

SECOL XLVI Business Meeting

The Southeastern Conference on Linguistics held its annual business session on Friday afternoon, April 3, 1992, in conjunction with the Spring meeting of the organization at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Presiding were Greta Little and Michael Montgomery, Co-Secretary/Treasurers.

1. The winner of the Reza Ordoubadian Student Paper Award, a cash prize of fifty dollars, was announced: Sally Greene of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2. Bruce Pearson of the University of South Carolina has agree to serve on the Executive Committee to fulfill the third and final year of the term of Carole Chaski.

3. Sites of future meetings were announced:

Fall 1992	Knoxville, Tennessee (in conjunction with SAMLA)
Spring 1993	Auburn, Alabama
Fall 1993	Atlanta, Georgia (in conjunction with SAMLA)
Spring 1994	Memphis, Tennessee
Fall 1994	Baltimore, Maryland (in conjunction with SAMLA)
Spring 1995	Athens, Georgia
Fall 1995	Atlanta, Georgia (in conjunction with SAMLA)
Spring 1996	College Station, Texas

4. The Nominating Committee presented the following names for officers:

Barbara Johnstone, Texas A & M University, for Vice-President 1993, becoming President in 1994
Carole Hines, Old Dominion University, for Nominating Committee, 1993-95
?? Executive Committee ??

5. The Resolutions Committee ?

6. Mary Miller, Book Review Editor for The SECOL Review, reported that many commitments for reviews had been outstanding for a long time and asked members to be more conscientious in reviewing books promptly. As a result of laggard submissions, she said, some publishers were no longer very willing to provide review copies. She circulated her guidelines for book reviews, solicited reviewers by circulating a sheet asking members to indicate their interests, and called for information on any books by SECOL members that had been published.

7. Greta Little provided a report on finances, which indicated that the organization lost approximately one thousand dollars in 1991. She outlined measures that the editorial office had taken to reduce costs, including doing its own collating and reducing the print run and the number of free issues distributed. Rising postage and printing costs, particularly with the increasing size of the journal, were cited as part of the reason for this shortfall, but the primary cause was inconsistent payment of dues. Many individuals who either skipped a year of paying dues or who do not renew their membership have continued to be sent both

the SECOL Newsletter and the SECOL Review, a practice which was to be discontinued starting immediately. Little and Montgomery recommended that the constitution of the organization be changed to reflect a change in policy, that dues will henceforth be owed before the Spring issue of the journal goes out and that that issue will not be sent to any individual who has not yet paid his/her dues.

At the same time, because of escalating printing costs, Little and Montgomery introduced a motion recommending that dues be raised starting in 1993 to \$20 for individuals, \$12 for students, and \$30 for institutions. This, it was stated, would not only rebuild the organization's financial reserve but also would also keep income above expenses for at least another several years, postponing for some time a further dues increase. Following discussion and clarification, the motion passed unanimously.

8. In connection with forestated problems, Little and Montgomery moved that the SECOL constitution be amended to reflect the new schedule for dues payments. This proposed change involved Article 2, Clause 5:

Original:

On or before December 31 of every year, each member shall pay to the Executive Secretary an annual fee as dues (valid for the current academic year), in an amount fixed by vote of the Society on recommendation of the Executive Committee. If such member does not pay due within time prescribed, rights of membership shall be forfeited while default continues; these rights shall be restored upon payment of all arrears. A member in default for six months shall be dropped from membership. A member may pay dues in advance for one or more years, and such dues shall be considered paid in full regardless of any change in the amount of dues voted by the Society after the date on which dues are paid.

Revised:

On or before March 31 or the Spring meeting, whichever comes later, each member shall pay to the Executive Secretary an annual fee as dues (valid for the current academic year), in

A member in default will cease receiving publications. Individuals who join after March 31 shall enjoy the rights and privileges of membership for that year.

Because constitutional amendments require approval by mail ballot of two-thirds of the members voting, a vote on this and two other amendments was scheduled. A ballot for this vote is locate elsewhere in this newsletter.

9. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, two changes in classes of membership were proposed and discussed, both of which require a change in the SECOL constitution.

Proposed change in constitution, Article 2, Clause 1:

Original:

There shall be five classes of membership: regular, student, unemployed regular members, honorary, and emeritus.

Revised:

There shall be five classes of membership: regular, student, unemployed regular members, honorary, retired, and emeritus.

Proposed change in constitution, Article 2, Clause 6:

Original:

Any member who has paid dues for five years and who has retired for reasons of age or health from the active exercise of the profession may, by vote of the Executive Committee, be relieved from further payment of dues without losing any of the rights of membership.

Revised:

Upon retirement, any member in good standing may continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of membership at a reduced rate of dues equal to that for student membership. By nomination of three members and by vote of the Executive Committee, the special distinction of Emeritus Membership may be awarded to individuals who have made significant and noteworthy contributions to the organization and will be identified as such in the membership list.