

The Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition Governing Board meeting

Call

The members of the board are invited to the autumn 2013 board meeting.

Date: October 24, 2013

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 question of whether the members have been invited with due notice
7. The transfer of bank issues to the new Treasurer
8. Report from SALC IV held in Joensuu, Finland
9. Plans for next SALC conference in NTNU – Trondheim, Norway
10. The membership situation
11. The membership fees
12. Possible future cooperation with cognitive scientists
13. The schedule of future SALC conferences
14. Referendum for the next SALC business meeting
15. The possibility of including Estonia in SALC
16. A document stating the routines of SALC Governing Board
17. Next SALC newsletter to the membership list
18. Future activities in cognitive linguistics in Scandinavia
19. Any other business
20. Next board meeting
21. The meeting is closed by the chair of the meeting

Enclosures related to some of the points on the agenda:

12. At the business meeting in SALC IV, Jens Allwood proposed that cooperation between Cognitive Science and Cognitive Linguistics be promoted (including e.g. summer schools in Cognitive Science for cognitive linguistic graduate students) in the future.

13. At the business meeting in SALC IV, Elisabeth Engberg-Pedersen proposed that in the future the SALC conference could be organized every three years instead of biennially. It has already been decided that the next conference in Trondheim will take place in 2015, but after that it is possible to change the schedule.

14. At the business meeting in SALC IV, Jordan Zlatev proposed that a referendum be organized in the next SALC business meeting, and that there would be an electronically held referendum for the next SALC Board members.

15. At the business meeting in SALC IV, Tiina Onikki-Rantajääskö proposed that Estonia be included in SALC in the future. The Estonian cognitive linguistic community is small but active and the Finnish cognitive linguists have traditionally had close relations with them. This would require changes in the SALC constitution.

Minutes of the Board meeting of the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition (SALC)

Date: October 24, 2013
Hour: 16.00-18.00 (Scandinavian time)
Place: on Skype

Present:

Jordan Zlatev (JZ)
Esa Penttilä (EP)
Marlene Johansson Falck (MJF)
Kristian Tylén (KT)
Tiina Onikki-Rantajääskö (TOR)
Line Burholt Kristensen (LBK)

Agenda

1. The meeting was opened by SALC's President EP.
2. EP was appointed chair for the meeting.
3. Secretary LBK was appointed to keep the minutes
4. Upon JZ' suggestion, a new point (issues with the PayPal account) was added as point 8 of the agenda. With this addition, the agenda was approved on.
5. LBK will send the minutes to all board members. Once they have checked and approved the minutes, JZ and MJF will sign the minutes.
6. It was agreed that EP had invited the members with due notice (9 days before the meeting). KT noted that the rules for giving notice only apply to general assembly meetings, not to normal board meetings.
7. It was agreed that MJF (Marlene Johansson Falck) and EP (Esa Penttilä), in their capacities as treasurer and president of SALC, should be the representatives (företrädare) of SALC and should be granted access of the Nordea Account. The address of the NORDEA account (802435-6647) should be MJF's address, Sjøråvågen 50a, 907 52 Umeå, Sweden. It was also agreed that former treasurers Jordan Zlatev (JZ) and Ulf Magnusson should not have access anymore. This proposal was agreed upon by all board members present at the meeting.
8. The PayPal account used for membership payments was originally established in Carita Lundmark's name. When JZ took over her duties in 2009, it was not possible to make an official transfer to JZ, so Carita is still the only person with access to the account. Also, the account password is lost. MJF has contacted Carita and asked her to transfer the current balance to the NORDEA account. It was proposed and agreed upon that Carita should close down the PayPal account once the money is transferred. EP will contact the SALC webmaster, Mats Andrén, as soon as possible and ask him to replace the PayPal information on the website with the NORDEA account number.
It was proposed and agreed upon that future SALC conferences should include a SALC membership fee in the conference fee. If someone wishes to join between conferences, this could be done by a transfer to the NORDEA account. This way SALC will no longer need the functionality of the PayPal account. Currently, SALC has two accounts at NORDEA: one for kronor and one for euros. As there are separate fees for these two accounts, JZ proposed shutting down the euro account at NORDEA. It was agreed that MJF should close down the EURO account.
9. EP gave a short report of SALC IV held in Joensuu, Finland, which had around 100 participants. From the organizers' point of view, the conference went smoothly. JZ noted that there were unusually few people at the business meeting. KT noted that nobody at the information counter had encouraged membership of SALC, and that SALC as an organization was not very present at the conference.
Different ideas were discussed on how to promote the business meeting and how to promote SALC as an organization. It was agreed that in future conferences, every opportunity should be used to promote SALC

membership and to announce the business meeting. A number of concrete ideas for future conferences were mentioned: 1) the meeting should be called *general assembly* (instead of *business meeting*) to make it sound more appealing to a wider range of people, 2) the president of SALC should go on stage and announce the meeting on the day, 3) the conference organizers should place the meeting at a time where many participants are likely to be present – either close to lunch time or right before an afternoon reception hosted by SALC. The conference organizers are therefore encouraged to discuss the scheduling of the SALC meeting with the SALC board before announcing their final conference programme.

