

## Minutes of the annual meeting with SWYAA Sweden 2013

**Location:** Stockholm (Östervägen, Solna, Sweden)

**Time:** 4 May 2013 at 14:30 to 18:30

<b>Currently on the site:</b>	<b>Batch:</b>	<b>Voting rights:</b>
Åsa Danielsson	SWY 10 and 23	Yes
KG Eriksson	SWY 23	Yes
Karolina Leopold son	SWY 23	Yes
Jenny Jonstoj	SWY 18	Yes
Petter Falk	SWY 23	Yes
Anna Lind	SWY 23	Yes
Carolina Hawranek	SWY 23	Yes
Patrik Hurtig (partially)	SWY 18	No

### **Present via video link:**

Cathrin Wasberg	SWY 23	Yes
Ulrika Johansson	SWY 18	Yes

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Report of SWYAA Conferense March 2013 (KG Eriksson)

Annex 2: New Statutes "Charter" for SWY International

Annex 3: Criteria for full membership in the International SWY

Appendix 4: Criteria for Associate member of International SWY

Appendix 5: Agenda for SWYAA-Sweden fiscal year 2013-2014



Participants from left: Carolina Hawranek, Karolina Leopoldsson, Petter Falk, Anna Lind, K-G Eriksson, Jenny Jonstoj and Åsa Danielsson. Participants via video link from the top: Ulrika Johansson and Cathrin Wawberg.

## AGENDA

### **1) Opening of the meeting**

Our host Åsa Danielsson opened the meeting.

### **2) Meeting eligibility**

The annual meeting was summoned according to our regulations. The board sent a notice to all members four weeks and one day before the date of the meeting.

Eight members were present on site at the meeting's start and two members were present via video link throughout the meeting. Nine members had voting rights, and one member was not entitled to vote.

### **3) Election of the Chairperson**

Åsa Danielsson was elected chairman of the meeting.

### **4) Election of the meeting's secretary**

Carolina Hawranek was elected secretary of the meeting.

### **5) Election of two persons to verify the minutes**

Anna Lind and Karolina Leopoldsson were elected to verify the minutes.

### **6) Approval of agenda**

The agenda was set according to the suggested list, with the addition of a few points of discussion.

### **7) Board of Directors for the last year**

The board for 2012 has been composed of Gigi Lönn Stråle, Jenny Jonstoj, Åsa Danielsson and K.G Eriksson. Two people (Åsa Danielsson and KG Eriksson) represented Sweden at the General Assembly in Bahrain October 2012. In August 2012, an international reunion was arranged in Stockholm (with participants from Sweden, Norway, Mexico and Canada).

#### Participation at SWY-conferences:

1. Tokyo conference 2012: Representatives of SWYAA Sweden was Gigi Lönn Stråle, March 2012.
2. SWYAA Conference in Tokyo. Representative of SWYAA Sweden was KG Eriksson, March 2013.

K-G made a spoken report of what was discussed at conference No. 2. This is a summary. For a more complete documentation please see K-G's written report from the conference. (See Annex1).

#### *SWYAA Conference in Tokyo*

27 countries had been invited to the conference. These are classified as having active SWYAA organisations according to Japan. European countries that were invited were Spain, Greece, the UK

and Sweden. Conference content and theme received an unexpected turn, when it was announced that Japan's international youth exchange programmes would no longer be put down altogether but instead run on a more moderate budget for some time.

Sweden brought three suggestions/issues to the Tokyo conference. Our ambition was that the global SWYAA would agree on the following:

1. Abandon all the old logos and create a uniform visual identity for the program.
2. Create clear guidelines on how to submit motions and influence the central organization.
3. Set a framework for the international SWYAA organisation and work. I.e. more uniform country reports.

Monday: The conference started with discussions about what questions we had for the Cabinet Office and when K-G started to organise the discussion he was appointed chairman of the meeting for the entire week. Discussions continued on the new "Charter" - for the new organization SWYAA International (see Appendix 2).

Tuesday: Visit at the Cabinet Office, country reports and then information about the Global Leaders Development Programme (GLDP), which in the coming financial year will "replace SWY" but become unofficially a moderate SWY 26.

The Wednesday was a national holiday in Japan and many Japanese exPYs joined the conference as they could participate in social activities and group discussions.

The remainder of the weekend continued discussions on the new statutes for SWYAA International. changes are a good uppstrukturering and provide new opportunities to creating an active global network.

Some news of the Statutes: Each full member has one vote. Everyone, both full and associate member can submit motions and proposals to be discussed. Since being a voice period during a week in which each full member has two registered röslämnare in a documented hierarki.

As a final point, it was decided that all the old logos to be cleared away (with the exception of some countries that have very established logos that can be phased out over time). Yemen's AA has taken responsibility for arranging a contest with votes on SWYAA logo and profile.

SWYAA International Association formed officially on 1 January 2014. The 28 countries that were included in the development of Charter have until that date in which to meet membership criteria and to pay into the newly set up fee of \$ 100. After 1 January 2014, each country applying for full membership voted in accordance with the rules of the new charter.

Meeting concluded that the new umbrella organization provides new opportunities to bring markand and work externally with SWY in a completely different way. SWYAA-Sweden are very positive about the outcome and hope for a stronger global cooperation in the new international alumni.

### **8) Financial Report for 2012**

KG Eriksson has taken over the Treasurer role from Cathrin Wasberg in the spring of 2013 and has not looked at all the activity on the Association, please.

