



South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

SECOL 84

The Beatty Center, 5 Liberty Street, Charleston

The College of Charleston (host)

Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, March 10, 2017

12:00 – 1:00, Beatty Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Presiding: Jennifer Cramer, President

I. Welcome and Introductions: Jennifer Cramer, President

- A. Cramer thanked the local host, Ricard Viñas de Puig, and the other members of the SECOL @ College of Charleston Committee, Liz Martinez Gibson and Laura Moses, for their hard work in arranging the meeting in Charleston.
- B. Those present introduced themselves and identified their administrative positions. In attendance were Jennifer Cramer (President), Ralf Thiede (Vice-President), Catherine Evans Davies (Secretary), Felice Coles (Journal Editor), Ricard Viñas de Puig (Local Organizer for 2017) Rachael Albritten (Executive Committee Member-at-Large), Ramón Escamilla (Executive Committee Member-at-Large). Absent were: Allison Burkette, Ben Torbert, Becky Childs, J. Daniel Hasty, Kirk Hazen.

II. Approval of Minutes from 2016: Jennifer Cramer, President

The minutes from the 2016 meeting and the agenda for the 2017 meeting had been circulated by Jennifer Cramer. The minutes were approved.

III. Committee Reports: Jennifer Cramer, President

- A. **Nominating Committee:** Two years ago in Raleigh the possibility of eliminating the Nominating Committee was discussed, and during this past year the elimination of the Nominating Committee was put up for a vote by the membership. The result was taken as advisory rather than binding because of the very small response to the vote and some cogent objections relating to concentration of power. The Nominating Committee will continue to exist. J. Daniel Hasty rotates off in 2017 and a replacement will be needed. Two candidates were suggested and Jennifer Cramer emailed the Nominating Committee to ask for a decision. Kirk Hazen will serve until 2018, and Paulina Bounds until 2019. It was also suggested that as a general rule it would be a good idea to include the upcoming host of the conference as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

B. Vice President, Treasurer, and other officers: Philip M. Carter (Florida International University) will become Vice President this year, as Ralf Thiede moves from Vice President to President, Jennifer Cramer moves from President to Immediate Past President, and Paul Reed takes over from Ben Torbert as Treasurer. Davies will update the website.

C. Webmaster Role (previously Wilbur Bennett)

1. Bennett extended his term through this year so that he could oversee the transition to WordPress properly. The Webmaster position will now move to a joint project of the Treasurer (the one who pays for the web site anyway) and the Secretary (who gathers the organizational information). Davies and Reed will consult Bennett as they learn the WordPress ropes. In principle, any member of the Executive Committee can get writing rights with a code, but the Webmaster(s) is/are the “super-users” who keep control. In terms of SECOL’s finances, Ben Torbert and Paul Reed have a transition plan concerning a bank account in Lexington. Davies as Secretary will coordinate with the Treasurer so that at any time we have on hand both a current list of members as well as a cumulative master list of interested people who would like to be informed and whom we might hope to attract back into more active membership.
2. The LSA Institute at the University of Kentucky in the summer of 2017 has been advertised to the membership via email and also posted on the SECOL website to alert members to savings on registration.
3. Any web requests should be sent to Davies or Reed.

D. Secretary (Catherine Evans Davies)

1. As noted above, the Secretary will serve jointly as Webmaster with the Treasurer. A fortuitous development is that as of August of 2017 they will both be at the same location in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama (Paul Reed as a faculty member in the Department of Communicative Disorders).
2. Davies will coordinate with the Treasurer to maintain both a current list of members and also a cumulative master list of interested people who would like to be informed and whom we might hope to attract back into more active membership.
3. Davies sent out several announcements and reminders concerning the Reza Ordoubadian Award to students who presented their work at SECOL 2016 and their mentors. By the deadline of Jan. 7, we had received 8 submissions.

