

## **The Nordic Wittgenstein Society**

### **Board meeting via Zoom, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Present at the meeting: Martin Gustafsson, Hanne Appelqvist, Bernt Österman, Hugo Strandberg, Camilla Kronqvist, Elinor Hållén

#### **1. NWS Facebook page and homepage**

It was decided at the last board meeting (Nov 2020) that Viktor Johansson, Gisela Bengtsson and Elinor Hållén would look into how the NWS Facebook page could be improved and attract more attention as well as discuss the relation between NWS Facebook and NWS homepage. The group constructed a proposal to serve as a basis for discussion. It was sent out before this meeting (see attachment). Here follows a summary of the discussion with the main points listed (A-D) and important measures that we are planning to take italicized.

What do we want from the Facebook page or Facebook group and the NWS homepage respectively, what purpose do we want them to serve?

- A. To keep and strengthen the engagement of the participants.
- B. To increase our connections with other international societies and research environments with whom we share research interests and have collaborations with, such as the British Wittgenstein Society, and the University of East Anglia International Wittgenstein Workshops.

In deciding about the future of NWS Facebook page we do not want to set our benchmark as high as trying to reach the level of the British Wittgenstein Society's very well managed Facebook group, unless someone on the board is willing to dedicate her/himself to doing that work. What level of responsibility we are ready to take is an important issue. The board welcomes openness and discussion on the Facebook page/group but an open page/group does not automatically lead to engagement. It seems more posts makes more people willing to post. [Note from the NWS Facebook page editor (Elinor): Actually the NWS Facebook page is at present open for posts made by anyone but no one posts material themselves, only via the administrator/editor of NWS Facebook page.]

*The board leans towards keeping the NWS Facebook page rather than towards wanting to replace it with a Facebook group.*

*The board acknowledges that NWS should try to use well-established Facebook pages or groups, such as BWS, more. To, when possible, post events in such groups alongside posting on the NWS Facebook page. That way we do not lose our own identity but reach out better than at present.*

- C. To make the strengths of NWS visible. To make visible the relations to NWR, the NWS book series, the Wittgenstein Archives in Bergen (WAB) and the von Wright and Wittgenstein Archives in Helsinki (WWA).

The board adopts the suggestion made in the proposal (see attachment) that NWR and NWS' book series will be encouraged to advertise with picture(s) on NWS Facebook page when a new publication has been released. The editor of the book series (Niklas Forsberg), the chief editor of the NWR (Simo Säätelä) and the administrator of NWS homepage (Camilla Kronqvist) will be assigned roles as moderators on the NWS Facebook page so that they can post on NWS Facebook page themselves in the name of NWS. This divides responsibility between different people in a better way than if posts are made via the administrator and editor of NWS Facebook page. The board would also like to see posts from the archives (Bergen & Helsinki) on NWS Facebook page. We will consider the best options for this for NWS board members that are not on Facebook.

This point is in line with Martin's suggestion in the meeting, that we should think about our strengths in considering what should be the focus of NWS Facebook page and NWS homepage: the NWR journal is a great strength and so are our conferences, both attract excellent and well-known researchers and many readers/participants.

- D. The NWS webpage should continue as the main platform for posting information about conferences, workshops etc., however shorter posts about these events could also be published on the Facebook page.

The question was raised if we want to continue having a Facebook page. We do, to keep our presence in a social forum and for other reasons spelled out in these notes. As part of wanting to make the archives more visible, Camilla suggested that a short description could be added to the links to the archives on the NWS webpage. The board is positive to that suggestion and finds it valuable to also add links to other international societies (etc.) on the NWS webpage.

## Actions

*Martin writes to Simo and Niklas about posting on the NWS Facebook page as well in the BWS Facebook group.*

*Elinor writes to Anne-Marie, administrator for NWS Facebook page, to ask her to make Simo, Niklas and Camilla moderators.*

## **2. Hanne: Problems with registration of new NWS member**

Regarding the NWS associate session at the Royal Music Association Annual Music and Philosophy Conference in London 2021 that was discussed at the last meeting, Martin Gustafsson has agreed to give a paper. There is a problem, however. Hanne's contact, Eran Guter, has tried to become a member of NWS but has not received a confirmation.

Camilla, administrator for NWS webpage, has checked to see that Eran's application has been received. It has but we need to see to that a confirmation with a welcoming message follows upon all applications.

Camilla and Elinor, secretary of NWS, will investigate this within the coming days, and respond to Eran.

## **3. Conferences, actions taken because of the pandemic**

Decisions will be taken on the planned annual NWS conference in Skjolden, "The Tractatus after 100 years" and the workshop in Bergen "Wittgenstein and Practice" on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The planned annual conference for 2020, "Contextual Ethics II: Methods and Approaches" may be postponed till October or possibly end of August, or take place on Zoom. Because of limitations in funding it needs to be organized this year. It could take the place of the Skjolden-conference as the NWS annual conference if the latter cannot be arranged due to the pandemic.

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