Balance to account for årsmöteten was 13 792, but it includes a debt to Gigi for expenses that have not been replaced yet.

Revenues: We received during the year 127 dollars in interest to the account. 19 paying members gave an additional 3,800 crowns to the Association's cash.

Expenditure 1000crowns were donated to two projects and presented at the Tokyo Conference in March 2012 (it is this debt to be settled as soon as possible).

Sold balance of fiscal year 2012 to 2013 is therefore estimated to be around 12 800 SEK.

Attention: SWYAA's donation to the tsunami has could not be passed as it has proved to be a problem with account numbers that did not resolve during the year. Treasurer KG Eriksson takes over the case and is also looking into which bank we should hire in the future. The focus is to avoid ongoing costs and ensure that we get a fair return on our capital.

### **9) Discharge for last year's Board of Directors**

Board of Directors from liability for the fiscal year.

### **10) Discussion on the status of SWYAA-Sweden**

Annual Meeting took up discussion about adapting compound to the new criteria for SWYAA International. The options are Full Member of SWYAA (Cost \$ 100 per year) or Associate Member of SWYAA (No cost). (See Appendices 3 and 4)

A brief discussion took place on the two types of membership. No one found any reason why Sweden would not choose option as a full member in SWY International.

### **11) Decision on the status of SWYAA Sweden**

meeting decided unanimously to SWYAA to become full member in SWYAA International.

### **12) In accordance with the decision of SWYAA Conference in Tokyo :**

Discussion was held on membership for foreign exPYs in SWYAA Sweden.

KG Eriksson told about the background of the issue and the requirement in the new Charter is that every SWYAA must have discussed rules for membership and have the decision in their statutes.

### **13) Decisions on membership for foreign exPYs in SWYAA Sweden (Statutes)**

The discussion began with the question of ex-PYS from all over the world but was widened to discuss membership criteria throughout SWYAA SE. The meeting concluded that we need to make a rule change and new formulation for Section 7 and Section 14 of the Articles of Association (see Appendix

2).,The new proposed charter that was produced reads:

*§ 7 Members*

*SWYAA-Sweden is open to all who wish to support SWYAA- Sweden's goals and*

*objectives.:Sign adopted interested authorizing statutes and actively stand up for a membership by paying annual association dues or, if membership is free, annually submit a written notification to the Association.*

*fee is decided by the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting may decide that it is free to become a member. Members of SWYAA-Sweden may be a member of another SWYAA simultaneously.*

*A member that seriously damages the association may be suspended by the board. Suspended member must be discussed at the next annual meeting. Either withdrawn once the suspension or exclusion of the member.*

*§ 14 Right to vote*

*in order to possess the right to vote, a member must meet three criteria:*

*1. Being a fully paid member of the association.*

*2nd Be physically or digitally present at the current annual meeting.*

*Third Being a former student in one of the Japanese Cabinet Office's international youth exchanges (later called exPYs).*

*Clarification: Voting rights may also be granted international exPYs who are living or staying in Sweden for at least 6 months. Voting rights are terminated when a person moves from Sweden.*

Meeting decided unanimously to adopt the above proposal for a new formulation of policyholders' Section 7 and Section 14.

#### **14) year business plan**

activities and upcoming events were reviewed and summarized in a bulleted list. The list concretized into a business plan for fiscal year 2013-2014. (SeeAppendix5.)

#### **15) This year's budget and determining the dues**

*01.15 Budget*

Meeting delegates to the Board to decide on the budget for fiscal year based on need according to the approved plan.

Issue of travel allowances was raised and discussed. The meeting decided to suspend all previous decisions regarding travel expenses of the association and decide on the following guidelines for the coming year:

The annual meeting decided that:

1. The directors may in some cases decide on travel expenses in connection with official duties on behalf of the association (the temporary special assignment - not regular participation in the annual meeting).

Second Board members can be compensated for travel to a board meeting during the fiscal year. Payment only covers travel by the cheapest means, maximum 500 per person per year.

#### *15.2 Membership*

meeting decided to maintain the current level of membership fee (\$ 200 per year and up).

### **16) Election of directors for 2013-2014**

Board of Directors until the date meeting consisted of:

Chair: Åsa Danielsson  
Vice President: Jenny Jonstoj  
Treasurer: KG Eriksson  
Secretary: Gigi Maple

Signatories for SWYAA-Sweden (Company No: 802433-2945) are each  
ÅsaDanielsson 730629-4609  
831116-8986 Jonstoj Jenny  
Karl -Gunnar Eriksson 870509-1539

All current trustees of the board is willing to stand for re-election.  
committee's proposal is therefore to choose the incumbent Board.

Annual Meeting decided unanimously to choose the incumbent Board for fiscal year 2013-2014.  
For business accountant elected Petter Falk.  
The nominating committee was elected Anna Lind and Carolina Hawranek.

### **17) Other items**

Date of Annual Meeting 2014 was briefly discussed. Several pointed out that this year's process of trying to find a common date has not worked particularly well and that the board must put his foot down and set a date well in advance so that all who need to travel can book this in time.

Meeting proposed to place the meeting in March or April 2014. The Board shall ensure that annual meetings are held in different parts of the country or coincides with the festival / event at the Japanese Embassy.

### **18) Closure of the meeting**

Chairman declared the meeting closed.

**Signatures:**

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Chairman  
Åsa Danielsson

Secretary  
Carolina Hawranek

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Adjuster  
Karolina Leopold son

Adjuster  
Anna Lind