

THE CANADIAN LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

5:00 p.m. — Saturday, May 29, 2004
Room 408, Tier Building, University of Manitoba

PRESENT:

John Archibald (Calgary; Co-Chair), Yves Roberge (Toronto; Co-Chair), Martha McGinnis (Calgary; Secretary), Gabriela Alboiu (York), Shanley Allen (Boston University), Peter Avery (York), Henrietta Cedergren (UQAM), Elizabeth Cowper (Toronto), Sarah Cummins (Laval), Rose-Marie Déchaine (UBC), Carrie Dyck (Memorial), Jila Ghomeshi (Manitoba), Elaine Gold (Toronto), Magdalena Goledzinowska (Toronto), Helen Goodluck (Ottawa), Eithne Guilfoyle (Dublin City University), Daniel Currie Hall (Toronto), Bridget Jankowski (Toronto), Marie-Odile Junker (Carleton), Alexei Kochetov (SFU), Marina Sherkina Lieber (Toronto), Marguerite MacKenzie (Memorial), Emmanuel Nikiema (Toronto), Olesya Olbishevskaya (Ottawa), David Pentland (Manitoba), Keren Rice (Toronto), Maria Luisa Rivero (Ottawa), Anne Rochette (UQAM), Kevin Russell (Manitoba), Ulyana Savchenko (Ottawa), Danijela Stojanovic (McGill), Christine Tellier (Montréal), Doug Walker (Calgary), Martina Wiltschko (UBC).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jackie Wright (CFHSS), Donald Fisher (CFHSS)

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS (J. Archibald)

The CLA Executive was introduced: John Archibald (President), Yves Roberge (Vice President), Henrietta Cedergren (Past President), Marguerite MacKenzie (Treasurer), Martha McGinnis (Secretary), Rose-Marie Déchaine (CJL Editor), Christine Tellier (Program Committee Chair), Peter Avery (Member-at-Large), Carrie Dyck (Member-at-Large). Glyne Piggott was unable to continue as CLA Vice-President. Thanks to Roberge for stepping in as interim Vice-President until elections could be held (see item 7.4).

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Status of Women Committee was added as item 7.9. It was **MOVED** (Junker) and **SECONDED** (Cowper) to approve the agenda. Motion **PASSED**.

3.0 CANADIAN FEDERATION FOR THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (D. Fisher, J. Wright)

This year, CFHSS brought Presidents of member Associations to Ottawa for consultation about SSHRC's transformation from Granting Council to Knowledge Council. 71 Presidents participated, representing 27,000 researchers. Based on these discussions and submissions, CFHSS produced a 25-page evidence-based public report. SSHRC President Marc Renaud and CFHSS President Doug Owram will be present at a meeting following the CLA conference. The final report will be ready by mid-June. As a result of CFHSS's efforts lobbying ministers, deputy

ministers, and SSHRC, funding has increased by 6.5%, plus \$15 million over 5 years for CURA (Community University Research Alliances). CFHSS also produced a report on meeting the needs of new scholars.

Upcoming Congresses will be held at the University of Western Ontario (2005), York University (2006), the University of Saskatchewan (2007), University of British Columbia (2008), then somewhere in Ottawa (2009) and somewhere in Montreal (2010).

The Women's Issues Network is now called the Women's and Equity Issues Portfolio, dealing with issues of concern to women, Aboriginal people, people of colour, people with disabilities, and people of diverse sexual orientation. Only 18% of Canada Research Chairs are held by women.

McGinnis asked how Congress registration fees are spent. This information is now included in the Congress registration booklet.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED (Junker) and SECONDED (Nikiema) to approve the 2003 minutes. Motion PASSED.

Business arising out of last year's minutes: Pat Balcom and Sandra Clarke completed a report on the Career Paths Questionnaire, which will appear in a forthcoming issue of CJL. Congratulations to Balcom and Clarke for a job well done.

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (J. Archibald)

Thanks: Archibald thanked outgoing Executive members Glyne Piggott (Vice-President) and Peter Avery (Member-at-Large). Also thanked were outgoing committee members Rejean Canac-Marquis (Program Committee), Manuel Etxebarria (Nominating Committee), and Pat Balcom (CLA-CAAL liaison), as well as Jila Ghomeshi (local representative), Yves Roberge (Roundtable), Martina Wiltschko (Aboriginal Languages panel), Pat Balcom (efforts to schedule joint session with CAAL), Yvan Rose (e-mail list), Daniel Currie-Hall (website), Eliane Lebel (translation), Carrie Dyck (Student Paper Competition), Sophie Burelle and Stanca Somasfalaen (CLA Proceedings), Ed Bolt (Academic Convenor), CAAL (president Steve Carey, liaison Hedy McGarrell) for joint session, and Kevin Russell and the local Linguistics Department for holding a lunch reception during the conference.

