

The Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition

General Assembly, April 21st 2017

Minutes

Date: April 21, 2017

Hour: 16.00 – 17s.00

Place: SALC6 conference, SOL Auditorium, Lund University, Sweden

1. Appointment of chair for the meeting

SALC president Mila Vuichanova was appointed chair of the meeting.

2. Appointment of keeper of the minutes

SALC secretary Line Burholt Kristensen was appointed keeper of the minutes.

3. Appointment of two members to check the minutes

The agenda was approved, and SALC board members Carita Lundmark and Jordan Zlatev were appointed to check the minutes.

4. Appointment of two members to count the votes

SALC members Carita Paradis and Laura Janda were appointed to check the votes.

5. Change of constitution

SALC vice-president Kristian Tylén presented a proposal to change the constitution of SALC (attachment 1).

The SALC constitution specifies a procedure for making nominations to the election of the SALC board that requires a separate nominating committee consisting of a member from each of the SALC member countries with no overlap with the SALC board. Nominations have to happen prior to the General Assembly. Since this has proven to be a rather complicated and tedious procedure the current board presented a simplification so that in the future any member of SALC can self-nominate or nominate any other member up until the very elections themselves on the General Assembly. Also, two further changes were suggested: Since every member country is already represented by at least two board members (making the board quite big – 9 members) it was suggested that in the future we do not need three extra substitute members. And last, it was suggested to change the term used in the constitution from “members’ meeting” to “General Assembly” for mere convenience since that is the label we use in other contexts.

There were 32 SALC members present at the meeting, and all 32 members voted in favour of the proposal.

6. Election of president and members of the SALC board

Each member could vote for two candidates from each country and for a 9th member a nominee from any member country. The following members were nominated for the board. The names of elected members are marked with an asterisk:

For President: *Marlene Johansson Falck

From Denmark: *Kristian Tylén, *Line Burholt Kristensen and Mikkel Wallentin

From Finland: *Esa Penttilä and *Tiina Onikki-Rantajääskö

From Norway: *Mila Vulchanova, *Tore Nasset and Anna-Lena Nilsson

From Sweden: *Sara Farshchi, *Carita Lundmark, *Mikko Höglund, Per Boström and Annika Hillbom

7. President's report

SALC president Mila Vulchanova gave her report (attachment 2). She also announced the winner of the SALC travel stipend: Sofia Stroustrup from University on Copenhagen.

8. Treasurer's report

Due to time issues, it was decided that SALC treasurer Marlene Johansson Falck would not give a report at the meeting, but instead send out the report by email (attachment 3).

9. Travel grant

This point was skipped since it was included in the president's report.

10. Student's best paper award

Carita Lundmark presented the prize winner Mariann Proos with a diploma and a book voucher worth 2000 SEK.

11. SALC 7 conference bid

It was decided to hold the next SALC conference (SALC7) at Aarhus University, Denmark, in 2019.

12. Any other business

- ICLC will take place in Tartu in July 2017.
- Ulf Magnusson, "founding father" of SALC, was acknowledged as honorary member of SALC.

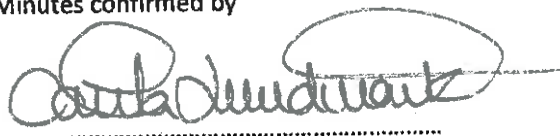
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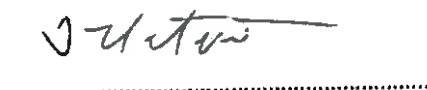
Line Burholt Kristensen

Secretary at the meeting

Minutes confirmed by


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Carita Lundmark


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Jordan Zlatev

Changes to the constitution

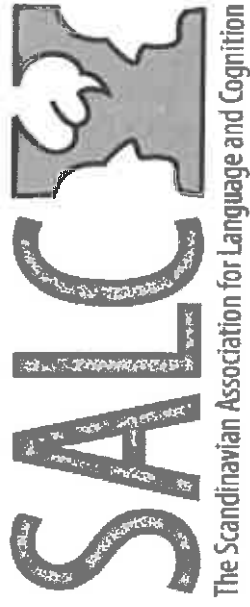
Change 1:

The Governing Board:

- (a) Responsibility for setting up and administering the Association falls to the Governing Board.
- (b) The Governing Board consists of the President, the Vice-president, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and six other regular elected members. ~~In addition, three substitutes for the board members are also to be elected.~~
- (c) The Governing Board is elected by members of the Association for a two-year term at a General Assembly, to be held in connection with a conference organised by SALC.
- (d) Candidates can self-nominate, or be nominated by any member prior to the elections at the General Assembly. Candidates should be affiliated with (or emeritus from) institutions based in a SALC member country.

Change 2:

Members' meeting -> General Assembly



SALC General Assembly

2015-2017 Report

Mila Vulchanova, SALC President

Goals

- Promote the study of the relationship between language and cognition
- any research in which language is not treated in isolation
 - ✓ as based on structures and processes of **general cognition** (e.g. perception, memory and reasoning) and **social cognition** (e.g. joint attention and imitation), and
 - ✓ as interacting with such structures and processes
- Intended to be a forum for cooperation and exchange of ideas between disciplines, fields of study and theoretical frameworks.

Activities

- Main forum – The SALC bi-annual conference
- SALC5 organised by NTNU, August 2015
Trondheim – Norway
- SALC6 – Lund University, April 2017 Lund –
Sweden
- The Conferences are gaining momentum – rising
number of abstract submissions of high quality



Activities

- Aiming at engaging other research communities from geographically and culturally neighbouring countries (e.g., the Baltic countries) and possible extension towards Iceland, Estonia and Latvia
- Currently under discussion; involving changes to the SALC Constitution

Activities 2015-2017

- Since the last General Assembly 2015 in Trondheim, the SALC Governing Board has had eight meetings:
 - a constitutive meeting in Trondheim
 - six Board meetings (via Skype), one in person, 1 in 2015, 3 in 2016 and 3 in 2017 (the minutes of the meetings are available on the SALC website)
 - Two Newsletters have been sent out to our members (and available on SALC website):
 - March 2016
 - March 2017

Activities 2015-2017

- **Main activity – preparation for SALC6, Lund 2017**
 - **1 student travel grant advertised – awarded to Sofia Stroustrup, Copenhagen University**
 - **Discussions of improving website**
 - **Simplifying procedure for membership**
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Activities

- Advertise for events and degree programmes in member countries
 - ✓ Conferences/workshops
 - ✓ Courses and summer schools
- <http://www.salc-sssk.org/home/links/>
- Agreement with Routledge (just renewed) – 20% discount on Routledge titles for SALC members; discount code **SALC7** (valid until 31/12/2017)
 - Affiliations - **ICLA**

Please add your personal info and stay in touch

- <http://www.salc-sssk.org/home/members/>
- SALC can disseminate info on events you are organising!



Treasurer's report

SALC, April 21, 2017

	2015	2016	2017-04-17 (before SALC 6)
Debet (Nordea)	26981	22341	22106
bank fees	-856	-903	-1110
home page	-394		-394**
conference costs	-6906		
membership fees	3516*	668	3717
Total			24319

* Membership fees 2015 – costs for 3 students grants (500 Euro each)

** 2016

