

# The Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition

## Governing Board meeting

### Call

The members of the board are invited to the June 2015 board meeting.

Date: June 3, 2015

Hour: 16.00 (i.e. 17.00 Finnish time)

Place: on Skype

### Agenda

1. The meeting is opened by SALC's President
2. Appointment of chair for the meeting
3. Appointment of keeper of the minutes
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Appointment of two members to check the minutes
6. The future of SALC website
7. The preparations for SALC V in NTNU - Trondheim, Norway
8. The proposal of the Nominating Committee for the next SALC Governing Board and Nominating Committee
9. The suggestion by the chair of the Nominating Committee to reduce the number of board members
10. Any other business
11. Next board meeting
12. The meeting is closed by the chair of the meeting

### Enclosure related to the agenda:

#### *6. The future of SALC website*

Mats Andrén has been successfully administrating the SALC website for a number of years now. He has informed us of his wish to be relieved from his duties, and this wish is well justified. We can talk about how to handle the website in the future. It has been suggested that the website could in the future be included in the tasks of the secretary of SALC.

#### *8. The proposal of the Nominating Committee for the next SALC Governing Board and Nominating Committee*

SALC - candidates for the board 2015

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Sweden

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Substitutes

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\* currently substitutes

### **Candidates for the nomination committee 2015**

Denmark

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Finland

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Norway

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Sweden

\*Anna Vogel, Senior Lecturer, Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism, Stockholm University, Anna.Vogel@su.se

\*member of the current nomination committee

9. The suggestion by the chair of the Nominating committee to reduce the number of board members with one

Elisabeth Engberg-Pedersen would like to suggest that the future board considers the possibility of reducing the number of members of the board. The current board is actually if not "illegal" then at least unconstitutional, since there should be nine members in addition to the president. We now have nine members including the president. However, the change requires a change in the constitution, so if we want to make the change, we would need to prepare a proposal for the Business Meeting in SALC V.

## **Minutes of The Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition Governing Board meeting**

Time and place: June 3, 2015 at 16.00 (i.e. 17.00 Finnish time) on Skype

Present: Jóhanna Barðdal (JB), Marlene Johansson Falck (MJF), Esa Penttilä (EP), Jordan Zlatev (JZ), Tiina Onikki-Rantajääskö (TOR) and Line Burholt Kristensen (LBK). Mila Vulchanova (MV) only present from point 6 (“The future of SALC website”).

### **1. The meeting is opened by SALC's President**

The meeting was opened by SALC’s president EP.

### **2. Appointment of chair for the meeting**

EP was appointed chair of the meeting

### **3. Appointment of keeper of the minutes**

LBK was appointed keeper of the minutes

### **4. Approval of the agenda**

It was agreed to change the order of the agenda: The original point 9 (on suggestion to reduce the number of board members) was placed between the original point 5 and point 6.

### **5. Appointment of two members to check the minutes**

JB & JZ were appointed to check the minutes.

### **6. The suggestion by the chair of the Nominating Committee to reduce the number of board members**

Elisabeth Engberg-Pedersen suggested 1) to decrease the number of governing board members from 10 representatives + 3 substitutes to 7 representatives + 3 substitutes and 2) to spell out in the constitution what countries should be represented on the board. EP has asked Elisabeth for justification and motivation for the first part of the suggestion. Elisabeth suggested a smaller number of members, because it is difficult for the nominating committee to find enough people to nominate in some countries. Currently there are only 9 representatives + 3 substitutes on the governing board.

According to point 8 of the SALC constitution, proposals from members must be prepared for a vote at the members’ meeting. EP will present Elisabeth’s proposal at the meeting in Trondheim with her original formulation but adding that the suggestion to decrease the number of board members does not apply until 2017 (according to EP this is Elisabeth’s wish to wait till 2017, since the nominating committee has already made nominations for 2015). EP will prepare two votes – one for each of Elisabeth’s suggestions. The governing board will support suggestion no. 2 (the suggestion to spell out the countries that should be on the board), but will not support suggestion no. 1 (the suggestion to decrease the number of board members). The rationale for not supporting

suggestion no. 1 is that there are benefits to having SALC spread out geographically within each country.

There was a general discussion about the constitution concerning whether the board should include more countries and whether the name of the organization should refer to *Nordic countries* rather than *Scandinavia*. JZ suggested keeping the discussion going. According to JB, Iceland has a small cognitive science organization. JB will contact them to hear if they are interested in being represented in SALC.

## **6. The future of SALC website**

Mats Andren has kindly asked us to relieve him from his duties as a webmaster.

The secretary will take over the duty of updating the website. The new secretary (after SALC V) should be informed about the new duty. A Wordpress website can have more than one administrator, but the secretary should be the main person responsible for updating the site.

In June or July, LBK will transfer the content of the old website to the Wordpress CMS.

MJF mentioned that the SALC Facebook page is rarely updated. However, MJF has added all board members as administrators, so everybody should be able to add news to the Facebook page. MJF also encouraged board members to post pictures from the SALC V conference. MV suggested to advertise the facebook page at SALC V as well.

## **7. The preparations for SALC V in NTNU – Trondheim, Norway**

MV informed the board about the progress of SALC V in Trondheim. Registrations are done, the invoices have been sent out, and a preliminary program has been posted on the SALC V website. Additional messages about transport etc. will be posted.

There will be around 60 attendees at SALC V. While the number of abstracts received has been similar to previous SALC conferences, much fewer abstracts have been accepted (the rejection rate was 50 %), so this brought down the number of participants.

MV asked the board if she should ask the invited speakers to join SALC. Upon JZ's suggestion, it was agreed to make the invited speakers honorary members of SALC.

JZ suggested to add the time of the general assembly to the SALC V schedule, preferably on August 20<sup>th</sup> BEFORE the keynote speaker Jeanine Treffers-Daller.

The preparations for SALC VI were discussed. Umeå has previously been suggested as host of the conference. MJF was encouraged to give a short presentation at the members' meeting in Trondheim to present the idea of holding the conference in Umeå. MJF will also ask around for ideas for theme sessions before SALC VI.

## **8. The proposal of the Nominating Committee for the next SALC Governing Board and Nominating Committee**

The list only has 12 nominations, but we need enough nominations to form a board of 10 representatives + 3 substitutes. EP will ask the nominating committee to nominate one more member, for instance JB.

**10. Any other business**

JZ asked about the membership status of the three students who got the SALC VI scholarship. MV responded that the three students will become members of SALC and pay the SALC fee. MV will ask the students to give a short presentation of their research at SALC VI and to attend the business meeting as well as the conference dinner.

EP will prepare the agenda for SALC's general meeting

**11. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will be held at SALC V (once the new board is elected).

**12. The meeting is closed by the chair of the meeting**

EP closed the meeting.

Minutes taken by



Line Burholt Kristensen  
Secretary of SALC

Minutes checked by



Jóhanna Barðdal  
Member of the Governing Board of SALC



Jordan Zlatev  
Member of the Governing Board of SALC