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Anders Gustavsson

Vice-Chancellor and Information System Scientist Per Flensburg and Educator and Chairman of the Board Åsa Morberg informs about news in Strömstad Academy. Morberg emphasizes the importance of all members posting their CV on the website.

Mathematician Alfred Holl received the 2022 Adam-Ries-Sonderpreis for his research and publications in the history of mathematics.

I want to urge a previous call for all members to verify and complete their personal information on the Academy website. Also try to recruit new members to the Academy, not least young scholars. Please, send suggestions to Vice-Chancellor Per Flensburg per.flensburg@stromstadakademi.se

I wish new contributions to the June issue of the Newsletter sent to my e-mail address with deadline on 26 June 2024: anders.gustavsson@ikos.uio.no. Send short articles, opinion articles and/or reviews of new scientific literature. Swedish contributions should have an English translation. Texts should be in Word- or Open Office format!

Please, also send contributions to the Academy's publication series Acta Academia Strömstadiensis, AAS, to peter@wahrborg.se, the video series SAV to: gudmundbergqvist@hotmail.com and the Reprint Series and the Free Series to: per.flensburg@stromstadakademi.se.

Report from Chairman and Vice-Chancellor

Monthly report for the month of May 2024 from Åsa Morberg and Per Flensburg

Now we are approaching the Science Festival for Strömstad Academy. It is so much fun that we get to fill our senses with happy anticipation! We finally get to see each other in real life and not just online. It really looks like it's well organized, warm and heartfelt thanks to the diligent local group (Lasse, Peter, Sveza and Rosa) who thought of and arranged so many nice things! We have really got a very good arrangement! It is so nice to have as many social meeting places as

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the Science Festival now has! A truly joyful Science Festival! It can't be anything but a success! Then we will soon have summer break when we all get to give laziness a chance! The Science Festival is the last thing we do before the summer break.

Membership fee reminders before the 2024 annual meeting - failure to pay membership fee means exclusion from the Academy.

We are having our annual meeting soon, specifically on June 10. The membership fee should be paid before the end of April at the latest. We would like to remind you that if you have an assignment as a member of the board, you cannot be re-elected if you have not paid your membership fee! The Nominating Committee will check, before the annual meeting, with the treasurer who has an up-to-date membership register. So, if you have not paid your membership fee, you are not eligible for assignments! This goes without saying, but we point it out anyway. There have been somewhat stretchable limits in the past, but if you don't pay, you're not a member and then you can't have assignments. A person who is not a member cannot hold a fiduciary position.

Members' meeting precedes the annual meeting - chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman together

The Vice-Chancellor has placed a member's meeting right before the annual meeting and it is absolutely excellent. It is a member meeting that replaces the meeting previously called: Strömstad academy in development! We all live in Strömstad Academy, under the same sky, but we still have very different horizons. We need to talk together about Strömstad Academy's future development. We get some introductions to the discussion. Among other things, there was a motion from last year that was submitted by Sten Philipson and Marylou Wadenberg. They were tasked to think further about their motion and they have done so! It is about the purpose and goals of our activities at Strömstad Academy. There are probably as many purposes and goals as there are members in Strömstad Academy. It is part of the members' meeting. John Fletcher comes with a basis for recruitment. Recruitment will also be a topic for the members' meeting. We want more members? What are we going to have them for? How should we go about recruiting them? Etc. Then, of course, it is possible for current members to freely raise questions about the Academy's future. We naturally think differently about most things, but we expect that we mainly see opportunities in our differences. The members' meeting will be exciting and fun. We wish you a warm welcome!

There is always something to be happy about! Last board meeting completed before the Science Festival!

We have had the last board meeting on 07-05-24 before the annual meeting on 10-06-24. We have no more board meetings before the annual meeting. The last meeting went largely well. The agenda and all documents for the board meeting are largely in order. We have sent out the summons at the time prescribed by the statutes. We have an agenda that is based on the structure of the previous by-laws. Unfortunately, it cannot be done any other way. There is an activity report that will soon be ready. It is the model that Peter Fritzell created. It is the chairman who writes the activity report: I choose the same structure for the sake of continuity, I am actually used to writing in a slightly different way, but that will be back this year. The business plan has been developed by the Vice-Chancellor. The financial appendices have been developed by our treasurer and of course money is not everything, but we must have control over our finances. We have the updated by-laws that are ready to decide on. We have the 4 motions reviewed and ready and provided with answers. In the old by-laws, it was possible to submit motions up to a week before. Unfortunately, we may still have that opportunity, but there is no time for a board meeting and thus these motions may

be re-referred and taken up at the next annual meeting or at an extra ordinary annual meeting if required.

