

## Minutes of the SWESSE board meeting (*styrelse protokoll*), 11.45–13.00, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Location Zoom: <https://sh-se.zoom.us/my/kristybeers>

### Attendees

Annika Denke, Marie Nordlund, Åke Persson, Tim Roberts, Stuart Robertson, Anna Swärdh, Terry Walker

1. Terry Walker opened the meeting, welcoming those present.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were approved.
4. President Terry Walker reported on her activities and news since the last meeting; the pandemic has altered the work of the president. Terry represented the members at the day-long ESSSE board meeting in September 2020 online and reported that the pandemic had reduced activities across the members of ESSE. As president Terry has also been in regular contact with SWESSE members, distributing information by email and circulating newsletters.
5. Treasurer Anna Swärdh reported that our financial relationship with ESSE is all sound and regular. Anna brought two points to the attention of the board. The annual reports for 2019 and 2020 are not in fact 12 months long. Due to delays in having the accounts audited the report for 2019 covers the period January 2019-August 2020 and the second report covers the period September 2020 to March
6. *Valberedningen* confirmed that current board members will continue in their roles and confirmed that they have invited nominations for a new president. At the General Meeting this year current president Terry Walker will step down and the board unanimously thanked Terry for her contribution and work as president since 2017.
7. We agreed that Terry Walker should chair the general meeting tomorrow.
8. The webmaster (Stuart Robertson) reported that the website remains a work-in-progress. We discussed the page 'English Studies in Sweden' which lists information about colleagues and universities across Sweden and Stuart ask for contributions at the General meeting to help update these pages.
9. We discussed the 'BA Thesis Awards'. We agreed to prize money to increase the prize to 2000 SEK and to discuss and review guidelines for awarding the prize with each of the committees of judges.
10. At present no venue for the National Forum 2023 has been agreed. We will invite offers from the membership at the general meeting. We discussed SWESSE might sponsor a lecture by a representative of ESSE at the National Forum, perhaps entitled 'The Biannual SWESSE Lecture 20XX'. The speaker would be agreed between the SWESSE board and the organising committee of the forum.

11. There was no other business.
12. The next meeting of the board will be discussed at the *konstituerande* board meeting after the General meeting.
13. The meeting closed

## Appendix

### BA Thesis committees

#### Chair of Linguistics Committee

[Kristy Beers Fägersten](#), Södertörn University

Members: Kristy Beers Fägersten, Philip Shaw, and Annelie Ädel

#### Chair of Literature Committee

[Giles Whitely](#), Stockholm University

Members: Giles Whiteley, Marius Hentea, and VirginiaLangum

#### Chair of Committee for fields other than Linguistics or Literature

[BethAnne Paulsrud](#), Dalarna University

Members: BethAnne Paulsrud, Lydia Kokkola, and Martin Shaw

Stuart Robertson

Anna Swärdh

## Agenda

1. Opening
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Previous Minutes (from 26 August 2020)
4. Report from President
5. Report from Treasurer
6. SWESSE Board: confirmation that current board members will continue and/or nomination process for new board members
7. General Assembly: chair
8. The SWESSE Website: report from Webmaster
9. Thesis Awards: prize money, guidelines for judges
10. National Forum 2023: venue
11. Any Other Business
12. Next Meeting
13. Closing