



South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

SECOL 86
Boca Raton, Florida
Florida Atlantic University (host)
Executive Committee Meeting
May 30, 2019
Presiding: Ralf Thiede, President

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions: Ralf Thiede, President

In attendance were Ralf Thiede (President), Tamara Lindner (incoming Vice President), Paul Reed (Treasurer), Felice Coles (Journal Editor), Jennifer Cramer (Immediate Past President), Justin White (Local Organizer for 2019), Ramón Escamilla (Executive Committee Member-at-Large), Jeff Reaser (Nominating Committee). Absent were: Philip Carter (Vice President), Catherine Evans Davies (Secretary), Alicia Cipria (Executive Committee Member-at-Large), Katie Carmichael (past host), Michael Picone and Irina Shport of the Nominating Committee. Reed made a recording of the meeting so that Davies could do the minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes from 2018: Ralf Thiede, President

The minutes from the 2018 meeting and the agenda for the 2019 meeting had been circulated. The minutes were approved with friendly amendment concerning final editorial changes re clarifications.

III. Committee Reports: Ralf Thiede, President

Treasurer (Paul Reed): SECOL is currently in good fiscal shape at \$17,998.85.

In terms of upcoming expenses: (1) The 2019 conference brought in \$11,500 and there may be funds left over for SECOL. (2) We will pay \$500 to the University of Oregon for a special SECOL session at NWAV. (3) We need to make a downpayment for Ole Miss for the conference [and Felice, you said something about SJL funds but I didn't understand].

Our incorporation as a 502(c)(3) in Florida has expired, so we need to decide on a state for incorporation. A resolution will be proposed in 2020 for this. It was suggested that (1) since with Justin White as incoming Editor we will have a continuing presence in Florida, and (2) given that Paul Reed's sister is an attorney in Florida who will help us pro bono, we should continue with incorporation in Florida. Apparently this will simply involve some paperwork.

Reed noted that for the next LAVIS (in 2025) it will probably not be feasible to give the same amount as last time (\$5,000).

It was noted that dues for regular membership will increase on July 1, 2020 from \$40 to \$50 for the year (as per a decision in 2017). The regular membership will thus match the library membership. No other class of membership will be affected.

Nominating Committee (Ralf Thiede): No report. See discussion below under New Business.

Southern Journal of Linguistics (Felice Coles, Editor): Coles reported that Justin White of Florida Atlantic University will take over as our new editor of the Southern Journal of Linguistics. The transition will involve Coles as editor in fall of 2019, then co-editorship of Coles and White in spring of 2020, and then White as sole editor as of July 1, 2020. The Editor's term is 5 years, renewable if amenable.

Coles will keep back issues of the journal in her library at Ole Miss. Thiede and Reed also both have full sets of back issues.

Thiede said that we need to honor Coles for her service at the 2020 SECOL meeting.

Secretary (Thiede for Davies): Thiede asked White to give us the names of organizers and student workers who helped with the conference so that they could be included appropriately in the official resolution of thanks to be read at the Business Meeting.

Awards Committee (Thiede for Davies): Reza Ordoubadian Award: Davies sent out emails encouraging students who presented at 2018 to submit their papers. There were three submissions, and the paper by Anissa Neal (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), "Trip the freaking light fantastic: Syntactic structure in English verbal idioms" was selected as the winner from rankings submitted by members of the Executive Committee. Reed will see that Neal receives her monetary award. She will also receive a year's membership in SECOL and the paper will be submitted to the Southern Journal of Linguistics.

IV. Venues for Future Meetings: (Ralf Thiede)

The 2020 SECOL will be hosted by Felice Coles at Ole Miss, March 26-28, with John Lipski as the plenary speaker.

White reported that the rolling deadlines and acceptances (to increase opportunities for students to secure funding) worked well. The abstract vetting/program committee (typically organized by the local host) could handle it easily in batches, rather than having to cope with all abstracts arriving at the last second before a final, single deadline. EasyAbstract was a useful tool.

There was some discussion of possibilities for future sites, including Houston Downtown, Lafayette, the University of Tampa, and eventually the University of Alabama.

V. Upcoming Votes (Ralf Thiede): Slate of officers for the 2019 meeting had been posted on the SECOL website.

VI. Other Business

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

Resolution Thanking the Organizers and Sponsors of SECOL 86 at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida

Whereas SECOL LXXXVI, at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL, May 30 – June 01, 2019, provided fabulous accommodations and a well-equipped forum for high-quality presentations; and

Whereas the convention profited from the wonderful organizational skills of Conference Assistant extraordinaire Emily Utz, and volunteers such as Allyson Ramirez at the registration desk;

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics extend thanks and sincere appreciation to local host Justin White, to the Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature at Florida Atlantic University, and to Paul Mandell for agreeing to serve as our keynote speaker.

- B. It was realized that the Executive Committee needed to improvise within the framework of the Constitution to deal with an emergency, namely that our projected incoming president had not been in touch. Thiede graciously agreed to serve for an additional year as president so that Lindner (who graciously agreed to step in early as vice president) would have the necessary experience in that role within the leadership. Jennifer Cramer also graciously agreed to serve another year as past president. Alicia Cipria of the University of Alabama has agreed to become part of the Executive Committee as a Member-at-Large to replace Escamilla. Jeff Reaser has agreed to join the Nominating Committee to replace Bounds. The nominating committee will be asked to recruit a replacement for Justin White on the Executive Committee as he moves to the role of Journal Editor.

VII. Adjournment: (Ralf Thiede): The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at an appropriate time.

Respectfully submitted: Catherine E. Davies, Secretary