

Minutes of the 2016 SSILA Executive Committee Meeting

Anthem Restaurant
Marriott Marquis, Washington DC
7:00am, January 8, 2016

Call to Order 7:23am by President Alice Taff

In Attendance Alice Taff, Keren Rice, Pat Shaw, Gabriela Perez Baez, Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins, Willem de Reuse, Carolyn MacKay, Ivy Doak; Danny Hieber joined the meeting later.

Approval of 2015 Minutes On motion made, seconded, and carried, the board approved the distributed minutes of the meeting of the board held January 9, 2015, in Portland.

Financial Report On motion made, seconded, and carried, the board approved the financial report presented by the Executive Secretary for the year 2015.

Old Business:

Election Results: Reported with finances, 152 members voted, electing B'alam Mateo Toledo as Member at Large and Mary Linn as member of the Nominating Committee

Student Awards: Motion made to create best student paper award, with one dissent. Ewa will work on implementation of logistics for judging. The criteria are complete from Ewa and Keren's 2015 work on this. Second motion, to cease awarding Best Student Abstract Award, discussed. On revised motion, seconded, and carried, no abstract award will be given in 2017 unless no best paper award made.

Revitalization as topic in submissions to annual meeting (included this year): Motion carried to leave Revitalization as submission topic with options for refinement in future.

Officer Duties: Rotation duties discussed; Hale and Golla prizes need nominees. PC Chair not required to read all submissions for annual meetings. EC Member at Large duties will include Travel Assistance Award Committee service until new committee formed. The senior member is Chair of the committee. Gabriela offered to look into improving the assessment of student travel awards. Question was raised – how much money is the committee distribute?

Non-profit progress: Taff reported on progress toward non-profit status, including preparations for incorporation in Alaska. See next item

Bylaws: Bylaws will be developed with incorporation papers. New Policy and Procedures document will need to be developed to set out policy for whole organization and details of procedures (similar to what is in our current bylaws).

New Business

IJAL: Doak will talk to Jennifer Ringblom at U of Chicago Press to investigate implementation of suggestion that IJAL subscribers be SSILA members.

Discussion – we need more interaction among committees. Nom, travel, student paper, program, awards, EC,

EasyChair – We may switch to the LSA's in-house review system. The other Sister Societies may do so as well.

Possible goals for the year: (The goals were merely mentioned; very little discussion. The EC may discuss these by email and focus on a few goals, delegating who will take what actions to reach the goal.)

- Increasing membership, especially to the South (Latin America)
- Investigate summer meetings to the south, such as in Cuba.
- Investigate future collaboration with Center for Indigenous Languages of Latin America, and? sister societies
- Consider Language of the Year award, or Word of the Year from Native American language.
- Increase presence in social media; add members to subscriber list automatically

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09am, there being no further business.