Conference format: This year's conference is only three days long, with shorter papers. The Dalhousie CLA meeting ran a loss of \$1000, so the Executive decided to cut catering costs by shortening the conference, while maintaining the same number of papers. Papers are now the fairly standard length of 20 minutes (down from 30). Tellier and Archibald welcome any comments on the change.

Joint session with CAAL: Chris Wolfart from University of Manitoba will be presenting on "Terms of Treaty." The location of the talk was confirmed as Room 406, Tier Building.

2005 conference: David Heap has agreed to be the local representative for the 2005 CLA meeting at the University of Western Ontario.

CLA Proceedings: The 2002 and 2003 CLA Proceedings are now available on CD, and can be purchased from Cedergren at the CLA for \$15 each, or a special Congress offer of \$25 for both. The Proceedings can also be ordered on the Internet. Congratulations and thanks to editors Sophie Burelle and Stanca Somasfalaen.

Concordia: Archibald wrote letters of support for the Linguistics Program at Concordia, which is under threat from its university administration. The program remains in limbo.

Conference: A conference in honour of Prof. Jack Chambers (Toronto), entitled Canadian English in the Global Context, will be held in Toronto in January 2005.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee membership (J. Archibald)

Because Glyne Piggott had to resign his position as Vice-President, the Executive had to appoint an interim Vice-President (Roberge). It was **MOVED** (Archibald) and **SECONDED** (Cedergren) that Archibald and Cedergren would extend their terms for a year, while Roberge would act as Vice-President for one year, then serve the usual two-year term as President. Archibald, Cedergren, Roberge, and McGinnis left the room, and the motion was discussed in camera. Motion **PASSED**. Rochette thanked Archibald and Cedergren for accepting the additional year's workload.

6.2 SSHRC Transformation and CFHSS (J. Archibald)

Archibald put together a response to SSHRC transformation for CFHSS, based on feedback from Executive members and Linguistics Department chairs. CFHSS's report included some excerpts from this report. CFHSS is concerned that SSHRC is taking a negative view of disciplinary divisions, and emphasized the usefulness of member associations. Rice offered to pass on any comments or questions to SSHRC.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 Report of the Treasurer (M. MacKenzie)

See attached report. It was **MOVED** (Cowper) and **SECONDED** (Hall) to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion **PASSED**.

Members were reminded to take travel claim forms. The CLA gets \$4860 for travel from SSHRC. Every claimant receives the same percentage of their travel costs, such that the total comes to \$4860.

The costs of Executive travel, translation of minutes, and the CLA conference are rising. Membership fees need to be increased. Executive meeting approved an increase to \$60 regular, \$25 student, and \$75 institutional. It was **MOVED** (Rice) and **SECONDED** (Déchaine) to approve this change. Gold questioned the increase in student fees. Cowper determined that no student had been present at the Executive meeting. It was pointed out that the Congress fee is

high for students (\$60). Rochette proposed an amendment to subject the change to approval by University of Toronto Press (UTP). Motion PASSED as amended (3 abstentions).

7.2 Report of the Secretary (M. McGinnis)

See attached reports regarding subscription numbers and University of Toronto Press (UTP). Discussions with UTP about financial management of CJL are ongoing.

7.3 Report of the Editor of the Canadian Journal of Linguistics (R.-M. Déchaine)

See attached report. The journal is doing well financially. Volume 48 has come out as two double issues and an index. Déchaine, MacKenzie, and McGinnis will investigate whether the new SSHRC grant should be managed by UBC or UTP.

McGinnis queried the low rejection rate in 2003. Rochette responded that this was partly because of high quality articles in the thematic issue, and partly because many articles are still under review or revision.

It was MOVED (Cedergren) and SECONDED (Roberge) to approve the Editor's report.

7.4 Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee (H. Cedergren)

See attached report. The nominations are as follows:

Member-at-Large (2-year position): Alana Johns, University of Toronto (to replace Peter Avery)

Member, Nominating Committee (2-year position): Charles Reiss, Concordia University (to replace Manuel Espanol-Etxebarria)

Member, Program Committee (4-year position): Sarah Cummins, Laval University (to replace Réjean Canac-Marquis).

It was MOVED (Cowper) and SECONDED (Avery) to close nominations. Motion PASSED.

