

EUROPEAN SYSTEMIC FUNCTIONAL LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Glasgow, United Kingdom, July 8, 2025

MINUTES

The meeting starts at 12.40, with the following Agenda:

1. Approval of last year's AGM minutes
2. Annual report
3. Next European conferences
4. Election of ESFLA committee positions for the period 2025-2028

1. Approval of last year's AGM minutes

The minutes are unanimously approved

2. Annual report

The finances are healthy, according to the treasurer. The treasurer's report is attached.
The financial report is approved.

3. Next European conferences

There are no bids for 2027 or forward. We need someone to step in as organizer of the 2027 conference, otherwise it will be too late. Gail Forey offers to host the 2028 conference in Bath, United Kingdom.

It is agreed that Fiona Rossette will be asked whether she would be interested in hosting the 2027 Conference in France. Furthermore, the Chair will send around messages to ask for other candidates.

4. Election of ESFLA committee positions for the period 2025-2028

No individual applications were submitted for each of the Committee positions, following the call for applications sent via Sysfling. The current committee presented a slate proposal for the six positions up for election: Arianna Maiorani, as Chair, and Jamie Williams, as Treasurer, constituting the Executive; Jorge Arús-Hita, Nick Moore, Fiona Rossette and Nesrine Triki, as elected officials (regional representatives).

The slate is elected without opposition or abstentions.

Mick O'Donnell suggests that it would be a good idea to consider Martin Kaltenbacher at some point as a regional representative, because he had to step out for personal reasons and Germanic Europe is under-represented.

The current Chair defends a clarification of the Constitution, to be done in the new committee term, on what are the regions, as three of the present four elected officials represent the same region (Southern Europe).

Donna Miller and Lise Fontaine suggest that we dispose of the concept of 'region'.

Nick Moore asks for clarification of *ex-officio* members. The Chair explains that these are the former association Chair (Gail Forey until today), the former conference Convenor (Claudia Stoian), and the next conference Convenor (Ben Clarke), plus the Assistant

Treasurer-UK (Gail Forey), the Assistant Treasurer-Eurozone (Anne McCabe) and the webmaster (Mick O'Donell).

Anne McCabe explain that the Geoff Thompson bursary used to imply handling euros, but now there is no exchange of money, so that the ex-officio position she occupies is no longer needed. The Chair explains that she will step out in the future, as will be decided by the next executive board. Only the naturally occurring replacements will take place at present.

Anne McCabe thanks Donna Miller for all her contributions over the years and Carlos for his leadership.

As there is no other business to be discussed, the meeting is adjourned at 13.13.

Annex

Financial Report from the ESFLA Treasurer, July 2025

The current 'Charity and Community Current account balance amounts to £ 3,202.51

We do not use the 'Business instant account' (balance = £0).

The bank reduced all interest rates on accounts in May.

The balance still temporarily managed by Timișoara currently amounts to € 3,369, out of which €1,630 are the remaining sum from the Vigo conference, plus 1253 Romanian RON (around € 248).

This money could be used to facilitate an imminent Open Access publication that collects papers from participants to the Timișoara conference, which is a type of support ESFLA offered also in the past for similar publication projects.

Arianna Maiorani
Treasurer of ESFLA