

The Board

The facts

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For those of our readers who are not familiar with CEATL's inner workings, here are the facts about the Executive Board and its work.

The CEATL Board usually consists of five or six members. The idea is to have a geographically evenly distributed team so that several languages and cultural regions are represented.

In this mandate, the team are Morten Visby, President of the Board, Denmark; Bjørn Herman, Vice-president, Norway;

Shaun Whiteside, Treasurer, UK; Kateřina Klabanová, Secretary of the Board, Czech Republic; and Lara Hölbling Matković, Secretary-General, Croatia.

Apart from the usual tasks of running an association, the board members each have special CEATL interests at heart: So, Morten and Bjørn work hard on authors' rights policies, Shaun is actively involved in creating a platform for representing best practices, Kateřina is the heart and soul of our so-called "small languages" project, and Lara is widening CEATL's reach by encouraging struggling and/or potential members.

The board is in daily contact via e-mail, but also tries to meet face-to-face, preferably in person, but sometimes through a video conference, two or three times a year. One of these meetings is always a day before the AGM.

This year, in Norwich, one of the tasks will be to prepare the new elections to the Board. New candidates have been encouraged to run for the board, so the delegates will have a comfortably broad

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spectrum to choose from when they elect six members for the next mandate.

We are looking forward to seeing all the CEATL delegates in May, and welcoming new faces and voices.

“We aim to represent our members broadly, both language and culture-wise”



The Board, from left to right: Bjørn Herrman, Morten Visby, Lara Hölbling Matković, Kateřina Klabanová, Shaun Whiteside
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