

**SECOL 76 Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, April 8 - 10, 2009**

**Executive Committee Agenda**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Grad students get a ‘scholarship’; half off their SECOL dues in honor of Bob Bernstein. STATUS: this has changed **to the Bernstein award**. As listed in the newsletter and on the call for papers and reprinted here:

**The Bernstein Award**

The Bernstein Award of \$100.00 for the best paper on Language and Politics is open to all SECOL members. To be considered, an electronic copy of the full paper transmitted by e-mail as a PDF file (or three hard copies by regular mail) should be sent to Dr. Megan E. Melancon with a cover letter requesting consideration. Your letter should contain contact information. The deadline for submission of the full paper is **January 12, 2009**.

As was decided in last year’s Executive Committee meeting, SECOL will annually, for the next **five years**, fund this award for a paper in Language in Politics with a prize of \$100.00. Cindy Bernstein’s donation will constitute the first award. The prize will be open to all members. The EC will assess the level of interest in the award in 2013.

COMMENT: no one applied for it this year, although it was listed in the Call for papers and in the Winter 2008 newsletter.

2. For the ROA, we had two submissions. The winner was Janneke Van Hofwegen. She will receive ROA - \$100 dollars and a three year membership to the organization.
3. The other award was the Steve Gross award, also announced in the Winter 2008 newsletter and in the call for papers. We had one submission. I consulted with Theresa McGarry and Robin Sabino and we decided to accept it. The winner is Jill Hallett. As a reminder:

This year SECOL will also offer a one-time, \$100 award for the best paper on Language Contact, Pidgins, Creoles, Code Switching, or L1 Attrition in honor of Dr. Steve Gross. This award is open

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4. Discussed an ‘Advertising committee’ to create/send out an e-mail to grad students about SECOL. No change or action on this since last year.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed the Call for Papers for the conference to be held at Ole Miss in April, 2010.
2. Resolutions
  - A. Thank Nathalie Dajko
  - B. Thank Tulane University for the \$10,000 donation
  - C. Thank the staff at the Doubletree?
  - D. Thank the SECOL Executive Committee and program committee members
  - E. Thank Christine Mallinson for volunteering to be on the program committee at the last minute. She really stepped up to the plate.
  - F. Get other names from Nathalie to thank
  - G. Thank those rotating off committees
3. SUGGESTION: Give Nathalie Dajko a three year membership as a reward for her incredibly hard working pulling this conference together
4. SUGGESTION: Write a letter for Nathalie Dajko’s dossier to acknowledge her work in the creation of this conference (Robin will do).
5. MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT PROBLEM: people get abstracts accepted but do not sign up for membership in SECOL. Creates a chaotic, inefficient, and money draining mess. What has been done: it has been explicitly and clearly stated in **the call for papers, the newsletter, on the website, and, most importantly, in the acceptance letter sent out for each accepted abstract** that one must be a member of the organization in order to present. Comments and suggestions on how to ease this task?
6. Additional new business:
  - A. Create a network or exchange space for people needing roommates, rides, wanted to share cabs and/or shuttles for future conferences?