

Minutes for SWESSE General Assembly, Thursday 22 April 2021, 16.30–17.45

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

1. Terry Walker was elected chair of the meeting by members present
2. Terry Walker as chair of the meeting and president of SWESSE welcomed members to the general assembly.
3. The agenda for the meeting was accepted
4. The minutes of the previous general meeting held on [12 April 2019](#) were accepted.
5. SWESSE President Terry Walker reported on her activities on behalf of the members during the past two years. In August 2019 Terry represented SWESSE at the ESSE board meeting in Wrocław, Poland. Terry was chair of the nominations committee when a new ESSE secretary, Professor Biljana Mišić Ilić, from Serbia, and a new treasurer, Professor Gašper Ilc, from Slovenia were elected. In February 2020, Terry travelled Spain to audit the ESSE accounts. When ESSE 2020 was moved online Terry attended the board meeting digitally. During 2020 Terry liaised with the organisers of the 2021 SWESSE National Forum. Her other activities as president included circulating information and news to SWESSE members.

Terry steps down as president of SWESSE at this meeting and Stuart Robertson offered her thanks from the membership and board in recognition of all her work over her time as president.

6. Anna Swärdh offered her report as treasurer of SWESSE. The business of the society has been smooth over the period 2019-21; membership fees have been paid to SWESSE and in turn SWESSE has paid fees to ESSE. The SWESSE bank balance is quite large at present. This is in part a result of some fees from 2018 being paid in 2019 and of reduced expenses during the period 2020-1. Two auditors' reports were presented, one for the period 30 March 2019-17 August 2020, and the second for the period 18 August 2020-30 March 2021.
7. Two auditors' reports were presented and accepted by the members. President Terry Walker thanked the auditors Maria Wiktorsson (Malmö universitet) and Julie Skogs (Högskolan Dalarna) for their work.
8. Election of new President: The nominations committee (Maria Holmgren Troy/ Philip Shaw) reported on their work and proposed Kristy Beers Fägersten as the new SWESSE president; after a vote by members Kristy Beers Fägersten was duly elected.
9. SWESSE BA Thesis Awards: The 2021 SWESSE BA essay prize in Literature was awarded to Joel Ronnersjö. There was discussion of the prize and it was agreed that there would be three subjects in which prizes might be awarded: English linguistics, Literature in English and

a prize for essays in subjects related to English, for instance in pedagogy or 'Teacher Education'. BethAnne Paulsrud of Dalarna University agreed to chair the committee of judges for this third category.

10. National Forum Venue 2023

Representatives from Mälardalen university expressed tentative interest in hosting the 2023 National Forum.

11. Any Other Business

There was discussion about how to make the forum more effective and more attractive as an event in which senior staff might participate and as one which legitimately represent English studies in Sweden. A related discussion involved making the forum more attractive to doctoral students as an event at which to present and to meet colleagues from across the country.

12. The date of the next meeting will be discussed at the konstituerande styrelsemöte.

13. The meeting closed.

Stuart Robertson

Anna Swärdh