

The Nordic Wittgenstein Society

Board meeting via Zoom, May 22th 2023, 13.00 CET

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

§1 Opening of the meeting: 13.00 CET.

§2 Selection of keeper of minutes and adjuster:
Elinor Hållén and Camilla Kronqvist.

3§ Annual conference of the Nordic Wittgenstein Society 2024.

Hanne informs that she has received 5,000 € from Emil Aaltonen foundation for arranging the NWS Annual Conference 2024. Preliminary plans are to send out a call for abstracts in October 2023. Hanne would like two keynote speakers, Avner Baz and a female, European philosopher. The plan is to talk to interesting candidates at the International Wittgenstein Symposium in Kirchberg in August and when the second keynote speaker is confirmed publish the call for abstracts (by October at the latest). Hanne asks which channels can be used for posting the call.

Discussion

Camilla: It would be nice with a third keynote speaker from the Nordic countries.

Alois: Is it necessary to await confirmation from the keynote speakers before sending out the call, could it be done sooner? Suggests that the call first is sent out to all members of NWS and that those who want to submit an abstract should become members. (Camilla quickly checks and NWS presently has 250 addresses to members, there might be some double addresses.) Alois presents his view that the annual meetings of the NWS really should be a meeting for Nordic Wittgenstein researchers and that therefore, if the quality of two abstracts is judged to be the same, priority should be given to the Nordic. Alois suggests Anniken Greve (Tromsø) as candidate for the Nordic keynote.

Hanne: Do not think that the funds will cover the expenses for a third keynote speaker but will ask Martin Gustafsson if Åbo could cover a third keynote. Suggests that if there is no money the Nordic speaker might be someone that would visit the event anyway and who partly could cover his or her own expenses. Also suggests that more prominent room be given to the international keynotes in the program.

Anne-Marie: Objects to give the invited Nordic speaker a lesser good slot in the program and not cover the costs equally. However, the economic issue is real and we have to see if there is a way to solve it. Anne-Marie is of the opinion that rather no Nordic speaker than treating him or her second rate.

Elinor voices agreement with Alois, Camilla and Anne-Marie on this issue.

Hanne asks board members to please send suggestions for the Nordic speaker.

4§ Annual meeting of the NWS, lecture

Hanne: June 2, 15.00-17.00 CET on Zoom

The first hour Danièle Moyal-Sharrock will give the talk *Bedrock Gender*. Speaker invitation process included asking Ray Monk, Avner Baz and Moyal-Sharrock). The lecture will be advertised on Facebook and Camilla will publish a short description of the announcement on the NWS webpage (events) by Wednesday at the latest.

Discussion

Viktor: What will we call it? Maybe, if we think this will be a regular event, Nordic Wittgenstein Society Lecture 2023?

Discussion starts. Does that not sound as if we are planning an annual event, and do we? Could we not just have Moyal-Sharrock's title of the talk as heading? (Alois, Bernt) We could think of this as a second option we will use in the future if, for some reason, we fail in organizing the annual conference. (Hanne) After voting Viktor's suggestion, with slight modifications perhaps, won by 5 out of 8 votes.

Alois suggests that we record Moyal-Sharrock's talk and publish a link on the NWS webpage, if she agrees to it. He further suggests that we could make this a rule; at each annual conference we can select a keynote talk that we record and publish. Several board members find this a good suggestion and the board agrees that we will continue the discussion about organizing and publishing NWS online lectures. Anne-Marie suggests that we allow time for a discussion after these lectures.

§5 Annual meeting of the society, roles

Secretary: Elinor would like to resign as secretary if possible but likes to stay as board member. The board decides to ask if Lassi Jakola is willing to take over the assignment.

Treasurer: Camilla is treasurer and manages the NWS webpage, thus have double duties. She would like to resign from being a treasurer if possible. Above all she addresses the question: what is the treasurer's task now when NWS disposes of no money (NWS bank account was closed a year ago)? She reads the statutes which say that we should have a treasurer and an auditor. When we dispose of no money the duties must simply be to state that we have had no incomes and no expenses.

Hanne sees that Yrsa Neuman is listed as the auditor on the NWS webpage, which is incorrect. Camilla will replace her name with Hugo Strandberg.

§6 Annual report for 2022.

Willing to continue on the board: Hanne, Martin, Anne-Marie, Alois, Lassi, Camilla, Bernt, Elinor, Gisela, Viktor (now representing Sweden and Norway)

§7 Other issues.

Lassi mentions that he has spoken to a colleague philosopher in Athens about organizing a conference in about 3 years' time that could be the NWS annual conference.

§8 Closing of meeting: 14.32 CET.

Secretary:

Elinor Hållén

Adjuster:

Camilla Kronqvist