E. Treasurer (Ben Torbert)

1. Ben Torbert reported via email that SECOL's finances are stable. He will transfer money from the PayPal account to the USBank account. As noted above, Torbert and Reed have a transition plan concerning a bank in Lexington: Reed has been added to the USBank account, on which the names are also Torbert, Coles and Rice. At a later date Reed can investigate whether there is a better bank to use with branches in SECOL states. At this time, subtracting an estimated amount for registration intake for the Charleston conference that will be owed to CoC, SECOL has about \$13,500,

- possibly as much as \$14,000. To that, whatever dues are paid by late registrants will be added. Torbert is cautiously projecting that when he hands things over Reed, there will be something like \$14,500 or maybe even \$15,000. Ricard Viñas de Puig reported that there will be money coming back to SECOL from the conference.
2. Torbert reported on four changes that were made during his tenure as Treasurer (late 2011-2017). The major change has been to reduce the print circulation of the *Southern Journal of Linguistics* and to send most people PDFs; after a print run, the Journal Editor only has to ask the treasury for about \$1200/issue these days, and when Torbert started that was usually quite a bit over \$3000. Torbert asked that we all applaud Felice Coles for the amazing job she does with the journal. Torbert also noted that in 2013 we voted to end granting new lifetime memberships. Another change during his tenure was that conference organizers understood that they could expect no financial support from SECOL. All six conference organizers during that time (at UK, USC-Upstate, CCU, NCSU, ULL, CoC) have done a fantastic job of running the conference with a balanced budget. Torbert mentioned this to thank the organizers and also to emphasize how important this is for the SECOL budget. Finally, during Torbert's tenure SECOL added a PayPal account in the last few years, to make the intake of dues more convenient for people and to drastically reduce the number of paper checks the Treasurer handles. Torbert will give Reed the PayPal password so he can assume control of the PayPal account and change the password.

F. Southern Journal of Linguistics (Felice Coles)

Editor Coles reported that submissions to the journal are down since we have gone to PDF format for regular members. It was suggested that Coles confer with Reed, Davies, and Viñas de Puig about updated email lists to include on-site registrations. The Executive Committee was informed that the University of Mississippi pays for mailing paper copies of the journal (to libraries, life members, and authors).

G. Awards Committee (Jennifer Cramer)

1. **Reza Ordoubadian Award:** As noted above, Davies sent out reminders to student presenters at SECOL 2016 and their mentors. This resulted in 8 submissions by January 7. Davies will follow the same procedure for the next year. Because there had been no award given last year, the Executive Committee decided to make two awards this year to the top two papers from the compiled rankings of the Executive Committee members: (1) Razia A. Husain of North Carolina State University in collaboration with Taha M. Husain of the University of Kentucky for "Acoustic Measurement of Voiced Implosives: Evidence of Voiced Implosives in a U.S. Dialect," and (2) Alyssia M. Miller of the University of Alabama for "Goal Setting in the Second Language Classroom and Its Implications for Second Language Acquisition." The winners will receive a check for \$100, a year's membership in SECOL, and an invitation to publish the papers in the *Southern Journal of Linguistics*. Davies will look into creating an appropriate certificate that can be sent to the winners, and possibly presented in person at the next ceremony. The awards will be announced at the General Business Meeting.

2. There was no discussion of the Bernstein or Montgomery Awards.

IV. Venues for Future Meetings: (Jennifer Cramer)

A. Venues

2018—Virginia Tech (Katie Carmichael)

2019—Florida Atlantic (Justin White)

2020—University of Mississippi (Felice Coles)

B. Concerns

Following up on concerns about getting things set early to avoid conflicts, the 2018 dates have already been set for April 19-21, 2018 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

V. Upcoming Votes (Jennifer Cramer)

A vote will be conducted during the General Business Meeting on raising dues to \$50 for regular members and libraries.

VI. Other Business

A resolution was formulated to be read at the general business meeting:

Resolution Thanking the Organizers and Sponsors of SECOL 84 in Charleston, South Carolina

Whereas SECOL LXXXIV, at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 8-11, 2017, provided a well-ordered and well-equipped forum for high-quality papers,

Whereas the convention profited from good staffing and support throughout and offered a fine venue for academic exchange and collegial ambience, and

Whereas the organizers have spared no effort in securing said venue during a time of many competing events in Charleston,

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics extend thanks and sincere appreciation to the organizers, sponsors, and staffers of our 2017 annual conference:

- Ricard Viñas de Puig, Liz Martinez Gibson, and Laura Moses (local organizers) and their students Matt Mossberg, Jasmin Graham, Kensley Burriss, Ashton Getchell, McCathern Painter, and Tiy Peterkin of the College of Charleston;

- the School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs, the Department of Linguistics Studies, the Department of Hispanic Studies, the Avery Center, and the Office of Institutional Diversity at the College of Charleston (sponsors).

VII. Adjournment: (Jennifer Cramer)

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Catherine E. Davies, Secretary