# SRN Executive Council

Minutes

Skype Meeting, August 28, 2014, at 18 Helsinki time

Kirsi Rinne (chair & secretary), Carmen Sofia Brenes, Ronald Geerts, Ian W. Macdonald, Claus Tieber

1 Opening of the meeting

 The Chair opened the meeting at 18.05.

2 Conference update: Potsdam / Kerstin Stutterheim

 Kerstin Stutterheim was not able to participate in this meeting. It was noted that the program looks good and Adrian Martin is participating. Kirsi Rinne will ask Christine Lang to inform the SRN members how to enroll to the conference if you are only participating and not presenting. She will also ask if they need chairs for the panels and if they could consider executive members as chairs.

3 Elections and the AGM in Potsdam, October 19, 2014 at 2.15 pm

Following documents to be forwarded to members by Sept. 5th 2014

1) Nominations

Ronald told that there are six nominations for three positions. One late nomination was not accepted to be included.

2) Annual report & action plan

The meeting discussed amendments to the Annual report and what items should be included in the Action plan. Kirsi will redraft the documents and send them to Ian for language check.

Claus raised the membership issue, which will probably emerge again in the AGM. It was decided that Kirsi will draft a simple membership form and present it at the AGM. On Claus suggestion, we will also propose at the AGM that a PayPal donation account will be opened to support the activities of the SRN.

It was noted that adopting membership fees would mean a lot of administration.

We will add gender balance to the AGM agenda as a policy issue.

The executive minutes should be accessible to members. If these are put into the web site they will be accessible to everyone. When sending out the paperwork for the AGM, a notion on the availability of minues to members will be added.

Following suggestions were proposed to be included in the Action Plan 2014-2015:

- the SRN Executive will carry forward those elements that have not completed because of the lack to time resources. These include survey on expectations, wishes and hopes for the future.

- continue to look for funding resources both to networking and research

- the SRN need a flagship research projects with several international partners

- developing membership register with the help of information gathered by membership forms

- initiating a crowdsourcing activity to support the SRN activities

- continue the work with the Unified Bibliography of Screenwriting

3) Minutes from the 2013 AGM

Ian will check the language.

4 Next meeting

The Executive Council will meet in Potsdam on Saturday, October 18 at lunch time. Kirsi will inform Davidia Thornley from New Zealand about the time and place of the meeting. Kirsi will ask Christine Lang to book a place.

5 Any other business

JT Velikovsky has been consulted in the spam problem of the SRN Forum. Peter Edwards has installed a filter. Carmen has suggested that we remove the Forum and use only Posts and Comments. We could also ask members to utilize more the Facebook page.

Carmen has sent out the draft Call for Papers for Chilean conference. She asked if the conference could be named as a SRN international conference. Suggestions of guest speakers will be sent to Carmen by e-mail. The meeting thought it is a good idea and supported it.

Ian noted that he has not yet contacted Brian Winston for advice in research funding. This discussion will take place in Potsdam.

6 Closing the meeting / Adjourn

 Rinne closed the meeting at 18.50.