Kristy Beers Fägersten.

Finally, she thanked the secretary, Stuart Robertson, and Anna Swärdh, the Treasurer.

6. Treasurer Anna Swärdh offered her treasurer's report: There were 188 members 31 December 2018. Invoices were sent out late last year, with the result of payments still coming in for 2018. SWESSE's sole source of income is its members' fees; expenses consist of fees to ESSE, travel expenses, homepage, and banking fees. The assets as of 29 March 2019 were 56,643.46 SEK. The auditors' report will be circulated via email by Terry Walker for a *per capsulam* approval as soon as possible.
7. Tim Roberts was elected as a doctoral student representative to the board.
8. The SWESSE thesis awards for literature and linguistics were awarded by Åke Persson and Maria Nordlund, standing in for Giles Whiteley and Kristy Beer Fägersten. The winners of the awards were Malin Brus (Literature) and Christina Giannakaki (Linguistics).
9. The next National Forum will take place in 2021. A number of institutions are interested in hosting the event, and Terry Walker will contact these departments.
10. Two items were discussed under Any Other Business:
 1. A unanimous vote agreed to change the Constitution from "An ordinary General Meeting shall be convened every year" to "An ordinary General Meeting shall be convened biannually at the National Forum for English Studies"
 2. It was unanimously agreed that the SWESSE Thesis Awards be extended to include a third type of essay besides "English literature" and "English linguistics," to be named "English." Committee nominations will be collected by Terry Walker via email.
11. The schedule of the coming National Forum was discussed. It was agreed that lunch-to-lunch over two nights was a good format, and that the SWESSE Board meeting and General Meeting should ideally not be placed last on the last day.
12. The chairperson Terry Walker closed the meeting and thanked Björn Sundmark, Anna Wärnsby and their team at Malmö University for organizing the National Forum so well and so quickly, having taken on the task at a late stage.



Terry Walker



Anna Swärdh



Åke Persson