EUROPEAN SYSTEMIC FUNCTIONAL LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2, 2026

MINUTES

Arianna Maiorani (AM), ESFLA Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 8:53.

1. AM review
   a. Thanks the ESFLA committee at the end of her first year as Chair.
   b. Lists achievements:
      i. Now on Social Media – LinkedIn, BlueSky, Facebook,
      ii. Mentions the ESFLA online events
         a) Transdisciplinary Linguistics: Towards a More Inclusive World (June 2026)
         b) Meaning-making in the age of AI (February 2026)
         c) People in SFL: Dr Laetitia Monbec (November 2025)
      iii. Mentions the recordings included on the ESFLA YouTube channel

2. AM presents a proposal for the Margaret Berry Emerging Researcher Award
   a. Aims:
      i. Encourage high-quality research by early career researchers within the SFL community
      ii. Increase the visibility of emerging SFL scholars in Europe
      iii. Support career development and professional recognition for emerging SFL scholars in Europe
      iv. Strengthen the association's role in promoting excellence in SFL-related research
   b. Will include for recipient:
      i. A Certificate
      ii. An official announcement during the ESFLA Conference
      iii. ESFLA Website and social media public recognition
      iv. An invitation to present during one of the ESFLA online events
   c. A yearly award; the panel will change every year and will include 3 members from the ESFLA Committee and 2 members from the ESFLA community

   AM asks for approval from the assembly – no objections, so the ESFLA Margaret Berry Emerging Research award approved.

3. AM explains proposed change in wording of the ESFLA Constitution so that the ESFLA committee representatives mirror changing needs and make-up of European SFL community; the assembly discussed the proposal, which was amended as follows:

    - **Original wording**: "The Association will be run between AGMs by a Committee consisting of the Executive, the elected representatives and Ex-officio members. The Executive will consist of the Chair and the Association's Treasurer. The elected representatives will consist of four members of the Association**, each representing a different region of Europe.** The Executive and elected representatives are the Office Bearers of the Association."

    - **Replacement wording**: "The Association will be run between AGMs by a Committee consisting of the Executive, the elected representatives and Ex-officio members. The Executive will consist of the Chair and the Association's Treasurer. The elected representatives will consist of four members of the Association**. In order to foster and maximise inclusivity and diversity within the possibilities of the Association, the elected representatives should include members at different career stages and coming from institutions located in different European areas.** The Executive and elected representatives are the Office Bearers of the Association."

    AM voiced the proposal, the floor unanimously approved the constitutional change.

4. ESFLA Committee composition:
    a. AM informs the assembly that Jorge Arús Hita and Nick Moore are stepping down as elected representatives
    b. AM proposes replacements: Claudia Stoian (CS) and Anne McCabe (AMc)
    c. AM asks for objections – none. CS and AM voted in as elected representatives
    d. AM welcomes Daniel Lees Fryer as the upcoming ESFLC convenor.

5. Jamie Williams (JW), ESFLA Treasurer, presents the ESFLA finances
    a. ESFLA "Chairty and Community" Account
        i. Carried over from last AGM: £3,2020.51
        ii. Outgoings: £0; Income: £0
        iii. Balance: £3,2020.51
    b. "Business Current" Account: £0

c. Account temporarily managed by Timisoara – windfall from 2024 conference organized by CS.
    i. Carried over from Vigo: 3,369€ (including 1253 Romanian Lei)
    ii. Outgoings: 0€; Income 0€
    iii. Balance: 3,369€ part of which has been ringfenced for an ESFLA publication project

d. Halliday and Hasan archives (https://asfla.net/donate-to-the-halliday-hasan-archive-fund/); Helen Caple (HC) explains the project –
    i. Physical archive secured at the National Library of Australia –
    ii. Digital archive partnership established with the ARDC's Curated Collections
    iii. Additional funding needed to fully digitize the collection
    iv. Many individuals have contributed
    v. HC asks for a contribution from ESFLA
    vi. Arianna states that the ESFLA committee had agreed prior to the AGM to a contribution of 300€. JW explains that the funds can come from the account temporarily managed by CS.
    vii. Nesrine Triki asks about the availability of the digital archives; HC responds that they will be open access, freely available.
    viii. HC asks for ideas for further funding
        a) Gail Forey (GF) mentions publishing the call on social media
        b) Maite Taboada suggests James McElvenny's podcast – perhaps contacting him for an opportunity for an interview about the archives
        c) GF further suggests e.g. Tom Bartlett's podcast.

6. Upcoming ESFL conferences
    a. 2027: Norway: Daniel Lees Fryer, convenor
    b. 2028: Bath, England: GF, convenor
    c. 2029: Potential convenor: Colm Ó Ciardubháin, Dublin

    Some discussion about sustainability, balancing financial with ecological sustainability

    GF suggests that ESFLA should have a statement on sustainability; AM says that this will be discussed by Committee over the next year

7. AM asks A.O.B. – none.

AM closes the meeting at 9:42 a.m.