It is unclear how to choose the student Executive member. Some options include putting out a call for nominations, selecting the winner of the CLA Student Paper Competition, or choosing a student from the university where the Congress will be held. Cummins argued in favour of a call for nominations. She noted that choosing the student from the local university is incompatible with two years' service, which is useful for developing skills; and the pool of students may be quite small in some years, for example 2007 (Saskatchewan). Paper Competition winners may be in the final year of their studies. Rice favoured starting with a call for nominations. Rochette objected to a top-down appointment by the Executive Council, suggesting student elections. McGinnis agreed, suggesting that the first student member could develop a democratic selection process. MacKenzie argued in favour of choosing a local student. She noted that Executive travel is reimbursed, but not accommodation or meals. Wiltschko suggested arranging crash space.

7.5 Report of the Chair of the Program Committee (C. Tellier)

See attached report. The shorter paper format seems successful so far. Thanks to Daniel Currie Hall and Jila Ghomeshi for their help. Stojanovic requested that paper titles be included in the acceptance message, to avoid confusion for members submitting two abstracts.

7.6 Report of the Chair of the Student Paper Contest Committee (P. Avery)

See attached report. Thanks to the committee for judging and participating in the final meeting. 35 student papers were considered in 2003. The winner was a paper by Rachel Wojdak (UBC), with Honourable Mentions going to Chiara Frigeni (U of T) and Daniel Currie Hall (U of T). The prize is a free one-year subscription to CJL and the opportunity to submit the winning paper to the journal. The results were announced in a timely fashion, departments were notified, and the website updated. Thanks to former chair Pat Shaw for her assistance.

7.7 Report of the Chair of the Committee on Aboriginal Languages (M. Wiltschko)

This year's panel is entitled "Securing sustainable funding for joint projects between linguists and aboriginal communities." The Subcommittee on Ethics is working with the Tri-Council Ethics Committee to develop a report. It was MOVED (Wiltschko) and SECONDED (MacKenzie) to ratify the statement on Aboriginal Language Rights (see attached). Archibald noted that the Executive had ratified the statement (pending changes made before the AGM). Motion PASSED. Rice encouraged members working on aboriginal languages to apply for CURA funding.

7.8 Report of the CLA-CAAL Liaison (presented by C. Dyck)

See attached report from Pat Balcom. Balcom found it impossible to organize a joint CLA/CAAL session. Archibald and CAAL President Steve Carey organized the talk by Chris Wolfart. Some members of CAAL perceive the CLA as not being very inclusive.

7.9 Report of the Status of Women in Linguistics Committee

No report. The Executive is working on a proposal to modify the CLA Constitution to fold this committee if its mandate has expired.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Goledzinowska attended a Working Papers development session last month, and would like to organize one for linguistics at next year's CLA. Roberge suggested scheduling the session with the Chair of the Program Committee. Goledzinowska also announced that a Working Papers table would be open for business tomorrow.

Goodluck expressed concern about the challenges of a career in linguistics, suggesting a roundtable on career planning for students.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (Walker) and SECONDED (McGinnis) to adjourn. Motion CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Budget Report of the Treasurer, April 1, 2003 – March 31, 2004

	Closing balance March 31, 2003		41,757.63
Revenue			
Apr 03	U of T Press January-March 2003	13,689.00	
May 03	SSHRC Travel grant 2003	4,860.00	
July 03	Fedcan Congress grant S. Poplack 2003	600.00	
July 03	U of T Press April-June 2003	4,305.00	
July 02	U of T Press July-September 2003	1,705.00	
July 03	GST rebate	227.84	
Sept 03	FCSH conference revenue 03	1,230.00	
Mar 03	U of T Press October-December 2003	10,716.00	
	Total revenue	37,332.84	37,332.84
Expenses			
Apr 03	CPIL \$300US + \$84 Cdn fees	-567.07	
May 03	Fedcan membership fee	-2032.00	
May 03	Translation of minutes	-496.60	
July 03	Exec meeting coffee	-27.03	
July 03	Congress 03 - photocopying 17.14 + 49.29 -gst .60	-65.83	
July 03	Travel - executive	-4377.59	
July 03	Travel - members	-4684.07	
July 03	Travel - S. Poplack	-600.00	
Oct 03	Program Committee expenses (copying, etc)	-915.87	
Oct 03	Catering expenses Congress 2003 - 957.16+143.47-44.89gst	-1,055.84	
Oct 03	AV expenses Congress 2003 - 957.16+143.47-44.89gst	-1,012.00	
Oct 03	Transfer to UQAM for Canadian Journal of Linguistics	-20,000.00	
Dec 03	Industry Canada registration fee	-30.00	
Feb 04	Float to UQAM for production of Proceedings	-500.00	
	Total expenses	-36,380.44	-36,380.44
	Closing balance as of March 31, 2004		42,710.03
	Financial activity from April 1, 2004		
Revenue			
May 04	U of T Press January-March 2004	15,125.20	
May 04	SSHRC Travel grant 2004	4,860.00	
Expenses			
Apr 04	Industry Canada registration fee	-30.00	
Apr 04	Program Committee travel (83.03 + 575.45-gst rebate 3.63)	-654.85	
May 04	Translation of minutes	-746.28	
May 04	Fedcan membership fee	-2032.00	
July 04	(to come) Program Committee photocopying, student assistant, etc	-1,000.00	
	Subtotal	15,522.07	

