

Linguistic Society of America  
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

Friday, January 5, 2018 ~ 6:00 – 7:00pm

Call to Order

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

Introductory Remarks

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

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Hyman reported that Patrick Farrell was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, and referred attendees to Dr. Farrell's written report, which included an update on the LSA's finances, membership numbers and related information (Attached as Addendum A). Dr. Hyman noted that this would have been Dr. Farrell's final meeting as Secretary-Treasurer, since his five-year term concludes with this Annual Meeting of the LSA. Dr. Hyman thanked Dr. Farrell in absentia, noting that a parting gift from the LSA would be mailed to him later this month.

Report of 2017 Election Results

Dr. Farrell confirmed the results of the LSA election:

- Vice-President/President-elect: **Brian Joseph**
- Secretary-Treasurer: **Lenore Grenoble**
- Executive Committee (At-Large): **Marlyse Baptista, Norma Mendoza-Denton**
- **Approval of amendments to the LSA Constitution/Bylaws**

In Memoriam

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

- Arthur Abramson (LSA President, 1983)
- William Davies
- Delia Graff Fara
- Kazuko Inoue
- Charles Jones
- James Ney
- Frank E. Robbins
- Deborah Schiffrin
- Henk Schultink

Program Committee Report

Rajesh Bhatt 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*

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

## Approval of Honorary Members

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

Rexhepi Ismajli (University of Prishtina, Kosovo)

Rachel Sutton-Spence (Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil)

Nikolaus P. Himmelmann (Universität zu Köln)

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

## Induction of LSA Fellows

Dr. Hyman presented the 2017 class of Fellows for induction:

- Rusty Barrett, University of Kentucky
- Patrice Beddor, University of Michigan
- Patrick Farrell, University of California, Davis
- Andrew Hippisley, University of Kentucky
- Salikoko S. Mufwene, University of Chicago
- Colin Phillips, University of Maryland
- Joe Salmons, University of Wisconsin
- Gillian Sankoff, University of Pennsylvania

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

## Resolutions of Thanks

A resolution was presented by Ed Rubin:

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, Patrick Farrell, Alice Harris, Larry Hyman and Penny Eckert, for their leadership and service.

Rajesh Bhatt and Roumyana Pancheva, 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 Helen Goodluck, for their editorial leadership of *Language*.

Linguistics faculty and students at the University of Utah for their assistance with local logistics.

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.

Andrew Hippisley and Rusty Barrett at the University of Kentucky, for directing the 2017 biennial Linguistic Institute.

The LSA Executive Committee, including those concluding their service at this meeting: Jeff Good and Natalie Schilling. 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. Hyman at 6:55 pm.

## Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Patrick Farrell, January 2018

### Budget and Finance

The LSA's financial position continues to be strong, with net income for fiscal year 2016-17 of nearly \$37,000, thanks to careful attention to expenses at the Secretariat and strong performance in our usual revenue streams. Project MUSE royalty earnings from *Language* were a little over \$116,000 for fiscal year 2016-17 and are projected to increase to over \$130,000 for the current fiscal year. Income from membership dues and institutional subscriptions to *Language* was also up slightly from the previous year, at \$373,632, in spite of a continuing downward trend for paper licenses. Charitable donations totaled \$50,282, which is an increase over the previous year of about \$9,000, with particularly strong performance in the Leadership Circle and Fillmore Student Fellowship funds. Gross income from Annual Meeting registrations was also up slightly at \$170,454. The LSA's budget documents and financial statements are available for inspection by any member. If you wish to see them, contact the Secretariat ([lsa@lsadc.org](mailto:lsa@lsadc.org)).

### Membership

The total number of individual members on November 1, 2017 was 3,471 which is up slightly from the same day in 2016. The Secretariat conducted a few targeted membership appeals this year: one with regard to threats to linguistics funding from the new administration and one with regard to the new initiative on civility in our linguistics community. Director of Membership and Meetings, David Robinson, notes that the effect on donations and memberships was found to be insignificant. He also notes that apart from the Institute Fellowship competition and the abstract submission membership requirement, which remain the main drivers of LSA membership, the following proved notably successful and will be repeated:

- a letter from Bloch Fellow Yining Nie to linguistics administrators promoting the bulk student membership;
- incorporation of Life Membership solicitation into our regular membership renewal reminders; and
- outreach through LINGUIST List.

### Election Results

Online voting was open to all LSA members from September 1 to November 4, 2017. The votes cast resulted in the election of Brian Joseph (Ohio State University) as Vice-President/President-elect and Lenore Grenoble (University of Chicago) as Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, Marlyse Baptista (University of Michigan) and Norma Mendoza-Denton (UCLA) were elected to serve on the Executive Committee. Voting also resulted in some changes to the LSA Constitution associated, primarily, with a new schema for the editorship of *Language*. There will be an Editor and a Co-Editor, with the Co-Editor being elected to a 3-year term in that role followed by a 3-year term in the role of Editor.

### In Memoriam

Regrettably, the following LSA members passed away this past year: Frank E. Robbins, James Ney, Charles Jones, William Davies, Delia Graff Fara, Deborah Schiffrin, Kazuko Inoue, and Henk Schultink.