

Dear SWESSE members,  
Happy October! 🍂 This Autumn 2024 newsletter features reports from both the ESSE Board and SWESSE Board meetings as well as other letter-worthy news.

### The 2024 ESSE Board meeting

This year's ESSE Board meeting was held 24-26 August in Lausanne, Switzerland. Among the most important actions of the Board are the following:

1. Election of a new ESSE President, Professor Lieven Buysse, Belgium;
2. Re-election of Editor of *ESSE Messenger*, Professor Laura Esteban, Spain;
3. Appointment of a nominations committee for the election of ESSE Treasurer and Secretary;
4. Decision to re-instate the annual fee of €9.00 (ending temporary reduction to €7.00).

More information about Board decisions can be found [here](#). The Board also heard reports from the book awards, bursaries, resources, and workshop committees. I would again encourage all SWESSE members to submit to or apply for awards and funding. However, the Board has decided to discontinue the Collaborative Project Workshop Scheme. More information on funding and awards sponsored by ESSE (including deadlines) can be found [here](#).

### The 2024 ESSE Conference

SWESSE members Andrea Schalley, Karlstad University, and Roberto del Valle Alcalá, Södertörn University, participated in the 2024 ESSE Conference in Lausanne as SWESSE-nominated parallel lecturers. Congratulations to both! I am also pleased to report that ESSE contributed €500 for each lecturer to partially fund their travel costs, while SWESSE contributed 3000 SEK each (much needed funds considering the high costs in Switzerland). Roberto del Valle Alcalá also served as co-convenor of the Doctoral Symposium. Once again, there were many more doctoral students within Literature and Cultural Studies than within Linguistics or Didactics, and no doctoral students from Sweden participated at all. **The Doctoral Symposium runs every year, and there is generous funding available**, so please spread the word to doctoral students. Information about the Doctoral Symposium can be found [here](#).

### Fall 2024 SWESSE Board Meeting

The SWESSE Board met on 1 October 2024. Among the agenda items was finding an additional member of the Elections committee to join Maria Freij, Kristianstad University. The Elections Committee will then be tasked with finding nominees for a new Board member, as Marie Nordlund will be stepping down in 2025. Please contact me or any of the Board members to express interest in joining the Elections Committee or to be nominated as a Board member.

Despite ESSE's decision to increase their membership fee, the Board decided that SWESSE's fee, currently 250 SEK per year, will remain unchanged. Membership in SWESSE guarantees membership in ESSE, which is required for applying for ESSE awards and funding.

Finally, the Board noted the scheduling of the next Nordic Association of English Studies (NAES), taking place 8-10 May in Åbo/Turku; a call for papers will be sent to SWESSE members and advertised on the SWESSE website. SWESSE members may also be interested in the EFACIS conference also taking place in Åbo/Turku, 8-11 May. More information will soon be shared with SWESSE members.

### The 2025 National Forum for English Studies

The next Forum will be hosted by our colleagues at Lund University, 9-11 April 2025. A call for panels has been published; a call for papers will be announced at a later date. The organizing committee has set up a wonderful [website](#) for the Forum, with information on calls, important dates, keynote speakers, the program, and registration.

### Teachers on TV

Watch teachers in action on the sit-coms *Abbott Elementary* and *The English Teacher*, both streaming on Disney+. Two episodes I would recommend are *AE*: "Double Date", in which the teachers' book club discusses *Parable of the Sower*, and *TET*: "Linda", in which a teacher encounters pushback for assigning failing grades.

Best,  
Kristy Beers Fägersten, SWESSE President