

# SATE Annual General Meeting 2011

## Basics

Place: Biel/Bienne, 25 November 2011

Committee: Hans-Jürg Suter (HJS), Brigitte Brun (BB), Martha Ritchie (MR), Roland Lüthi (RL, minutes); excused: Dewi Williams

VSG-Delegates: Corinne Elsener (CE), Thomas Faerber (ThF) (and BB, MR)

Auditor: Beat Homberger (BH)

Others: Véronique Vouilloz (VV, honorary member), Martina Lüthi-Bühler (MLB), Antonella Buri (AB), Kasper Kolb (KK), Patricia Burger (PB), Hansueli Müller (HUM)

## 1 Last year's minutes

(BB)

accepted, thanks go to RL

## 2 Membership

(RL)

stable as ever: 279 members in March; 8 in, 9 out. Memberships keep coming in still. (What does the previous sentence mean, exactly?) If everybody gets the people at their schools (and in their families) to join, we will be 300 next year.

RL: Membership is not the problem, activity and participation are.

## 3 Finances

(HJS)

Are not the problem either. The coffers contain Fr. 2000.- more than this time last year (Fr. 33'934.75 on 30 September 2011). The auditors examined the accounts on 28 October 2011 and move that the accounts be approved and the treasury be discharged (by acclamation).

HJS is thanked for conscientious book-keeping once again.

## 4 Committee Proposal

(BB)

BB reintroduces the SATE proposal and the changes to its implementation, with two deadlines (one November, one June) prior to which the proposal will be sent to all members by email. The proposal will also be mentioned in the next issue of *Gymnasium Helveticum*, where individual branches will be introducing themselves.

The maximum amount of money on offer for the coming year is doubled: 6000 CHF altogether, a maximum of 2000 CHF per project. Unanimous decision.

In this, an important thing has come up: Changes in e-mail addresses will not be noticed by us. The committee is to address this problem in the January meeting.

## 5 Report from delegates' meeting

BB reports:

- Financial loss of Fr. 20,000.–, but next year's budget should be balanced, fees to stay at Fr. 120.–
- Two changes on Central Committee (see *Gymnasium Helveticum*).
- Central Committee have put a «job market» on their website where jobs are advertised (vacancies and applications). Also: Discounts for members at various places (Studiosus, Orell Füssli company card, for more see website).
- VSG-events and those of branches can be placed on webpalette now, VSG pays for the cost.
- President's report
- Trade union activities: Together with LCH, there are activities to secure better working conditions.
- Transition from grammar school to university. EDK-demand that grammar schools should teach acquisition of certain basic academic skills in some of the subjects. KSGR (Conference of Swiss Grammar School Headmasters): Schools should include university personnel in school boards or as final exam experts. Also: Shared exams as a measure to help students leave school with more similar abilities.
- European Language Portfolio: EDK are looking for teachers with experience in this field.
- Immersion: January meeting to decide new demands.
- Project «20/20»: Working conditions to be improved by reducing number of lessons to 20 a week to classes of 20 students. (The number of lessons a week goes back to 1920s. State of Geneva teachers are asking for 18/18! This got them from 24 to 21.) LCH-president Beat Zemp said it was great to hear VSG actually demand something☺.
- Next year's meeting: 23 November, KS Alpenquai Lucerne.

BB calls on people to give us suggestions for courses.

## 6 Reports on courses

In the absence of Hanspeter Wenger and Dewi Williams we have few reports this year:

### 6.1 Five Plays in Five Days

(VV)

21 people from three parts of Switzerland

Highlight: Three actors come and speak to the group.

### 6.2 SATE Course 2011

(MR)

«Making Old Words New»: Reading Shakespeare Now

Seminar with Professor Emeritus Anthony Mortimer

23-25 November 2011

Organiser: Martha Ritchie, SATE

24 people attended, 4 had to be turned down. It was a seminar-style, university course with less interaction than might be usual for such courses. Three plays were dealt with: *Julius Caesar*, *As You Like It*, *The Tempest*.

Many thanks to Martha Ritchie for organizing this great course. Applause.

## 7 Any other business

### 7.1 Committee

(BB)

There will be changes to the committee: Hans-Jürg Suter and Roland Lüthi to step down by November 2012. Patricia Burger (Neuchâtel) and Hansueli Müller (KS and FMS Liestal) are interested. PB would like to improve communication within SATE. HUM comes from a canton where grammar school has been prolonged from 3.5 to 4 years without changes to lesson plans!

### 7.2 Information Flow

Really must be sorted out. RL: It would be nice to reach all heads of English departments. Committee to work on it.

### 7.3 Next AGM

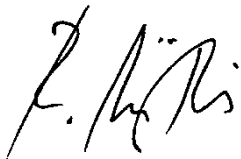
Lucerne, 23 November 2012

## 8 Talk: Professor Emeritus Anthony Mortimer

«Intertraffic of the Mind»

MR introduces Prof. Mortimer, who then goes on to give a fascinating talk on his translations from three languages (Italian, French, German).

Bülach, 26 November 2011



Roland Lüthi