



# South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

**SECOL 82 (in conjunction with LAVIS IV)**

**North Carolina State University (host)**

**Holiday Inn Raleigh Downtown**

**Raleigh, NC**

**1:15-2:15 PM, Board Room Floor 20**

**Friday, April 10, 2015**

**President: Allison Burkette**

- I. **Welcome and Introductions: Allison Burkette, President**
  - A. The meeting started at 1:16 PM.
  - B. Attendance: Karen Burdette, Allison Burkette, Becky Childs, Felice Coles, Jennifer Cramer, J. Daniel Hasty, Sasha Johnson-Coleman, Christine Mallinson, Jeff Reaser, Clai Rice, Ralph Thiede, Ben Torbert, Walt Wolfram
  
- II. **Approval of minutes from 2014: Allison Burkette, President**
  - A. The minutes were approved unanimously.
  
- III. **Committee Reports: Allison Burkette, President**
  - A. Executive Board nominees and those willing to serve are the following: Rachael Allbritten, Bridget Anderson, Katie Carmichael, Kirk Hazen (Nominating Committee), Tamara Lindner, Paul Reed, Antonio Reyes, Carmen Schlig, Christina Schoux Casey, and Justin White.
    1. New President 2015
      - a. Jennifer Cramer
    2. New Vice President 2015
      - a. Ralph Thiede
    3. New Treasurer before 2017
      - a. Paul Reed, once he finds a job in the SECOL region.
    4. New Secretary for 2016
      - a. Catherine Evans Davies
  - B. Nominating Committee-Christine Mallinson and Karen Burdette rotate off
  - C. Awards Committee
    1. The Winners for RZA 2014 are Andrea Cudworth and Caitlyn Farinelli. Ben Torbert mailed the \$100 checks to them, and they will be acknowledged at the plenary session and business meeting.

**IV. Financial Report –Ben Torbert, Treasurer**

- A. Currently there is ~\$12,300 in the bank.
- B. The journal still gives the option of printed copies, but the volume of those are not as large as before.
- C. Caroline Myrick is handling the dues at this conference, so the bank total should be about ~\$13,500 by end of this conference.
- D. The bank total will decrease to about ~\$8,000 once money is allotted for the journal.
- E. We cannot afford to lose money like at Calloway Gardens.
- F. We are taking a loss for the cost of PayPal service fees (~\$3) for membership dues for this year, but next time either add the cost to the membership dues or raise the dues for regular members to \$50 by January 1, 2017.

**V. Journal Report-Felice Coles, Journal Editor**

- A. We have special issues of the journal coming out.
- B. The costs of producing a journal is ~ \$2760 journal, and the current total balance we have is \$2779.14, specifically; thus, there is enough money to produce the next journal.
- C. For those who want a print copy of the journal, it will cost \$3-4 more.
- D. There will be a French Linguistics Memorial issue for Megan Melançon.

**VI. Webmaster Report-Clai Rice, Immediate Past President**

- A. Wilbur Bennett's term is up; however, he said he would be willing to serve another year: motioned by Felice Coles, seconded by Jennifer Cramer, and unanimous vote in favor.
- B. Website
  - 1. In March, Auburn University contacted us concerning the website. Wilbur Bennett contacted them, and we own the name again (the lease previously lapsed).
  - 2. It is suggested to use WordPress because it is easier to implement it. We need to decide who we want to host it, possibly a commercial business and not a university. Ralph Thiede suggests iPower, which has unlimited space, for \$120/year.
- C. New Webmaster
  - 1. There is a proposal for the secretary and treasurer to share the responsibility to maintain the website, thus getting rid of the Webmaster position.

**VII. Membership**

- A. Sasha Johnson-Coleman mentioned there are problems with the following: (1) growth of the membership; (2) finding Executive Board officers; (3) a lack of diversity in the membership: (a) race/ethnicity and (b) sub-disciplines in

linguistics and other language studies disciplines, i.e. linguistic anthropology, language education, and speech pathology; and (3) the concerns arisen by a few members about how the organization is run.

- B. There is a lack of travel funds. It has been said that in the past some officers received travel funds to the conferences. There should also be funds to help those in need: graduate students, unemployed, adjuncts.
- C. There are restrictions on geographical locations for board members.

#### **VIII. Other Business (open to the floor)**

##### A. Ideas for future venues

1. 2016 New Orleans (Clai Rice)
2. 2017 Open
3. 2018 Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA (Katie Carmichael)
4. 2019 Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL (Justin White)
5. University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS (Felice Coles)

##### B. Tax situation

1. We were suspended and not on file in Florida as incorporated or a 401-3c. We need to fill out paperwork, submit minutes of the meetings, and pay any back taxes (which we should not owe). It is in the SECOL Constitution that we have to file forms with the state of Florida. Ben Torbert tried to find out more information concerning this but to no avail. Ralph Thiede said that Bob Trammell has the original papers and perhaps Justin White can sign on as the incorporation agent.

#### **IX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.**

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Respectfully submitted by Sasha Johnson-Coleman

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