

BUSINESS MEETING**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007****AGENDA:**

1. Mike Piccone - welcomed guests; announced that Allison Burkette will be in for a two-year term of office, but she will preside over three business meetings (2007, 2008, 2009); thanked committee members; mentioned the website, the newsletter
2. Allison Burkette – greet members, thanked Lisa Abney and local hosts
3. Read the resolution thanking local hosts; read by Allison Burkette (attached – or in my stuff – or get from Robin)
4. Slate of officers read by Alliscon
VP lisa abney
Exec committee Joe turner
Nominating committee – Valentia Iuphori
6. Megan report on Executive meeting from previous day
7. Megan did ROA award
8. Felice Coles reports on the status of the Southern Journal of Linguistics
 - have correct address to her
 - back copies are available
 - 3 issues behind (1 volume and 1 issue) but all have been filled and will be processed
 - current issue is in progress
 - must have current addresses
 - needs paper submissions!!!!
 - needs reviewers (each manuscript gets a min of two reviewers; sometimes three is a tie)
 - needs book reviewers – she will get books from publishers and give copies to members; please let her know if you know of a book.
 - on the website are books that she currently has, but which have not yet been reviewed; are available for immediate review.
 - thanks for support; hope to keep up momentum
9. Announce 2008 conference host – **Bethany Dumas, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.**
10. All grad students who attended this year will get a scholarship; award will be half-off their dues for SECOL in honor of Bob Berstein for the Knoxville conference.

11. This 'scholarship' will continue after 2008 in HONOR OF MICHAEL MONTGOMERY.

11. advertising 'committee'; to create/send out an e-mail to grad students to explain who we are and suggest they come to our conferencesw

10. Announced 2009 conference host – Allison Burkette at University of Mississippi in OXFORD, MS

11. Degree of enthusiasm for a 40th anniversary cruise – if not, alternate venues in 2009.

12. Announce ROA award – Tyler Kendall, Duke University (\$100 dollars, and 3-year membership to the organization.)

13. Open discussion on new Constitution draft – MICHAEL PICONE discussed the results of the revisions that were sent out on Jan 26th and have been posted on line since then; thanked members of committee; revisions attached; major change is dealing with proxy votes (not just the prez, but also vp and secretary); also, why the Sept deadline for re-electing? 'cause was pre-electronic; suggested change to deadline will be June 1st rather than Sept 1st.

14. Discussion ensued:

--decided to give a downloadable anonymous ballot which will be sent (by Robin via website) by June 1st and sent back by Sept 1st.

15. Picone asked for ratification; made a motion; withdrew that; then turned it over to Allison Burkette who called for the vote.

16. passed unanimously

17. other matters of business:

---discussion of cruise idea

----needs to be worked on well ahead of time; need to have a backup venue; student expense; international participants will need visa; what if cancelled?; state travel regulations in case of lack of funding money; Mississippi river boat cruise instead of an ocean cruise?; Florida Atlantic univ as a backup?; Puerto Rico? – within our range; part of rationale for this was to pull in and involve the Caribbean;

18. Suggestion: create a committee to continue to discuss; Robin will send out e-mail to ask people to e-mail President Allison if they want to volunteer for this committee