

SSILA 2018 Business Meeting Agenda
January 6, 2018, 11 - 12:30
Salt Lake City, Utah

Announcements:

Co-Lang 2018 -- University of Florida, workshops: June 18-29, 2018, Practicums: July 2 - July 20, 2018,

SSILA Newsletters and Bulletins will soon be available at the SSILA website

Special thanks go to: Randa Marhenke, Willem DeReuse, Frank Trechsel, and Marianne Mithun.

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1. Election results

156 votes

New Nominating Committee Member: Mizuki Miyashita

New Member-at-large, Executive Committee: Melvatha R. Chee

Outgoing member of the Executive Committee: Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins

Outgoing member of the Nominating Committee: Brook Lillehaugen

2. Prizes and Awards

Travel Awards 2018 - Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins

In the end only four of the awardees were able to attend. The Travel Award Committee intends to encourage under-represented applicants.

\$1400 Uboye Gaba (was unable to attend)

\$500 Ryan Henke

\$200 Morgan Sleeper

\$200 Alexia Fawcett

\$200 Jens van Gysel

Best Student Presentation 2017 - Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins - Ignacio Montoya

Best Student Presentation 2018 - Tania Granadillo - Megan Lukaniec - *Reconstructing the phonetics of a dormant language: Remapping audio recordings onto manuscripts.*

Honorable Mention: Carolyn Jane Anderson - *The San Lucas Quiavini Zapotec Andative and Venitive.*

3. News from affiliates

NSF Report - Colleen Fitzgerald

Thanks to reviewers; core programs will be maintained if there are budget cuts.

Federal funding - continuing resolution until Jan 19.

IJAL Report - Donna Gerdts

IJAL Editors' annual report for 2017

David Beck and Donna Gerds are current editors, having now completed four years of their five-year term. Managing Editor is Joe Muszynski. Book editor is Willem de Reuse. Editorial Assistant is Heather Bliss.

The Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Advisory Board during 2017 were:

Associate Editors

John Alderete (Simon Fraser University)
Sonya Bird (University of Victoria)
Seth Cable (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Caleb Everett (University of Miami)
Connie Dickinson, Universidad Regional Amazónica, Ikiam
Rodrigo Gutiérrez Bravo (Colegio de México)
Enrique Palancar (University of Surrey)
Leo Wetzels (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Alan C. L. Yu (University of Chicago)

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Keren Rice (University of Toronto)
David Rood (University of Colorado)

We would like to thank out-going Associate Editor John Alderete for his service, and welcome aboard Connie Dickinson. We appreciate the hard work of the Associate Editors, and thank everyone for their efforts. As many Associate Editors have served for several years beyond their initial three-year terms, we would be glad to hear from anyone who would be willing to take on this responsibility. We also would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has taken the time to review a paper for IJAL, as the quality of the journal rests largely on their expertise.

This year we handled a total of 73 new or revised papers. A summary of the status of papers dealt with in the last calendar year is given below:

	New submissions	Revised submissions	New + revised
accepted	1	16	17
under review	13	-	13
under revision	10	1	11
rejected	7	3	10
SUBTOTAL	31	20	51
withdrawn	3	-	3
desk reject	19	-	19
TOTAL	53	20	73

Of the 51 papers that underwent peer review during 2017, 33% were accepted, 20% were rejected, and 21% are currently under revision. Only 3 papers were rejected after subsequent revision.

The length of the production queue has diminished substantially over the last couple of years and currently stands at about 8 months from date of acceptance of the final manuscript. We expect that we will soon be able to entertain proposals for special issues.

To mark the 100th year of IJAL, Volume 83 of the journal featured a number of special articles.

TILA

The first volume of the new TILA series, “Zoquean Narratives”, edited by Lynda Boudreault”, was released in April 2017 as Vol 83 S1. It contains texts from six varieties of Zoque and is supplemented online by a text from Jitotoltec, a newly-discovered language in the family. The texts and recordings are available on the IJAL website in animated text form (http://www.americanlinguistics.org/?page_id=2021). Volume 2 of TILA, “Indigenous Peruvian Voices”, will be released in April. Future issues are projected to appear in January, now that some of the bugs in the production process are being ironed out.

IJAL Texts On-line

The IJAL Texts Online series is dedicated to presenting individual analyzed texts from the indigenous languages of the Americas in digitized, world-accessible form. The second text (Volume 2, number 1) appeared in May 2017. This was a text in Chichahuaxtla Triqui, told by Felipe Santiago Rojas, and edited by A. Raymond Elliot.

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.

