

BASE Working Group business meeting
19 June 2021, 12:45 – 13:30 (Helsinki), online

Attendance and apologies

Present: Jonas Frykman (chair; JF), Kerstin Pfeiffer (co-chair/ secretary; KP), Simon Gall (SG), Åsa Ljungström (ÅL), Begonya Enguix (BE), Maja Povrzanovic Frykman (MPF), Nadine Wagener-Böck (NWB), Jon Thor Petursson (JTP)

Apologies: none

1. Welcome from the chair

JF welcomed the participants to the meeting and asked them to share what research projects and themes they are working on.

It was noted that the Saturday timeslot for working group meetings, which fell before the start of the actual conference, was inconvenient and probably explains the lack of attendance. BASE currently has 68 members, only 12% of whom were present.

2. Report from 2020 working group meeting in Ljubljana

JF reported on the online working group meeting hosted at the Slovenian Academy of Arts and Sciences in Ljubljana on 4 and 5 June 2020. The meeting was attended by approximately a dozen researchers, mostly from Slovenia.

MPF noted that this -like all working group meetings – provides a valuable opportunity to get feedback on work in progress and to continue building an engaged community of researchers.

3. Election of chairs and secretary

After six years and three terms in post, Jonas Frykman and Kerstin Pfeiffer are standing down as chair and co-chair/ secretary of BASE. However, due to a lack of attendance, the meeting was deemed not to be quorate for elections.

It was therefore decided to

1. inform members via email of the Chair's and co-chair's intention to stand down,
2. solicit expressions of interest in serving on the working group board from members by early September, and to
3. convene a special meeting (online, via Zoom or a similar platform) for the purpose of electing a new board in September 2021.

Actions:

- JF and KP will liaise with the SIEF Board to inform them of the need to hold a separate election meeting.

- KP will look into setting up an election meeting using one of the institutional Zoom licenses for Heriot-Watt University, as Zoom allows for anonymous voting.

4. Planning for next working group meeting / workshop

Planning for the next WG meeting will begin once the new board is in place.

MPF argued for continuing with thematically open workshops (as opposed to themed meetings) in order to facilitate exchanges about all current work that is undertaken by working group members.

5. Any other business

None