

## SWESSE: The Swedish Society for the Study of English

Agenda for General Assembly

27th April 2023, 15:45-16:45

Mälardalen University

1. Kristy Beers Fägersten was nominated as chair.
2. The General Assembly found that the meeting was appropriately convened and opened.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. The previous minutes from 22 April 2021 were approved.
5. Kristy Beers Fägersten (SWESSE president) reports how she attended the ESSE conference in Mainz. Kristy served as the main auditory. Kristy reports that ESSE is now providing bursaries that can be applied for. The next ESSE conference takes place in Lausanne in 2024. Kristy is arranging a pre-session doctoral symposium in linguistics

Kristy thanks Terry Walker, the previous president, for helping with the transition. Previous board members are thanked for their service on the board.

6. Anna Swärdh (SWESSE treasurer) reports on the budget. There are 194 current members of SWESSE. The sponsored lecture was instituted due to there being a slight excess of funds. Anna thanks the auditors, Maria Wiktorsson and Dusan Stamenkovic.
7. The auditor's report is presented and confirmed by the assembly.
8. Changes to the SWESSE board.

Annika Denke is elected as vice-president.

Tim Roberts is elected as secretary.

Linda Eriksson is elected as PhD representative.

Parvin Gheitasi is elected as ordinary member.

9. Announcement of Bachelor Thesis Awards.

The prize for the best essay in literature is awarded to Maria Palmkvist, Gothenburg University, for her essay, "Tangled in a Golden Mesh: Synesthesia in Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway and To the Lighthouse".

The prize for the best essay in Linguistics is awarded to Frida Johansson, Mid-Sweden University, for her essay, "The grammaticalization of adverb just in Early Modern English."

No prize is awarded for the category of Other.

Kristy Beers Fägersten discusses an action plan that is in the pipeline to evaluate the quality of essays that can be given the thesis awards. A member of the audience suggests that teacher papers should constitute a category in their own right. This will be discussed at the board meeting. Kristy thanks all those involved in the evaluation of the essays.

10. Kristy Beers Fägersten announces that the next National Forum will take place in two years, and those universities interested in hosting the event should contact the SWESSE board.
11. Terry Walker and Virginia Langum (the editors of the Nordic Journal for English Studies) discuss how there is a new restricted focus in the NJES on English in Nordic contexts. This has resulted in fewer submissions, so they ask assembly members to consider this venue for your publications. They also announced that NJES will be joining the KB platform soon.
12. Meeting closed at 16:30.



Annika Jenke

Vice-President



Kristy Beers Fägersten

President



Timothy Roberts

Secretary