Member recruitment

We should actually start by asking ourselves 'why am I a member of Strömstad Academy'. Has my view of membership in Strömstad Academy changed from the time I joined to today's date? If I myself am confident in why I am a member, it is easier to sell the idea to my friend or colleague. The absolute best way to recruit a new member of Strömstad Academy is through the personal meeting, anytime and actually anywhere. We need to dare to ask: Are you a member? Do you want to become a member? Perhaps we will be surprised at how many people there are who are just waiting to receive an invitation. John Fletcher has really put a lot of thought into membership recruitment in an excellent way and he has several ideas on how we can recruit new members. We will hear more about that at the members' meeting. Member recruitment is a matter for all members of Strömstad Academy. Inviting a new member becomes today's gift to our association Strömstad Academy. We need to start from our possibilities when we recruit new members! Strömstad Academy becomes what we all make it.

Marketing

Associated with member recruitment is marketing of the Academy. Then the purpose and goal of the Academy must be very clear. Is providing senior researchers meaningful employment? Certainly this is part of the purpose, but not the whole and not any kind of employment. We have approximately 90 subjects represented in the Academy and finding some common and meaningful occupation leads to interdisciplinary activities. In our opinion, the only reasonable purpose of the Academy is to somehow give senior researchers and teachers the opportunity to learn interdisciplinary, broaden their knowledge and discover new perspectives. It requires openness, humility and a genuine willingness to understand other points of view and accept that other members have these views. The texts in our latest anthology: Power - use and abuse show that this is not always the case. The book is also printed and available in Strömstad. As a member, you can buy it at a discounted price: SEK 150.

The Science Festival takes place 10-13 June 2024 and everyone is welcome

Now we soon have the Science Festival to experience and enjoy! There is so much voluntary work behind the Science Festival, both by the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and the local working group. It is an almost classic program. We have both the old premises and new premises. The organizers have used Strömstad's opportunities in a very good way. We recognize much of what is in the program from previous years' Science Festivals. It is gratifying that the social activities are back in the program. We will really have time to socialize between program items, which is very good for Strömstad Academy. It is naturally the case that we alternate benefit with pleasure. There are regular breaks and plenty of time to replenish energy. We advertise the Science Festival in Strömstad Tidning. We've already had one article published there and now that we're getting closer to the Science Festival, we're submitting another article. It's a nice soft start included in the program. A joint lunch and a visit to Strömstad's bookstore is really a nice start! We will document and evaluate the festival so we have a basis/template for next year's science festival.

Åsa Morberg: CVs on the website

Now we take the plunge and post our CVs on the website - we show that we are professionals at Strömstad Academy

By Åsa Morberg, Chairman

Academics of course always have an up-to-date CV, probably they exist in several versions as well. I have a very detailed thirty-five page one, but I also have one that is only a single page. I have used the more extensive one when I applied for the presidency in Brussels, or some professorships in Norway. I had the shorter version when we applied for project funds for research projects. Some funders control CV writing and limit the number of pages.

When you apply to Strömstad Academy, you absolutely have to prove your competence and then you submit your CV. It is a kind of verification that you have the competence that you claim to have! If that CV is not that long, it can of course be posted online. You can do that immediately when you have been accepted as a member of Strömstad Academy. Then we don't need to call for CVs, like now!

If you don't have a CV, but try to prepare one, there is plenty of tutorials on the internet on how to write a CV. Unfortunately, some templates and instructions are completely wrong and definitely not suitable for graduate careers! There are really bad templates that, for example, mix up letters of introduction with CVs, for example. There are also lists of mistakes to avoid when writing your CV. Botanizing online about resume writing can be really fun reading! As much crazy as there is!

The language sways precariously in some templates! There is rarely any data about the person who wrote the instructions on CV writing. It could be anyone? An academic CV must be strictly and correctly drawn up and it must be written in correct language. A CV may well be written in English. Having worked in England and America, among other things, I naturally also have an English CV, drawn up according to an English academic template. There must be chronology and a clear structure. What to address differs. In America, for example, prizes and awards are mentioned. You don't do that in England.

It's a mystery to me why we shouldn't be able to get all members to post their resumes? It is important for us to show who we are at Strömstad Academy. It is also an excellent tool for colleagues looking for collaborators for articles or for research projects.

Now we invest in getting our CVs out on the website. Writing your CV is a fun job! Write with joy! You will get help posting it on the website.