

Linguistic Society of America
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

Friday, January 4, 2019 ~ 6:00 – 7:00pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Penny Eckert, at 6:05 pm.

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Eckert welcomed the attendees and recognized all former Presidents of the LSA in attendance.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Lenore Grenoble provided an update on the LSA's finances, membership numbers and related information (Attached as Addendum A).

Report of 2017 Election Results

Dr. Grenoble confirmed the results of the LSA election:

- Vice-President/President-elect: *Marianne Mithun*, UC Santa Barbara
- Executive Committee (At-Large):
 - *Rebecca Scarborough*, University of Colorado Boulder)
 - *Arthur K. Spears* (City University of New York)

In Memoriam

Dr. Grenoble requested a moment of silence in memory of the following LSA members who passed away since the last Annual Meeting:

- Elizabeth Pine Dayton
- Morris Halle
- Jane Hill
- Roderick (Ricky) Jacobs
- Misty (Alexandra) Jaffe
- Irit Meir
- Mary Niebuhr
- Richard Oehrle
- Akira Omaki
- Hansjakob Seiler
- Robert Underhill
- Alan Corre (2017)

Program Committee Report

Roumi Pancheva offered highlights from the committee's written report (which was published in the meeting handbook).

Editor's Reports

Language

Andries Coetzee offered highlights from his written report (which was published in the meeting handbook).

Semantics and Pragmatics

David Beaver (on behalf of co-editor Kai von Stechow) offered highlights from their written report (which was published in the meeting handbook).

Phonological Data & Analysis

Gene Buckley, Co-Editor, reported on this new journal of the LSA:

- replaces Phonological Analysis online section of *Language*
 - officially announced in June 2018
- “encourage scholarship grounded in substantive data that contributes to the revelation, clarification, and testing of phonological generalizations, or of the theories designed to account for them”
- current editors: Eugene Buckley; Megan Crowhurst; Matthew Gordon
- PDA received 8 submissions in 2018, most of them following the June announcement of the journal
- one submission came before the official announcement but was assigned to the new journal rather than to the older section of *Language*
- No articles have been published yet under the PDA rubric
- Submissions are currently under initial or secondary review

Approval of Honorary Members

Dr. Eckert reported that the following individuals were recommended by the LSA Executive Committee to receive honorary life memberships in the LSA:

- **Paulus Petrus Gerardus (“Paul”) Boersma** (University of Amsterdam)
- **Laura J. Downing** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- **Angela D. Friederici** (Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Germany)

The honorary memberships of the three individuals cited above were approved.

Induction of LSA Fellows

Dr. Hyman presented the 2018 class of Fellows for induction:

- Karen Emmorey, San Diego State University
- Heidi Harley, University of Arizona
- Dan Jurafsky, Stanford University

The Fellows in attendance were presented with certificates and rosettes by Dr. Eckert.

Resolution of Thanks

A resolution was presented by Susan Fischer:

Whereas, the LSA relies on the efforts of numerous members and volunteers to organize the Annual Meeting and to conduct its work throughout the year.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following individuals be formally thanked for their contributions to the LSA:

- The officers of the LSA, Lenore Grenoble, Brian Joseph, Larry Hyman and Penny Eckert, for their leadership and service.
- Roumyana Pancheva and Khalil Iskarous, for leading the program committee in delivering another successful Annual Meeting.
- Kai von Fintel and David Beaver for their work as Editors of *Semantics and Pragmatics*.
- Andries Coetzee, Megan Crowhurst and Lauren Squires, for their editorial leadership of *Language*.
- All of the LSA's various committee chairs and members, as we work together to implement the LSA's ambitious strategic plan.
- The sister societies of the LSA, for their contributions in making the Annual Meeting a more vibrant and dynamic gathering of linguists.
- Georgia Zellou and Raul Aranovich, for directing and planning the LSA's 2019 biennial Linguistic Institute at UC Davis.
- The LSA Executive Committee, including Sharon Inkelas, who is concluding her service at this meeting. And...
- The Secretariat staff, Alyson Reed (Executive Director), David Robinson (Director of Membership and Meetings), and Rita Lewis (Executive Assistant), for their outstanding work.

The resolution was approved by acclamation.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Eckert at 6:50 pm.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Overview

- The budget is in good shape!
- Increase in net assets: **\$132,880** since FY 2017.
- Operating surplus: **\$138,000**
- 3 new endowments:
 - **Cowgill Diversity Fellowship**
 - **Dayton Travel Award for Sociolinguistics Student**
 - **Baker Annual Award for Syntax**
- The LSA's financial reports are available to any member. Contact the Secretariat (lsa@lsadc.org)

Budget Snapshot

	2018	2017
<i>Net assets, end of year</i>		
Total	\$2,098,251	\$1,965,371
Total support & revenue	\$1,010,934	\$1,078,271
Total expenses	\$878,054	\$873,555
Increase from FY17	\$132,880	

Revenue: Membership dues, annual & summer meetings, publications, contributions, investment income

Expenses: Meetings & institutes, staff & admin, publications, IT

Membership

TOTAL	3641
Associate	57
Honorary	34
Life	610
Complimentary	3
Regular US	1108
Regular Non-US	513
Student US	1146
Student Non-US	170

Memberships: up 4.4% from Dec 2017; 8.8% from Dec 2016