

**General Assembly of the Bibliotheca Baltica Working Group  
Södertörn University, Lecture Hall MB 503,  
Flemingsberg, Stockholm, Sweden,  
9 October 2014, from 11.00 to 12.30 hours  
as part of the XIIth Symposium of “Bibliotheca Baltica”**

**Minutes**

1. Opening by President Renaldas Gudauskas

The General Assembly is opened by the BB President who takes the opportunity to thank Södertörn University and its library for giving a venue to this year's symposium and for having very actively contributed to its organization.

2. Establishment of the Number of Delegates authorized to vote on behalf of their libraries (and number of guests)

The delegates present sign the prepared list.

3. Acceptance of the Agenda

The proposed agenda is accepted unanimously.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2012 in Tallinn

The minutes are accepted unanimously.

5. Report of the President and the Board Members on Activities and Plans

In his report Professor Gudauskas first points out that the BB network has now been extended to Belarus thanks to the membership of the National Library in Minsk. The Board will discuss the present limitation of membership to libraries adjoining the Baltic Sea plus Norway (according to the existing statutes) with a view to broadening BB's geographical scope.

In his view BB functions like a club with successful symposia every second year as its main “landmark”. Apart from the symposia, however, a more project-based approach should be followed since only this can give an association like BB with its limited number of members, low membership fees and no permanent staff the possibility to have concrete and lasting impact.

He particularly emphasizes the need to encourage the links with the academic world outside of libraries as a prerequisite for future successful projects.

BB's main problem is in his view the lack of man-power necessary for successful lobby or advocacy work. This could be remedied by strengthening the Board through outside advisors.

In her report BB Treasurer Liisa Savolainen explains the current financial situation of BB and the planning for the BB Symposium 2014 in Södertörn. She thanks the local organizers for additional support both as far as finances and human resources are concerned.

5. Elections

The following candidates stand for election/re-election:

Prof Dr Renaldas Gudauskas – as President for 2014-2018

Liisa Savolainen – as Board member and Treasurer for 2014-2018

Dominika Czyżak – as Board member for 2014-2018

Karin Grönvall – as Board member for 2014-2018

All candidates are elected unanimously with one abstention each. All elected candidates accept their new office.

6. Evaluation of the XIIth Symposium

Prof Gudauskas repeats his view, that the venue, the organization and the programme of the Symposium fit perfectly and that the 2014 Symposium promises to be a particularly successful and well-attended meeting.

7. Further activities of the Bibliotheca Baltica Working Group / Discussion of Members' wishes and expectations

Prof Gudauskas asks the former President, Gunnar Sahlin, and the former Director of National Library of Norway, Vigdis Moe Skarstein, to elaborate on their ideas for a BB-supported project for the further development of library and information professional skills in the Baltic Sea region. These will be followed by further concrete discussions and plannings together with the newly composed BB board.

8. Any Other Business

None

Prof Dr Renaldas Gudauskas  
President of Bibliotheca Baltica

Dr Jürgen Warmbrunn  
Secretary (for the Minutes)