

**General Assembly of Bibliotheca Baltica Working Group  
National Library of Latvia, Riga, October 20, 2016, 11.00 to 12.30 hrs  
during the XIIIth Symposium of “Bibliotheca Baltica”**

**Minutes**

**1. Opening by President Renaldas Gudauskas**

The General Assembly is opened by the Bibliotheca Baltica President. He thanks the National Library of Latvia and especially Viktorija Moskina as the main liaison between the library and Bibliotheca Baltica for the excellent preparation of the Symposium. He extends his thanks also to the director of the National Library of Latvia, Andris Vilks, as well as to all other members of staff involved.

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

All members present sign the prepared list.

**3. Acceptance of the Agenda**

The agenda is accepted unanimously.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Assembly in Södertörn, 2014**

The minutes of the General Assembly 2014 are confirmed unanimously.

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

The President of Bibliotheca Baltica describes the main activities of the Board since the last General Assembly: preparation of the Symposium, increasing the visibility of Bibliotheca Baltica in the field and enlarging the membership, fathoming the possibilities of cooperation with other partners and improving the ways of communication between the Board and the member institutions. In his view the activities of the Bibliotheca Baltica Board by its “volunteer” status and that only cooperations could help to somewhat solve this restraint.

The Treasurer points out that the financial situation of BB is stable but that the limited number of members limits the possibilities of initiating initiatives of its own.

Following the decision to end the publication of the Bibliotheca Baltica newsletter there was no noticeable reduction in members.

**6. Elections**

In an open vote the following candidates are elected:

*Jürgen Warmbrunn* as Secretary: all yes-votes with one abstention

*Andris Vilks* as Board member: all yes-votes with one abstention

*Robert Zepf* as Board member: all yes-votes with one abstention

All candidates accept their election and thank for the trust expressed.

## **7. Proposal to change the Statutes**

The members had been informed about the proposed changes in advance through the Symposium website.

According to the proposed changes the Statutes should be changed in respect of the geographical scope of libraries and library associations entitled to become members of Bibliotheca Baltica as well as the number and affiliation of the auditors of Bibliotheca Baltica.

All changes are marked in yellow on the enclosed version of the Statutes.

The members vote unanimously in favour of the proposed changes. President Renaldas Gudauskas thanks the members for their support.

Liisa Savolainen as Treasurer points out that the changes will have to be registered in Finland and that this will involve a fee.

## **8. Further activities of the Bibliotheca Baltica Working Group**

President Renaldas Gudauskas informs the members about a meeting held with Swedish partners with regard to a joint project.

He also informs the members that the next Symposium will be held in Rostock in 2018 and that it will be jointly organized with the University Library. It will be part of the celebrations of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the city of Rostock.

## **9. AOB**

None

Attachment:

BB Statutes with the changes approved by the General Assembly marked in yellow.

Prof Dr Renaldas Gudauskas  
President of Bibliotheca Baltica

Dr Jürgen Warmbrunn  
Secretary (for the Minutes)