

The Nordic Wittgenstein Society

Board meeting via Zoom, March 6th 2023, 14.00 CET

Board members present: Hanne Appelqvist, Anne-Marie Søndergaard, Bernt Österman, Lassi Jakola, Gisela Bengtsson, Viktor Johansson, Elinor Hållén

Invited Guests: Simo Säätelä (present), Niklas Forsberg (not present)

Location: Zoom

§1 Opening of the Meeting: 14.01 CET

§2 Selection of keeper of minutes and adjuster.

Bernt Österman

§3 News from Nordic Wittgenstein Review (Simo Säätelä)

NWR is back on track. The editors have received the invited papers from David Stern which are pre-published for Open Review until 22 March 2023. About to close vol 11 and open volume 12 and have papers submitted for the new volume, as well as an invited paper confirmed. The technical support from University of Bergen now works well.

NWR has funding for this year but funding for next year is yet unclear.

On the topic of securing more long term financial support for NWR, Hanne mentions the example of the journal *Estetika: The European Journal of Aesthetics* which costs are covered by equal support from Helsinki University Press (HUP) and Charles University. HUP is committed to open access publishing in online format and not committed to making profit and their support includes providing an online platform and editing. Maybe an similar arrangement can be worked out between NWR and a supporting organization?

Simo will discuss this with Alois, head of the Wittgenstein archives.

Questions for Simo: 1) How does the Open Review work? (Hanne) Not very well yet, the technical process can be improved, now one has to email suggestions to the author. Viktor presents a possible way of improvement which receives Simo's approval, something along these lines: the author receives a link to his or her contribution which can be shared with persons' suitable for reviewing the text. 2) What has NWR been able to fund? (Lassi) Costs for the domain and the printed issue, copy editing for non-native speaking authors, travel funding for editorial assistants. Regarding funding, Lassi recommends the Finnish Association for Scholarly Publishing.

§4 Annual Meeting of the Society

The annual meeting should be held between March and June and is usually connected with the annual conference. Since funding for the proposed annual NWS conference 2023, organized by Hanne Appelqvist, has been denied by the Finnish Cultural Foundation and we have no other alternative as of now Hanne suggests setting a date for an online annual

meeting which we could change if other alternatives arise. The board agrees on the dates June 2 or June 8. Hanne invites comments. Notes from discussion follow under §5.

§5 Annual Conference: Problems and Prospects

Anne-Marie presents options for the NWS annual conference and annual meeting 2023: Is an online conference a viable option or does anyone else in the society organize an event between March and June, so that we could hold the annual meeting during that event and attract a greater number of participants? Viktor proposes as a possible alternative to invite members of NWS to one of the online seminars organized by the Nordic Ordinary Language Criticism society in late spring. The idea receives approval as presented or as modified. Maybe this could be used as a model: that the online annual meeting this year could be connected to an online talk (Hanne's suggestion). Hanne will present a short list of whom we could ask to give the online talk, Avner Baz is mentioned.

Regarding later arrangements Hanne informs the board that she will apply for funding for her conference idea until autumn 2023 and that she is waiting for response from the Emil Aaltonen Foundation. Bernt recommends her to apply from the Wihuri Foundation.

An early discussion starts on the prospects of organizing an annual conference at the Foundation of the Finnish Institute at Athens (or possibly at another Nordic foundation in Athens), now when Lassi will start working there. A suitable theme would be the connections between Wittgenstein's philosophy and ancient Greek philosophy.

§6 Closing of the meeting: 14.49.

Secretary



Elinor Hällén

Adjuster



Bernt Österman