

Minutes of the NEALT business meeting

Wednesday, March 4 2025 at 13:20-14:20, Tallinn, Estonia

1. The Chairperson for the meeting was elected: The President (Jörg Tiedemann).
2. Secretary for the meeting was elected: Tanel Alumäe.
3. Two members to check the minutes of the meeting were elected: Elena Volodina, Erik Velldal
4. It was established that the meeting was properly convened.
5. Jörg Tiedemann presented the President's report:
 - The work of the executive committee in 2024–2025 includes:
 - Zoom meetings of the committee every 3 months
 - Main topics:
 - Continuation of the NoDaLiDa conferences
 - NEALT publications
 - Finances and accounts
 - Information about NEALT and publicity
 - Ideas for NEALT activities
 - NoDaLiDa conferences:
 - First time a joint Baltic-HLT and NoDaLiDa
 - Compromise between dates for both conferences
 - Appointment of NoDaLiDa 2025 chair (Sara Stymne) and local organisation team (Kadri Vare, Helen Kaljumäe, Merily Remma)
 - NoDaLiDa is now visible as its own event on the ACL anthology
 - Location for next NoDaLiDa in 2027 (more info at the end)
 - NEALT publications:
 - Moving NoDaLiDa proceedings back to Tartu (ISSN independent from Linköping Electronic Conference Proceedings)
 - New Scopus indexing application, which unfortunately failed again
 - Rejection because of regional focus
 - Re-application will have to wait
 - But Nodalida 2023 seem to be now indexed in Scopus (we don't know how it happened)
 - Other proceedings seem to be in Scopus (e.g. Resourceful workshop)
 - How did they do it?
 - NEJLT (Northern European Journal of Language Technology)
 - 6 articles published in 2024; no. of submissions: 12 in 2024, 5 in 2025 so far
 - Hosting & social media channels need to be figured out (hand-over from Leon, Bluesky vs. X)
 - Now registered in DOAJ (open access journal registry)
 - Members: 244 registered members, total of 21 countries
 - Special interest groups

- SIG-CG, SIG-INFRA, SIG-TEACHING, SIG-ICALL, SIG-NHPC
- Proposal for new SIG:
 - Resources and representations for under-resourced languages and domains
 - Supporting series of Resourceful workshops
 - Coordinated by Simon Dobnik, Dana Dannélls

6. Treasurer's report (Dana Dannélls, treasurer of NEALT)
 - Balance: 9865,02 SEK (start of 2025)
 - Banking costs: 3150 SEK (2024 and 2025)
7. Auditor (Hercules Dalianis) has approved the financial report
9. All reports were adopted by the meeting
10. Establishing the annual Membership Dues for the following two years
 - Suggestion to keep the same cost setup (free of charge)
 - Approved by the meeting
11. Presentation of the new NEALT Board (2026-2027) candidates (Beata Megyesi)
 - President: Inguna Skadiņa, Latvia (current Vice President)
 - Vice President: Lilja Øvrelid, Norway (new)
 - Secretary: Mark Fišel, Estonia (new)
 - Treasurer: Dana Dannélls, Sweden (current)
 - Editor in Chief: Marcel Bollmann, Sweden (current)
 - Member: Costanza Navarretta, Denmark (current)

In addition, the following persons have agreed to serve as Auditor and Deputy Auditor:

- Auditor: Nina Tahmasebi (current)
- Deputy Auditor: Hercules Dalianis (current)

12. The candidates presented in 11 were elected using open voting.
14. Auditor and Deputy Auditor presented in 11 were elected using open voting.
15. Other issues:
 - Finances and account: trying to migrate to online bank (Wise) which has much lower fees
 - We have to keep in mind that NEALT is a Swedish non-profit organization and has to do a tax return statement in Sweden
 - Introduce some Nodalida shared tasks?
 - Revival of the Nordic graduate school? Needs coordination and funding.
 - New NEALT website: <https://nealt-org.github.io>
 - Promoting NEALT publications: how to attract high quality NEJLT publications?
 - NEJLT is looking for an assistant editor to help with daily operations
16. Authorization: the meeting gave the President and the Vice-President authorization to sign the name of the Association in all matters, and the Treasurer the right to sign the name of the Association in financial transactions.
17. NoDaLiDa 2027: University of Copenhagen
 - Local Chair: Ali Basirat, Associate Professor of Natural Language Processing
 - Expected time of the conference: May 2027

18. The meeting was closed.

Jörg Tiedemann, president

Tanel Alumäe, secretary

Elena Volodina

Erik Velldal

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