

SSILA Annual Business Meeting - Minutes

2:00-3:30 pm, January 7, 2017
Room 203, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

Call to Order: Alice Taff, President 2:05 PM

1. Financial Report: Carolyn MacKay, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

SSILA Budget 2016	ASSETS	EXPENSES
bank balance 161110	\$9,519.20	
2016 Travel Awards		1800
2016AV + conference rooms		2365
Webmaster stipend 2016		1000
ES stipend 2016		1000
ES stipend 2015		1000
Nonprofit consultant		595
EC meeting		417.88
Federal registration as non-profit (\$20 domain name)		420
ES 2016 lodging & expenses		395.04
PO box rental		0
Other printing/postal		23.22
PayPal 19.99/mo		39.98
transaction fees to PayPal		0
BlueHost/WordPress		31.98
IJAL 2016		2488.10
Chase service fees		48
Paypal account 161104	9,033.6	
Dues and donations deposits to Chase Bank	183	
Outstanding fees		
TOTAL	18,735.81	11,624.2
BALANCE		7,111.61

2. Diversity Subcommittee Report - Tania Granadillo, B'alam Mateo, Elena Benedicto (Chair)

The goal of the committee is to increase the diversity of the membership. Some suggestions of the sub-committee are:

- a. include an indigenous person on the EC
- b. provide more money for travel
- c. have session in Spanish, French and Indigenous languages (with accompanying Power Points in English)
- d. affiliate with another organization and have alternating meetings, for example with the Encuentro Lingüístico in Hermosillo, the Asociación Mexicana de Lingüística Aplicada (AMLA), (possibly hold the meeting in other countries of Latin America, such as Argentina or Peru) ALCALIN ??
- e. facilitate the sharing of rooms at the annual meeting
- f. set up a mentorship program
- g. facilitate social meetings for SSILA members
- h. partner with the Ethnic Diversity subcommittee of the LSA (speak to Arthur Spears about this) (perhaps Marianna Di Paolo could serve as a liaison).
- i. create a forma committee for diversity perhaps with an adhoc member from the LSA Ethnic Diversity committee

3. Election results announced: Carolyn MacKay

Incoming officers

Vice President/President Tania Granadillo
 Member at large Wesley Leonard
 Nominating Committee Jorge Rosés Labrada

Outgoing officers

Elena Benedicto – Nominating Committee
 Gabriela Pérez-Báez - Member at Large
 Pat Shaw Past, Past, Past President

Special recognition and thanks were offered to Pat Shaw who kindly served as past president for several years, filling in for Emmon Bach.

4. Non-profit status: Alice Taff reported that after many years, SSILA now has non-profit status - both federally and in California.

5. Prizes and Awards -- Alice Taff

2016 Haas Award -- Patricia A. Shaw, Haas Committee Chair
Jaime Peña *A Grammar of Wampis*

Honorable Mentions:

Lewis Lawyer *A Description of the Patwin Language.*
Konrad Arkadiusz Rybka *The Linguistic Encoding of Landscape in Lokono*

2016 Hale Prize -- Alice Taff, Hale Committee Chair
Patricia A. Shaw

Lifetime achievement Award -- Alice Taff
Victor Golla

Travel awards: Gabriela Pérez-Báez, Committee Chair
Awardees: Ignacio Montoya, Rebecca Dinkel, and Julia Fine

Longevity award: Ives Goddard

Distance award: Lucía Golluscio and Michael Barrie

6. News from Affiliates

NSF - Colleen Fitzgerald

- a. expressed appreciation to all SSILA reviewers
- b. Sept. 15 is the deadline for submissions
- c. encouraged submissions for the Fellowships
- d. Data Management Plans are required

IJAL - Donna Gerdt

IJAL Editors' annual report for 2016

The most significant change at *IJAL* this year was the retirement of Alma Dean Kolb as Managing Editor, effective last September. The last issue edited by Alma Dean was the January 2017 centenary issue of *IJAL*, celebrating 100 years of the journal, more than 40 of which were produced under her guidance. The April issue of the journal will include a brief appreciation to Alma Dean thanking her on behalf of the press, editors, authors, and all who benefited from her talent and commitment. At the same time as we say good-bye to Alma Dean, we welcome our new Managing Editor, Joe Muszynski. Joe's arrival has meant some changes in workflow and review procedures which will be rolled out over the coming months. Matters of journal business, for example inquiries about the status of papers or assistance with using the Editorial Manager website, can be addressed to Joe at ijal@press.uchicago.edu.

Our Book Review Editor continues to be Willem de Reuse. Adam Werle, our Editorial Assistant for the last 3 years has stepped aside and his role is now being filled by Heather Bliss (University of Victoria).

The Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Advisory Board for 2017 are:

Associate Editors

John Alderete (Simon Fraser University)
Sonya Bird (University of Victoria)
Caleb Everett (University of Miami)
Seth Cable (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
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Keren Rice (University of Toronto)

David Rood (University of Colorado)

We would like to thank out-going Associate Editors Lisa Matthewson, Amy Dahlstrom, and Siri Tuttle for their service, and welcome aboard Sonya Bird and Seth Cable. In recognition of her long service to *IJAL*, Lisa has joined the Editorial Advisory Board. We appreciate the hard work of the Associate Editors, and thank everyone for their efforts. We urge colleagues who would be able to serve a term as AE to contact us.

