

# **Minutes of the General Assembly of the International Association of Cognitive Semiotics**

Lund, 26 September 2014

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## **Minutes**

1. *Opening of the meeting*

Jordan Zlatev opened the meeting.

2. *Electing a secretary for keeping the meeting minutes and two people to check them*

Jordan Zlatev proposed MT for taking the minutes and asked for volunteers to check them. Joel Parthemore and Frederik Laigaard Nielbo volunteered.

3. *Electing two persons to count the votes*

Mats Audren and Pierre Fastrez volunteered.

4. *Electing the site of the IACS Conference 2016*

The board selected the site for this conference (IACS in Lund 2014) and solicited bids for the next one in 2016. There were bids from Bologna University, who finally withdrew, and Case Western University, who also withdrew for 2016, but will bid again for 2018. The third and only standing bid was from Lublin (Maria Curie Skłodowska University), presented by Piotr Konderak.

Since there is only one bid standing Jordan Zlatev declared Lublin as the elected site for IACS 2016.

5. *Report from IACS chair*

Jordan Zlatev informs that in the past 16 months there have been four board meetings, whose minutes are on the IACS website. An important activity of IACS has been to support the Cognitive Semiotics journal --in fact, one of the reasons for the creation of IACS was that Mouton de Gruyter, the journal editor, required an association to be behind it. Members of IACS have a discount on the journal. Jordan Zlatev asks the representative from Mouton de Gruyter how we can improve visibility of the Cognitive Semiotics journal. She responds that they already do some advertisement, they attend conferences in the area, and showcase our journal together with others in the field. Per Aage Brandt adds that the papers in past issues can be downloaded for free from the web.

This journal unites linguistics, semiotics and cognitive science to create a new discipline: Cognitive Semiotics, which encompasses many fields, from anthropology to musicology etc, and many methodologies, from introspection, to neuroscience through many others. The main aim of the journal and the discipline is to achieve a unified world view without reductionism, mending the gap between the sciences and the humanities.

The board has also drafted the constitution that is going to be voted here today.

Finally, Jordan Zlatev announces his resignation as chair because he considers the association is already on a good footing and others can now take over.

6. *Report by the treasurer*

Kristian Tylen informs that he has registered IACS as a voluntary association and opened an account for it in the Danske Bank. So far there has been no income (membership has been free so far) and the few expenses (web domain and web hosting) have been covered by The Centre for Cognitive Semiotics in Lund.

For 2014, there will be income from about 120 members (expected SEK 29,600, or 3,223 euros). The membership fees have been added to the conference registration, and were SEK 300 for faculty and SEK 200 for students.

7. *Vote on the IACS constitution and Board*

There will be a vote to approve the constitution and another one to elect five members of the Board.

Jordan Zlatev explains that it is complicated to change Treasurer, so he suggests voting for the existing one (Kristian Tylen).

A comment from the audience notes that it is not specified in the constitution that the term for the board is two years. It is agreed that the constitution will be amended in this respect.

The vote to accept the constitution takes place, and the constitution is approved.

Nominations for the position of Chair are open. Jordan Zlatev nominates Todd Oakley, who accepts the nomination. Since there are no other candidates, Todd Oakley is elected as Chair of IACS.

The nominations for the Board are:

Kristian Tylene, Monica Tamariz, Sara Lenninger, Per Aage Brandt, Goran Sonesson, Irene Mittleberg, Ines Adonetti, Joao Queiroz and Joel Parthemore.

The vote counts come in later, after the meeting is closed, and were as follows:

Kristian Tylene	57
Goran Sonesson	42
Monica Tamariz	39
Ines Adornetti	38
Joao Queiroz	34
Per Aage Brandt	32
Irene Mittelberg	29
Joel Parthemore	29
Sara Lenninger	28

The first five are elected as members of the Board.

#### *8. Closing of the meeting*

The meeting is closed.