4. Financial Report - MacKay

Volunteer to audit accounts -- Joana Jansen

Financial Report

Carolyn MacKay, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

SSILA Budget 2017	ASSETS	EXPENSES
Chase balance 161110 1/1/17, 10,104.97 PayPal balance 1/1/17, 845.60	10,950.57	
2017 Travel Awards Montoya 1/7/17 680; Fine, 1/8/17 810; Dinkel 1/7/17 1010		2500
2017 AV + conference rooms 1/30/17		2400
Webmaster stipend (DH 1/7/17)		1000
ES stipend (Doak 1/7/17 \$1000, MacKay 2/17/17 1000)		2000
Program Administrator (2018)		
Accountant (Whisler 175, tax return)		175
EC meeting (Taff, copies 1/7/17 \$46.17)		46.17
CA Franchise Tax Board 5/10/17, \$10		10
CA Secretary of State 9/22/17 \$26		26
Hale Prize, Pat Shaw 1/7/17 \$500		500
Printing/postal 9/22/17, 6.59; 5/11/17, 22.71, 5/15/17 \$20, 7/31/17 28.98		78.28
PayPal 19.99/month		239.88
BlueHost		395.64
IJAL (1/30/17), \$740; 2/14/17, \$27.18; 4/24/17, \$299.58; 7/7/17 \$212.09; 10/2/17, \$581.45; 10/15/17, \$39.59;		1899.89
Chase monthly fee 12, 12 (no longer charged)		24
Paypal account 161104 (\$9700 transferred), still in PayPal 1292.39	10,956.30	
Dues and donations by check to Chase Bank \$1262.39	1262.39	
Chase Current balance \$10,014.10 still in PayPal 1386.28= 11400.38		
TOTAL	23,169.26	-11,294.86
CURRENT BALANCE -		11,874.40

Payments due to IJAL in January are not reflected in the Financial Report.

Included in the payments to PayPal are donations which amount to roughly \$860.

5. Restructuring of Program Committee - Keren Rice and Martin Kohlberger

Thanks to the reviewers! Thanks to the Program Committee which was made up of Keren Rice, Shannon Bischoff, and Analía Gutierrez! The Program Administrator was Martin Kohlberger.

Need for By-Law changes to reflect restructuring. A petition was signed by more than 10 members to propose rewording of the Bylaws in order to reflect the recent changes to the Program Committee. The changes will be put on the ballot for a vote of the membership at the time of the next election.

January 6, 2018. SSILA Business meeting- **Bylaws Proposal**

We petition that the proposed changes to the Bylaws, which will reflect the recent changes in the composition of the Program Committee, be submitted to a vote of the membership.

Lyle Campbell
Richard Rhodes
Pamela Munro
Patricia Shaw
Jorge Emilio Rosés Labrada
Wilson de Lima Silva
Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins
Michael Barrie
Robin Quizas
Chris Rogers
Wesley Leonard
Laura Cranmer
Marianne Mithun

6. Language Archiving Award --

Andrew Garrett' proposed a Language Archiving Award. Based on the Executive Committee discussion, Keren asked Andrew to make some revisions, and the following was presented at the Business Meeting. The proposal was approved in principle, by a vote. The details remain to be worked out.

This award highlights the importance of creating long-term archival materials that are accessible to all communities concerned, including heritage and language communities as well as scholarly communities; and is meant to encourage others in academia to value such work as more comparable to analytic research. It is presented to one or more researchers (from any community) who have created an accessible documentary collection of materials relating to an indigenous language of the Americas. The collection so honored should have as many of the following characteristics as possible:

- It should be linguistically or ethnographically rich.
- It should be diverse in content, including some annotated or transcribed material.

- It should be archived in a long-term preservation archive.
- Its content should largely be accessible to all stakeholders, including heritage and language communities as well as scholarly communities.
- It should be well described through collection-level metadata, item-level metadata, and a finding aid or descriptive overview.
- Its content should be potentially impactful for language learners, language maintenance, language teaching, and scholarly research.

This award may be shared by multiple creators of a single collection (including, for example, academic and non-academic researchers, primary language consultants, and collection curators).

Nominations may be made by anyone and should include:

- a letter of nomination identifying the nominee (with curriculum vitae), describing the background of their work on the language in question, and the archival collection (with links to online content and metadata, and a finding aid or descriptive overview), and explaining its significance and ; and
- one supporting letter also explaining the significance of the archival collection.

Self-nominations are permitted.

7. Equity and diversity -

The issue of diversity and equity was addressed by the Travel Committee and Wes Leonard's symposium. Suggestions for the future include: 1) collaborating with the LSA for discounts, a new fee structure of LSA membership and travel; 2) developing a SSILA Civility Policy (Granadillo is undertaking this); 3) having an indigenous representative on the Executive Committee; and 4) having special sessions focusing on under-represented populations in New York at SSILA 2019 and in 2020 in New Orleans.

8. Proposals for special sessions in New Orleans for 2020 -

It was suggested that a committee be set up to propose a Special Session for New Orleans (Koasati, Chitimacha, Biloxi, Choctaw).

9. Editor for Website and for Facebook Page

Editor: Wilson de Lima Silva and perhaps Phil Cash Cash

10. Word of the Year --

The idea of a Word of the Year was deemed unfeasible, potentially exploitative, and low priority. Discussion about other options might take place in the future.

11. Membership drive? Fund raising?

Some suggestions included: 1) having the LSA post highlights about the different Sister Societies, including SSILA; 2) having a reduced fee for Europeans; 3) reaching out to European Americanists.

12. New initiatives - suggestions from members

Get Tax-exempt status for SSILA in Canada