

**Minutes of the Nordic Wittgenstein Society Board Meeting**  
**25 October 2022 at 4 pm CET**

Location: Zoom

**Board members present:** Hanne Appelqvist (chair), Gisela Bengtsson, Martin Gustafsson, Lassi Jakola, Camilla Kronqvist, Anne-Marie Sondergaard Christensen (from 4:25 PM on), Bernt Österman.

**[Board members absent:** Elinor Hällén (secretary), Viktor Johansson, Alois Pichler]

Hanne Appelqvist (HA) opened the meeting at 4:03 PM, CET

Lassi Jakola (LJ) was chosen as the secretary of the meeting. Gisela Bengtsson (GB) was chosen as the adjuster of the notes, albeit only at a later stage, see §4, below.

There was no formal agenda for the meeting.

§1. THE ANNUAL NWS CONFERENCE OF 2023

The main topic was the 13<sup>th</sup> annual conference of NWS, to be organized in 2023. Based on a draft circulated beforehand, HA introduced the idea of organizing a conference under the title “Wittgenstein: Aspects and Interpretations” at the *Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies* (HCAS) in August 2023. In HA’s view, the conference should be international and of high academic standards, being open and attractive for foreign scholars. Preliminary, there shall be some 4 invited speakers and an open call for papers. With some funding and premises from HCAS being already secured, some 8.000 € is still needed for organizing the gathering.

HA’s proposal was positively received. In the discussion, the following topics were discussed:

- (i) Invited speakers. Should one invite younger people or household names? While inviting people of younger generation would be good, having some known figures on the list might help with securing funding. Some possible names were mentioned.
- (ii) Date and synergy with Kirchberg. It was agreed that the most suitable date for the conference would be mid-August, immediately after the annual Kirchberg gathering (6–12 viii 2023), facilitating the participation of scholars from overseas.
- (iii) Funding. An application shall be sent to *Finnish Cultural Foundation* for funding. No other major sources are available, as the conference should be announced in early 2023. As a ‘Plan B’, some funding might be applied from the *Federation of Finnish Learned Societies* (TSV), which may, however, require introducing participation fees of some 50–100 €. *Svenska Kulturfonden*, as Bernt Österman (BÖ) and Martin Gustafsson (MG) pointed out, is an unlikely source for extra funding. The possibility of introducing Åbo Akademi as a partial organizer of the event was introduced by Camilla Kronqvist (CK) and MG, as some extra funding, e.g. for invited speakers, might be secured by doing so.
- (iv) Channeling the funds. The question of channeling the funds was raised, as NWS presently has no bank account. HA will chart the possibilities of doing this via HCAS or via a private bank account.
- (v) The possibility of including some online lectures in the conference was raised by CK and discussed. In general, having a physical gathering was preferred.

On the basis of the discussion, three unanimous decisions were made:

- Decision 1:* NWS will organize the annual conference "Wittgenstein: Aspects and Interpretation" in August 2023 at HCAS, given that this is financially possible.
- Decision 2:* HA will submit, in the name of NWS, an application to Finnish Cultural Foundation. The final decision concerning the conference shall be made in January/February after the results of the application round are announced.
- Decision 3:* Preliminary, the organizing committee for the conference will be HA and LJ from Helsinki, and MG and CK from Åbo.

§2. NEWS FROM *THE NORDIC WITTGENSTEIN REVIEW*

GB presented the current state and situation of the journal. A special issue on "Wittgenstein and Feminism" is due to appear in the coming months. The present Volume 11 (2022) has currently three articles, one interview and four book reviews published. Some further articles, including an invited article, are expected to appear in 2023.

§3. THE NEXT MEETING


The next meeting of the board will be held in February 2023 and be called by HA in January 2023.

§4. OTHER ISSUES

LJ noted that no adjuster of the notes had been chosen at the beginning of the meeting. GB was proposed by HA, and GB willingly accepted the task.

The meeting was closed by HA at 5 PM.

Secretary

  
Lassi Jakola

Adjuster

  
Gisela Bengtsson