



South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

SECOL 83

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

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

11:45 – 1:00, Iberville Room

Presiding: Jennifer Cramer, President

I. Welcome and Introductions: Jennifer Cramer, President

- A. Cramer thanked the local hosts, Clai Rice and Tamara Lindner, for their hard work in getting the meeting to New Orleans.
- B. Those present introduced themselves and identified their administrative positions. In attendance were Jennifer Cramer (President), Allison Burkette (Immediate Past President), Ralf Thiede (Vice-President), Ben Torbert (Treasurer), Catherine Evans Davies (Secretary), Felice Coles (Journal Editor), Wilbur Bennett (Webmaster), Mary Zeigler (Executive Committee Member-at-Large), Clai Rice (Local Organizer for 2016), Ricard Viñas de Puig (Executive Committee Member-at-Large). Absent: Rachael Albritten, Becky Childs, J. Daniel Hasty, Kirk Hazen.

II. Approval of Minutes from 2015: Felice Coles, Journal Editor

- A. The minutes from the 2015 meeting had been circulated by Sasha Johnson-Coleman for amendments. The minutes were approved.

III. Committee Reports: Jennifer Cramer, President

A. Nominating Committee

1. **Executive Committee:** As the elimination of the Nominating Committee itself is up for a vote by the membership this year, the Executive Board need replace only one more member. Assuming that the membership approves the change, then as the other members (J. Daniel Hasty 2017, Kirk Hazen 2018) rotate off they will not be replaced. Paulina Bounds has indicated that she will volunteer for the position (or for the Executive Committee, whichever is needed). Several additional names have been put forth: Ramón Escamilla and Antonio Reyes. Cramer will try to contact them to ask one of them to serve. According to the SECOL Constitution, Executive Committee members must be residents of the southeast region, but some flexibility may be desirable.

2. **Vice President:** Nominees are needed to begin in 2017. Possible candidates: Philip M. Carter (Florida International), Tamara Lindner (University of Louisiana Lafayette). Cramer will investigate.

B. Webmaster (Wilbur Bennett)

1. Bennett prefers to extend his term for one more year so that when the web site changes to WordPress, he can oversee the transition properly. The Webmaster position can then move to the Treasurer (the one who pays for the web site anyway) or the Secretary (who gathers the organizational information), which could be easier. Actually, any member can get writing rights with a code, but the Webmaster is the “super-user” who keeps control. The decision was made to have Bennett work with Torbert and Davies to make sure that the web site functions properly before he rotates off.

2. Several requests were made for additions to the website: a discussion forum, crash space availability for conferences, Facebook page integration.

C. Secretary:

1. Davies will take over as soon as the general business meeting has been concluded and she has been approved. Coles will take minutes until that time.

2. As noted above, the decision was made to have the Secretary and the Treasurer assume co-directorship of the Webmaster position, which would take place after the transition to WordPress.

D. Treasurer (Ben Torbert)

1. Paul Reed (postdoc at South Carolina) has been mentioned for the Treasurer position, to succeed Torbert.

2. The main account holds $\pm \$10,000$ and the PayPal $\pm \$6,800$, with the SJL holding $\pm \$2,000$. Up for a vote by the membership is the raising of dues next year to cover PayPal fees. We had to cover the costs last year because we could not raise dues without a membership vote, but that should be covered with the new \$5 raise for regular members and libraries. Coles mentioned that the library increase will have to take effect for 2018 because EBSCO has already asked and received the pricing for the 2017 year.

3. The treasury still has enough money for the subvention for the LAVIS IV volume.

E. Southern Journal of Linguistics (Felice Coles)

1. Paper copies of the journal are sent to 26 life members and 20 libraries. Regular members receive PDF copies.

2. Torbert and Bennett will design a membership for opting in to the postal mailing of the journal.

F. Awards Committee (Jennifer Cramer)

1. **Reza Ordoubadian Award:** No students put forth papers for the award for 2015. Board members should encourage students in the panels that they attend. Davies will receive next year's submissions.

2. **Bernstein Award:** The award has lapsed, although Cindy Bernstein may be approached again, according to Thiede.

3. **Montgomery Award:** The award has lapsed.

IV. Venues for Future Meetings: (Jennifer Cramer)

A. Venues

2017—College of Charleston (Ricard Viñas de Puig). Perhaps the local hosting committee can map around popular meetings (CCCC, TESOL, Appalachian Association) and holidays? Later in March? Wednesday through Saturday? Viñas de Puig will try to send a proposal to the program committee, with the VP as chair, by the end of the semester.

2018—Virginia Tech (Katie Carmichael)

2019—Florida Atlantic (Justin White)

2020—University of Mississippi (Felice Coles)

B. Concerns

Sasha Johnson-Coleman wrote expressing a concern about hosting a conference during the week, and also about the lateness of announcing the dates. Rice apologized for the late notice and said that in New Orleans, weekends are impossible to schedule and cost a fortune, so we had to take what we could get. Future meeting proposals could be discussed a year beforehand about potential dates, hotel options and conference themes.

V. Upcoming Votes (Jennifer Cramer)

A. Raising dues to \$50 for regular members and libraries

B. Phasing out the Nominating Committee

C. Removing the lifetime member category (changing Article 1 Number 8 to seven categories of membership). The process is to have a proposal by at least 10 members put to the Exec Committee for the ability to vote. The Executive Committee sends out ballots on June 1, to be returned by Oct. 1, and if a two-thirds majority approves, then the constitution may be changed.

VI. Other Business

A resolution was formulated to be read at the general business meeting: “Be it resolved that the membership and administration of SECOL wish to thank Clai Rice and Tamara Lindner and their team of students for hosting the 2016 annual conference in New Orleans.”

Note: I would like to put a more formal resolution of the typical sort (provided by Ralf) into the Business Meeting Minutes for the entire membership to see as follows (with surnames of graduate students added):

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 SouthEastern 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) and their graduate students Elise and Dylan 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)

VII. Adjournment: (Jennifer Cramer)

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

Respectfully submitted: notes from Coles, final from Davies