

SIEF working group 'Cultural Perspectives on Education and Learning'

4th June 2025, 13:00–14:00, SIEF 17th Biennial Congress, Aberdeen

Business meeting

Present: Maria Zackariasson, Erika Lundell, Anna Söderström, Göran Nygren, Sibylle Künzler, Maija Mäki and Nadine Wagener-Böck.

1. Welcome from the board.

Maria Zackariasson welcomes everybody and we do a short introductory round.

2. Short report on past activities.

The board gives a brief overview of recent activities. We held four online seminars: 'Mapping the Field I+II', 'Future Research and Cooperation' and 'Work in Progress'. Furthermore, the working group organised a panel at the SIEF Unwriting Congress and gave a poster presentation.

3. Information regarding the board elections (timing and time intervals)/election:

Maria Zackariasson explains why the election must take place today. The SIEF statutes stipulate that a SIEF Congress must be held every two years and that elections for the Board and Secretary must also be held at this time. As our group was founded between these periods, we are able to enter the regular election cycle and therefore an election is necessary today. The current mandate holders – Maria Zachariasson and Erka Lundell on the board and Nadine Wagener-Böck as secretary – are standing for re-election. No further proposals have been received. Members present re-elected the current board and secretary.

4. Group discussion to identify needs and ideas for further activities.

Two groups were formed: one online on Zoom and one one site in Aberdeen. We discussed our wishes and expectations for the group's future work. These are the results:

1) Joint publications are desirable, such as a special journal issue on practices and the environment.

Maria reported on the funding for working groups, which we had learned about at the working group leaders' meeting. This funding can be used for meetings as well as publications. SIEF now also has its own book series.

2) As many other working groups do, we desire a face-to-face meeting between SIEF congresses. We are considering holding a one-day workshop with social events so that we do not overwhelm ourselves with a large conference. As many members come from Scandinavia, this would be a good place to hold the meeting.

3) Regarding further formats, regular informal meetings are being considered, for example over lunch, to provide an opportunity for peer-to-peer discussion of ongoing work. It is also suggested that the next event be used to gauge interest in potential future activities, such as publications and panels.