10. The organizers' draft for a call for SALC V (in NTNU, Trondheim, Norway) was discussed. EP will formulate a letter to the conference organizers with the board's feedback on the formulations in the call, on the possibility of open theme sessions and on comments to the list of suggested plenary speakers (among which one of the speakers is selected and financed by the SALC board).
11. MJF reported that SALC has 35 paying members. Not everyone on the board is a paying member, so MJF will send out reminders to all current board members, who have forgotten to pay their membership fees. Also, it was agreed to send out reminders to previous SALC members after the next board meeting.
12. At the board meeting in January 2013, it was decided to offer a reduced SALC membership fee to members of The Finnish Cognitive Linguistics Association (FiCLA), but that this reduction should be coordinated with the Norwegian Cognitive Linguistics Association (NORKOG). According to EP, it turns out that NORKOG does not have a membership fee – therefore a reduction in the SALC fee is only relevant to FiCLA, not to NORKOG. EP proposed that FiCLA members should get a discount of 50 Swedish kronor when registering for membership of SALC. This proposal was accepted by the board and must be implemented on the SALC website as well as the websites of future SALC conferences.
13. Jens Allwood's proposal from the business meeting of SALC in Joensuu was discussed. Jens Allwood encouraged SALC to collaborate with other organizations for cognitive scientists. EP will contact Jens Allwood and ask him to present his initiatives and concrete suggestions. It was concluded that the SALC board will support any initiatives and ideas from SALC members on how to collaborate with other organizations. Also, members of SALC should be encouraged to add news to the SALC homepage, the facebook page and the mailing list on e.g. conferences and workshops that will be of interest to members of SALC. TOR mentioned that Merja Polvinen is involved in establishing a Scandinavian Association of Cognitive Poetics, and that a collaboration with this association could also be of interest to SALC. EP will contact Merja Polvinen to discuss possibilities for future cooperation.
14. Elisabeth Engberg-Pedersen's proposal from the business meeting of SALC in Joensuu was discussed. The proposal was that SALC should host triannual conferences instead of biannual ones. JZ noted that this is a major decision, as the constitution explicitly states that SALC holds biannual conferences. MJF argued that triannual conferences would introduce the risk of no continuity and of becoming too inactive between conferences.
JZ suggested sending out a survey to the SALC members around January to get an idea of how the members feel about triannual versus biannual conferences.
15. JZ withdrew this point (referendum for the next SALC business meeting) from the agenda.
16. The possibility of including Estonia in SALC was discussed. The board was positive towards including Estonia as a member country, but it was agreed that the initiative should come from the Estonian linguists. Including Estonia as a member country would require a change in the SALC constitution and possibly also a change in the name of the association. EP will contact Ilona Tragel and Renate Pajusalu of Tartu to make preparations. A first step would be that Estonian linguists become members of SALC.
MJF will make a draft for a dropbox document with instructions for new SALC board members. The document should state the routines of SALC's Governing Board. JZ and TF will contribute to the document.

17. EP will make a draft for a SALC newsletter with news about the board, the conference in Joensuu and information about future conferences. EP will make a dropbox document, and the rest of the board will have the chance to add information before it is posted to the SALC members.
18. Future activities in cognitive linguistics in Scandinavia will be mentioned in the news letter
19. a) EP asked for suggestions on how to publish the conference proceedings of SALC IV. It was suggested that the conference organizers publish the proceedings in an already established journal with a peer-review process, rather than publish them in an open access journal or directly on the SALC website. It is more likely to get submissions for an established journal than for a less formal publication, and the editorial work load will not be smaller for an informal publication.
b) JZ mentioned that the SALC board has previously made a preliminary decision to have an actual physical meeting for the SALC board members. It was decided that MJF will aim at organizing a workshop in Umeå, Sweden, in the beginning of June 2014 for members of the SALC board with the possible addition of Estonian cognitive linguists. In connection with the workshop, there will be a SALC board meeting. Board members not attending the workshop can attend the meeting via Skype.
20. The next board meeting will be held in January 2014. EP will announce the date later on.
21. EP declared the meeting closed

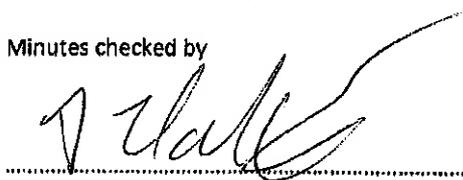
Copenhagen, October 25, 2013

Minutes taken by


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Line Burholt Kristensen
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