



South Eastern Conference On Linguistics

**SECOL 90:
hosted at Oxford, Mississippi
by University of Mississippi
(Felice Coles, local Chair)**

Executive Committee Proposal Motion to Amend Vice-President and Secretary Duties

BACKGROUND. At the SECOL 2022 meeting hosted at LSU, the current Vice President (VP), Felice Coles, suggested revising VP duties, because VP is there to provide support to the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, but the demands for this type of support are often limited. The current Secretary, Irina Shport, suggested revising the duties of Secretary, because Secretary is charged with several major independent tasks along with currently serving as a Co-Webmaster. The Executive Committee proposed to amend the responsibilities of Vice President and Secretary to reflect the current practices and demands in the organization and lessen the number of tasks that Secretary has.

Present at the Executive Committee meeting 2022 when Amendments 1-2 were proposed and passed: Tamara Lindner, Felice Coles, Ralf Thiede, Irina Shport, Paul Reed, Justin White, Alicia Cipria, Rachael Allbritten, Rafael Orozco

Motion for Amendment 1: The VP will serve as an award coordinator for the Reza Ordoubadian Award and form an ad-hoc Award Committee on a yearly basis, when needed.

Motion for Amendment 2: The VP will also serve as a future conference venue coordinator while local conference hosts will serve as conference Program directors in the year of the conference.

Motion for Amendment 3: In the absence of an appointed Web Master, the Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in that capacity.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. If the three Motions are approved at the General Business Meeting of SECOL 2023, then the SECOL Constitution will be amended as follows (**added parts are in bold**).

Article 3, Section 3: The Vice-President shall attend meetings of the Society and the Executive Committee and shall preside at these meetings when the President cannot be present; ~~shall serve as chair of the Program Committee; and~~ shall succeed to the Presidency after serving his/her term;

shall coordinate the Reza Ordoubadian Award and form an ad-hoc Award Committee on a yearly basis, when needed; and shall serve as a future conference venue coordinator while local conference hosts will serve as conference Program directors in the year of the conference. (From Article 3, Section 8) In the absence of an appointed Awards Committee designating the recipients of the Society's awards (such as the Reza Ordoubadian award), the Executive Committee shall serve in that capacity.

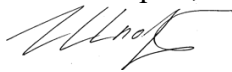
Article 3, Section 4: Secretarial responsibilities include recording the transactions of the Society and the Executive Committee and preparing minutes of these transactions, copies of which are to be made available to each member of the Executive Committee and posted on the Society's website. The Secretary shall coordinate plans for Society meetings, working with the Program Committee to facilitate the reviewing of abstracts and working with both the Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee to help organize the program and the schedule of events; prepare a yearly, written report for the annual Executive Committee meeting and annual business session; ~~produce a periodic newsletter for distribution (electronically for the most part, by the Treasurer, who maintains the database of members' addresses) and for posting on the Society's website;~~ publicize the Society's annual meeting at appropriate electronic and other venues; ~~monitor procedures for the granting of the Society's awards (such as the Reza Ordoubadian award);~~ and perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President and the Executive Committee.

Article 3, Section 8. **In the absence of an appointed Web Master, the Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in that capacity.**

PROCEDURE

(A) Upon a procedural clarification by Past President, Ralf Thiede, Irina Shport collected ten signatures to support the current Executive Committee proposal (see below):

1. Irina Shport, SECOL Executive Secretary, Associate Professor of English, LSU



2. Felice Coles, SECOL Vice-President, Professor of Spanish and Linguistics, University of Mississippi (e-mailed 'yes'support, 2/13/2023)



3. Paul Reed, SECOL Treasurer, Assistant Professor of Communicative Disorders, University of Alabama (e-mailed 'yes'support, 2/13/2023)

4. Ralf Thiede, Professor of Applied Linguistics, UNC Charlotte



5. Jon Forrest, Assistant Professor of Linguistics, University of Georgia Alabama (e-mailed 'yes'support, 2/15/2023)

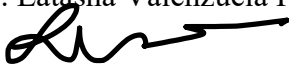
6. Tamara Lindner, Assistant Professor of French Linguistics, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (e-mailed 'yes'support, 2/15/2023)

7. Margaret Piccoli, Assistant Professor – Professional Practice of Education, School of Education, Louisiana State University (e-mailed 'yes'support, 2/27/2023)

8. Rafael Orozco, Professor of Linguistics and Spanish, Louisiana State University



9. Latasha Valenzuela Hernandez, Instructor of Spanish, Louisiana State University



10. Veysel Altunel, PhD Candidate in Curriculum & Instruction: English Education, Louisiana State University (e-mailed 'yes'support, 2/28/2023)

(B) The signed motion proposal shall be disseminated to the general membership via Society's website before SECOL 2023 commences on March 9, 2023.

(C) The amendment proposal shall be voted for at the General Membership Meeting of SECOL 2023, March 10, Friday. During the Meeting, if a motion is made and seconded to submit the proposed amendments (either in the original form that was posted or in an altered form resulting from deliberation prior to our during the business meeting) for general consideration by the Society's membership, and if the motion receives a majority vote of those present, then the proposed amendments shall be duly submitted to the entire membership for ratification.