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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** at per.flensburg@stromstadakademi.se

I wish new contributions to the October issue of the Newsletter sent to my e-mail address with deadline on 27 October 2025: 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!

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Monthly report from Chairman and Vice-Chancellor

By Per Flensburg, Vice-Chacellor and Åsa Morberg, Chairman

Now it's time again for a monthly report or a monthly letter. It's quite often that we in management are expected to report. So what should we actually write about in our monthly report?

We always try to include some kind of overview of the month, i.e. important events and observations, as well as information about the Academy's finances, personnel and social relations.

The content of our monthly letter naturally depends on the purpose of the report. We try to think of what may be relevant to the recipient and what we see as important to our recipients.

Book Fair 2025

We have a big event in September and that is our participation in the book fair. It is very gratifying. We have reported several times about our participation and we hope for a successful book fair for Strömstad Academy. We have our own stand strategically placed.

A successful book fair of course includes many visitors, many interesting conversations and many books sold. But also many important contacts for the future development of Strömstad Academy.

Of course, we also have membership recruitment at the book fair, and we hope for new members. The location of our stand is very good for membership recruitment, right at the researchers' square and close to the Gothenburg University stand. It will be exciting and fun to evaluate our participation.

Book Fair 2026

When we have finished this year's book fair, we can consider whether we should participate next year as well. The Gothenburg Book Fair will tackle one of the most current and urgent themes of our time, namely Folkbildning. In our time where disinformation and increased polarization threaten democratic dialogue, folkbildning becomes a central force for promoting understanding, critical thinking and democratic conversation. Next year's book fair 2026 wants to highlight how access to knowledge and culture strengthens both the individual, the community and democracy.

Publishing the academy's books and the association's budget

We have also discussed our books and how we should relate to our book production in the future. We have two projects underway. We have the book that highlights on how members started their doctoral studies. We have Anders Gustavsson as editor. We also have another book project where Gudmund Bergqvist is the editor, which has more recently started.

We are discussing how our book projects should be financed. The Board has made a decision that book projects that are started should have a financing plan. We disagree on that. Åsa Morberg believes that it is possible to make a budget for a new book project, while Anders Gustavsson believes that this is not the case.

This will come up again at the board meeting in October. We cannot have a provision that does not work. Åsa Morberg is striving for a more detailed budget that is easier to manage and that can be reasonably easy controlled. Our memorial fund will also come up at the board meeting. We need to decide on guidelines and there is a proposal for guidelines

through Per Flensburg's agency. There will also be a detailed text of this prepared by Per Flensburg.

The local chapter West lacks a coordinator

We have also discussed personnel issues since last month. We need a replacement for the coordinator in the local department West. Jens Alwood has resigned and the coordinator position is vacant. Who can is up for this task? We will keep the local chapters alongside the theme groups. Per Flensburg has created membership lists so that we can see who is part of each chapter. All members have an affiliation in a local chapter. The local chapters work a little differently and activity vary, but we believe they fulfill a function.

Archive policy, guidelines and archive manager

We have also talked about archives and archiving and archive policy. Bode Janzon and Sten Philipson will present the archive policy and the continued work on the Board. We need an archive manager in Strömstad Academy. Bode Janzon is on the proposal. We also need to develop guidelines for the continued work with our archive. For our association, archiving is about saving documents that show our activities. These can be minutes and accounts. We must save documents for seven years according to the Accounting Act. Storage must be done safely and in a suitable environment, and digital documents need to have secure storage with back up. We need an archive manager and we need routines that we can follow.

Annual meeting routines

We have also discussed routines for planning the annual meeting. We do not have details in our statutes and there is no need for them. We can have guidelines established by the Board for how we advertise and plan the annual meeting. Åsa Morberg says that we advertise on the website well in advance. The annual meeting is of course also in the calendar. Then we call everyone by email. The documents are posted online and can be downloaded or read online. They are posted on the date that is set. In two other boards that Åsa Morberg is the chairman of, these routines are used and they work very well. The only one who complained was KG Hammarlund and he has been given the opportunity to express his opinion on the proposal that was made.

There is a lot that we need to handle. We have few members in the management and basically we can say that we lack administrative resources. It is not possible to complicate our routines too much.

Treasurer for Strömstad Academy is wanted and Deputy Secretary for the Board and the working committee is wanted

Our treasurer John Fletcher has announced that he is resigning at the annual meeting. We have managed the finances with John's and Per's help. But from the annual meeting we need a new treasurer. We have had a deputy secretary, but not anymore. We need to get someone to take on that task on as quickly as possible. It is not burdensome. There are routines for memoranda and for minutes. This is of course the Nominating Committee's table, but we the let the Committee know.

Science Festival 2026

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Per Flensburg, Vice-Chancellor

We have already started planning the Science Festival 2026. It will take place on August 10-12. The organizing committee is the same as this year: Peter Fritzell (convener), Lasse Broman, Sven Moosberg, Sveza Daceva and Rosa Jörgensson. The program committee is also the usual ones: Per Flensburg and Anders Gustavsson. The location has not yet been determined, but it will probably be the City Hall. No overall theme has been decided yet, suggestions are welcome.

The program largely follows the latest: Monday the 10th we will devote to internal meetings, I thought we could discuss publishing at a members' meeting, maybe get the municipal director or some officials from the municipality there, of course the usual installation and mingling afterwards. Tuesday is a day dedicated to public lectures for the residents of Strömstad and Wednesday is theme day. The system of 20 lectures, 20 discussions worked well this year so we will continue so next year as well. The theme day may need to be adjusted a bit more as we hopefully have several themes.

So book August 10-12, 2026 in your calendars now!