



# South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

## **SECOL 83: ‘Linguistic Gumbo: Challenges in Multi-language Contact’**

**Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, New Orleans, LA  
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette (host)**

### **General Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

**4:50 – 5:10, Astor Ballroom**

**Presiding: Jennifer Cramer, President**

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions: Jennifer Cramer, President**

Jennifer Cramer welcomed everyone to New Orleans. She personally thanked Clai Rice and Tamara Lindner and their graduate students Elise LeBlanc and Dylan Charpentier from the TESOL graduate program at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for all of their hard work in hosting the conference.

#### **Resolution Thanking the Organizers and Sponsors of SECOL 83 in New Orleans**

Whereas SECOL LXXXIII, in New Orleans on March 28-30, 2016, 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 New Orleans;

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the South Eastern Conference on Linguistics extend thanks and sincere appreciation to the organizers, sponsors, and staffers of our 2016 annual conference:

- Clai Rice and Tamara Lindner (local organizers), their colleagues Mark Honegger and Wilbur Bennett, and graduate students Elise LeBlanc and Dylan Charpentier from the TESOL graduate program at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette;
- the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Department of English, and the Department of Modern Languages of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, as well as the McIlhenny Company (sponsors).

## **II. Business**

### **A. Reza Ordoubadian Award**

No submissions were received for the 2015 meeting. Student papers worked up from this 2016 meeting may be submitted to consideration for the award, which consists of the following: \$100, a membership in SECOL for a year, and an invitation to publish in the Southern Journal of Linguistics. The deadline is January 7, 2017, to send papers to Catherine Evans Davies, the secretary.

### **B. Officers**

1. Mary Zeigler rotates off the Executive Committee and Becky Childs rotates off the Nominating Committee this year. Incoming nominees Paulina Bounds (Nominating Committee), Ramón Escamilla (Executive Committee) and Paul Reed (Treasurer) will be considered until June 1. If there are no objections, they will assume their duties on June 2.
2. The Webmaster position will in due course be shared between the Treasurer and the Secretary working together. Wilbur Bennett has agreed to stay one more year to supervise the transition until Paul Reed and Catherine Evans Davies take over the webmaster duties.
3. As of the time of the meeting the position of Vice President following Ralf Thiede was open, but since then Phillip M. Carter of Florida International University has agreed to serve as Vice President beginning in 2017.

### **C. Journal**

Felice Coles is looking for manuscripts, book reviews and evaluators. All members are welcome to submit previously unpublished work and to volunteer to read manuscripts. The journal also has open two issues for memorial volumes for Megan Melançon and Becky Moreton. Guest editors are welcome. (Later, Tamara Lindner and Shana Walton expressed interest in those volumes, and Felice promised another issue dedicated to linguistic ownership/copyright.)

### **D. Future Hosts/Venues and Local Organizers for SECOL Meetings**

2017—College of Charleston (Ricard Viñas de Puig)

2018—Virginia Tech (Katie Carmichael)

2019—Florida Atlantic (Justin White)

2020—University of Mississippi (Felice Coles)

### **E. Issues for a Vote (between June 1 and October 1)**

The following issues have been discussed at the meetings of 2014 and 2015 and are ready for membership voting:

1. Accepting no new lifetime memberships
2. Raising annual memberships dues to \$50 for regular members effective 2017 and for libraries effective 2018
3. Recruiting members of the Executive Committee to assume the duties that were previously performed by the Nominating Committee

Members will be notified by June 1, with appropriate explanation, that voting can be done by logging onto the SECOL website and voting there or by sending a ballot (downloadable from the website) to the Secretary (cdavies@ua.edu). The voting will be open until October 1, 2016. If any or all items are accepted by the membership, a revised Constitution will be drafted. Please note that if you are not currently a member and would like to participate in the voting, you can pay your membership dues via the website.

### **F. Other Business**

1. Catherine Evans Davies assumes the position of Secretary now. Sasha Johnson Coleman was thanked for her service.
2. The University of Kentucky will host the LSA Summer Institute in 2017. If members attend as affiliates, then their registration fees pay for student scholarships. Jennifer Cramer and Catherine Evans Davies encouraged everyone to attend.
3. Everyone was welcomed to the closing reception on Wednesday, March 31, with an open bar in the St. Ann Room of the hotel.

### **III. Adjournment: (Jennifer Cramer)**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 by Jennifer Cramer, in advance of the plenary talk, “Who owns ‘Who Dat’?: Linguistic Innovation, Cultural Property Rights, Copyright, and the NFL,” by Shana Walton (Nicholls State).

Respectfully submitted: notes from Coles, final from Davies