Submissions and editorial policy

This year we handled a total of 77 new papers. A summary of the status of papers dealt with in the last calendar year is given below:

accepted	12
under revision	33
rejected	16
desk reject	16
TOTAL	77

Of the 61 papers that underwent peer review, 20% were accepted, 26% were rejected, and 54% are currently under revision. Only 5 papers (0.8%) were rejected after the first or subsequent round of revision.

The length of the production queue has diminished somewhat over the last year and currently stands at about 8 months from date of acceptance of the final manuscript. We are currently working on improving turnaround time for manuscripts under review, though the most frequent delays result from factors outside the Editorial Office's control, including delays and non-responses on the part of reviewers.

We continue to look for ways to reinforce the core mission of *IJAL*. To help the editors evaluate the empirical contribution of a paper, we have added a requirement for author(s) to explain the provenance of the data (www.americanlinguistics.org/?page_id=27). Following current standard practice, we have now begun to use automatic plagiarism-detection software as part of the Technical Check of incoming papers. *IJAL* has a strict policy regarding academic integrity, citation etiquette, and the attribution of data, and ascribes to the principles and guidelines for handling academic misconduct outlined by the Committee on Publication Ethics (publicationethics.org).

***IJAL* centenary volume**

To mark the 100th year of *IJAL*, Volume 83 of the journal will feature a number of special features. The January issue features two editorials and 5 invited articles on the contributions of Americanist studies to the field of linguistics. In April, we will present an English translation of the first article of volume 1, issue 1 of the journal, Franz Boas's study of Pochutec Nahuatl, which continues to be the most-downloaded article in *IJAL* history.

TILA

The first volume of the new *TILA* series is now scheduled to be released with the April 2017 issue of the current volume. Titled "Zoquean Narratives", it contains texts from six varieties of Zoque and will be supplemented online by a text from Jitototec, a newly-discovered language in the family. The texts and recordings will be made available on the *IJAL* website in animated text form. Future volumes of *TILA* are still projected to appear in January, now that some of the bugs in the production process are being ironed out.

IJAL Texts Online

We are currently working on two submission to *IJAL Texts Online* and hope to have them out later this year. We continue to encourage people to submit shorter texts with audio files for this series. Details and procedures for submission can be found at americanlinguistics.org.

Willem DeReuse reported on the new book review process.

- a. 1000 word limit
- b. now linked to the SSILA site to list books available for potential review
- c. Send your interests and qualifications to willemdereuse@my.unt.edu

7. Best Student Presentation Award -- Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins

Award Committee: Keren Rice and Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins

13 student presentations were evaluated, with 14 students participating overall. The following SSILA members volunteered to judge presentations: Racquel Sapien, Jorge Rosés Labrada, Françoise Rose, Marianna Di Paolo, Timothy Montler, Mizuki Miyashita, Ryan Sullivant, Shannon Bischoff, and Donna Gerdts.

Special recognition and thanks to Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins for all her hard work on putting together the first Best Student Presentation Award.

8. New Program Chair positions -- Keren Rice

The new Program Committee Structure will be as follows:

New Program Committee:

3-person committee, with rotating membership
Chair is the person in their 3rd year, with mentorship role
Each year, one person is appointed by the Executive Committee
Keren as chair for upcoming year; 2 other members will be appointed (one for 2 years,
and one for 3 years)
The EC will continue to read more abstracts than the Reader Pool

Volunteers were asked to contact Keren Rice. A call for nominations to serve on the committee will be sent out a few weeks after the annual meeting.

9. New Fee Structure -- Danny Hieber

Yearly Dues:

\$60 Regular
\$40 Under-employed, independent, under-represented, or retired scholars, as well as
members of indigenous language communities of the Americas
\$30 Student

10. Website Danny Hieber

Reminded members to check the box in order to receive the blog.
Send us postings for Facebook and the Blog.

11. Auditor needed Carolyn MacKay

Request for a SSILA member to volunteer to be the Auditor for the organization.

12. SSILA Word of the Year Alice Taff

SSILA Word of the Year Committee will be: Pat Shaw, Marianna Di Paolo, Michael Barrie, Olga Lovick, and Wesley Leonard. [Contact the committee and ask them to start working on this](#)

13. Division of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer position

The role of Executive Secretary/Treasurer will be split into 2 positions:

1. Executive Secretary/Treasurer: finances, interface with LSA, currently \$1,000 stipend, elections, etc.

2. Program Secretary / Administrator: non-voting member, 3-year term (w/renewal?).
The Program Secretary will focus on setting up Easy Chair, the conference program, submissions, correspondence with LSA about program, etc. Stipend (suggestion: \$1,000)

Volunteers were asked to contact Keren Rice or Carolyn MacKay. A call for nominations to serve as Program Administrator will be sent out a few weeks after the annual meeting.

14. News from the floor

Marianna Di Paolo pointed out that since the next meeting would be in Salt Lake City, a session focusing on community work on language revitalization with tribes from the area could be proposed. Marianna and a group of interested linguists and tribal members would work together to propose a DEL Workshop. There was some discussion, but no resolution on this item.

15. New President

The role of president was passed from Alice Taff to Keren Rice.
Special recognition and thanks to Alice Taff for her successful tenure as President of SSILA.

Meeting was adjourned: 3:25 PM