

Linguistic Society of America
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

Friday, January 3, 2020 ~ 6:00 – 7:00pm

Call to Order

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

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Joseph 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 2019 Election Results

Dr. Grenoble confirmed the results of the LSA election:

- Vice-President/President-elect: Larry Horn (Yale University)
- Executive Committee (At-Large):
 - Jennifer Bloomquist (Gettysburg College)
 - Chris Kennedy (U of Chicago)
- Co-Editor of *Language*: John Beavers (UT Austin)

In Memoriam

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

- Catherine Callaghan
- Wallace Chafe
- Eric P. Hamp
- Nils Hasselmo
- Gary Holland
- Stanley Insler
- Michael E. Krauss
- Knud Lambrecht
- Michael Clark Lamberti McOmber
- Gary Miller
- Michael Montgomery
- Petr Sgall
- Dorothy C. Siegel
- Karl Zimmer

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 Managing Co-editor Kai von Fintel) offered highlights from their written report (which was published in the meeting handbook).

Phonological Data & Analysis

Gene Buckley, Co-Editor, offered highlights from their written report (which was published in the meeting handbook).

Induction of LSA Fellows

Dr. Joseph presented the 2020 class of Fellows for induction:

- Raul Aranovich (University of California, Davis)
- Juliette Blevins (The Graduate Center, CUNY)
- Claire Bower (Yale University)
- Mary Bucholtz (University of California, Santa Barbara)
- Ives Goddard (Smithsonian Institution)
- Nina Hyams (University of California, Los Angeles)
- Sharon Inkelas (University of California, Berkeley)
- Monica Macaulay (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- Miriam Meyerhoff (Victoria University of Wellington)
- Rena Torres Cacoullos (The Pennsylvania State University)
- Georgia Zellou (University of California, Davis)

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

Resolution of Thanks

A resolution was presented by LSA member Judith Maxwell

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, Marianne Mithun and Penny Eckert, for their leadership and service.

Khalil Iskarous and Jelena Krivokapic, for leading the program committee in delivering another successful Annual Meeting.

Kai von Fintel and David Beaver for their many years of work as the 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 Alan Yu, who is concluding his service at this meeting. And...

The Secretariat staff, Alyson Reed (Executive Director), David Robinson (Director of Membership and Meetings), and Beth Riebe (Administrative Assistant), for their outstanding work.

Appreciation

Dr. Joseph offered the following Appreciation for Rita Lewis on the Occasion of her Retirement:

For the past 15 years, Rita has served the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) with warmth, dignity and grace. For her unflagging patience, diplomacy, and unflappability, we are grateful. Rita persisted in her role as Executive Assistant during a period of grave transition for the LSA, as its long-time Executive Director retired and was succeeded by a series of interim and short-term staff leaders. Rita was the only point of continuity in the Secretariat, where she ably provided guidance and orientation for the incoming officers and permanent staff hired in 2008. Rita has been the glue that helped the Secretariat stick together through thick and thin. Her diligence in helping the LSA return to financial stability and growth was critically important. With her good humor and friendly voice on the phone, and at the meeting registration desk, Rita greeted so many of our members and linguists through the years, becoming our Good Will Ambassador.

On behalf of the LSA membership and with great appreciation for her outstanding service, we are forever grateful.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Joseph at 6:45 pm.

Addendum A

Secretary-Treasurer Report

- The budget is in good shape!
- Revenue depends on membership, which is always a bit precarious.
- Revenue and costs vary depending on meeting attendance and whether we run an Institute.
- The LSA's financial reports are available to any member. Contact the Secretariat (lsa@lsadc.org) or online: <https://www.linguisticsociety.org/about/what-we-do/reports/financial-reports>

Budget snapshot

	2019	2018
<i>Net assets, end of year</i>		
Total net assets	\$2,175,784	\$2,078,229
Total support & revenue	\$1,156,414	\$1,010,934
Total operating expenses	\$1,100,095	\$901,417
Total operating revenue & support in excess of expenses	\$56,319	\$24,104
<i>change in net assets</i>	\$97,555	

Fiscal year ends September 30

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

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

Current members (as of November 21, 2019)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Associate	36
Honorary	35
Life	627
Complimentary	3
Regular US	953
Regular Non-US	442
Student US	977
<u>Student Non-US</u>	<u>170</u>
Total	3243

Memberships: down since 2018 (when membership was driven by the Annual Meeting in NYC)