Current CJL Subscriptions by Category and Region

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	Regular	Student	Life	Comp	Institut	Non-mem	Total	2003
AB	9	6	1	0	4	0	20	<i>17</i>
BC	23	26	0	0	3	0	52	<i>43</i>
MB	7	4	0	0	3	0	14	<i>10</i>
NB	6	0	0	0	5	0	11	<i>9</i>
NL	2	1	3	0	1	0	7	<i>6</i>
NS	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	<i>6</i>
ON	57	52	3	5	18	0	135	<i>130</i>
PE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	<i>2</i>
QC	27	17	7	0	12	0	63	<i>70</i>
SK	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	<i>6</i>
YT	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	<i>1</i>
SUBTOTAL	135	108	14	5	51	0	313	<i>300</i>
USA	16	10	0	0	196	0	222	<i>223</i>
OTHER	16	5	1	0	97	0	119	<i>119</i>
TOTAL	167	123	15	5	344	0	654	<i>642</i>
<i>2003</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>642</i>	

Summary

- Most individual members are in Canada: over 1/2 regular, 2/5 student members
- Regionally, about 1/2 are in Ontario, 1/4 in Quebec, 1/5 in BC, 1/5 outside Canada
- Most institutional subscriptions are in US, also many in Other
- No non-member subscribers

Comparison with 2003 levels

- Small overall increases (2.5%-4%) in regular, student, and institutional members
- Small decreases in Nova Scotia, PEI, Saskatchewan; slightly larger decrease in Quebec, as well as in USA (individual: 33>26) and Other (individual: 27>22)
- Increases in Alberta, BC, Manitoba, NB, NL, Ontario, Quebec, USA (institutions: 190>196), and Other (institutions: 92>97)

Thanks to Evelyn Holmberg at University of Toronto Press for the numbers.

— Martha McGinnis, Secretary

Report from the CLA-UTP Liaison

1.0 Project Muse

In July 2003 we agreed to join Project Muse, an electronic aggregator based at Johns Hopkins University. Anne-Marie Corrigan (VP Journals, University of Toronto Press) thought it unlikely that CJL would lose many institutional subscribers as a result. Even if we lost half, the royalty would compensate for that. Muse also has a one-year compensation package for journals that lose a lot of institutional subscribers in the first year.

2.0 French website

The \$500 for a French website for CJL would be an on-going site maintenance fee. Translation would be extra, but we could hire our own translator and send translated material to UTP.

3.0 Back issues of CJL

Before disposing of back issues, UTP sent some issues to the new CJL editor (to create a full set), some to the archivist (to create two full sets), and some thematic issues to the guest editors. Swets Backsets Service buys its own sets from CJL, so no issues were sent there.

4.0 MLA Bibliography

The MLA Bibliography had not indexed CJL issues from 1993-1995. UTP sent them these issues. CJL is now indexed up to Volume 47 (1/2), 2002.

5.0 2005 Fees

UTP's price list goes out to subscription agents in July, so we should decide the 2005 prices. The costs of running the CLA and CJL have increased steadily, while CJL subscription and membership rates have not increased for three and a half years. I propose that we raise them in keeping with the rate of increase since 1992. This would mean increasing rates from \$50 to \$55 regular, from \$18 to \$21 student, and from \$60 to \$68 institutional, a rise of approximately 12%.

6.0 Financial management

UTP is contractually responsible for the finances of the journal (Financial Management). In fact, however, UTP sends all subscription fees to the CLA Treasurer, who then sends some in funds to the CJL editor, who in turn pays some of this back to UTP. Some disadvantages:

- The process is cumbersome, and the budget is difficult to track.
- We're not making use of a UTP service that we're paying for.
- On paper, the journal appears to have no revenue, which makes it difficult for UTP to obtain grants for us (such as small grants to offset postage costs).
- In order to do the financial portion of the SSHRC grant application and report, Anne-Marie Corrigan needs to be personally responsible for ensuring that the SSHRC funds are used appropriately. This means maintaining the revenue and expenses for the journal.

We have been exploring the possibility of having UTP handle the journal's finances. This would mean splitting the membership revenues so that one portion of them goes to the CLA's operating budget, one portion goes to the CJL editor for on-site expenses, and the main revenue and expenses of the journal are handled directly by UTP.

Figure 1: Current revenue flow

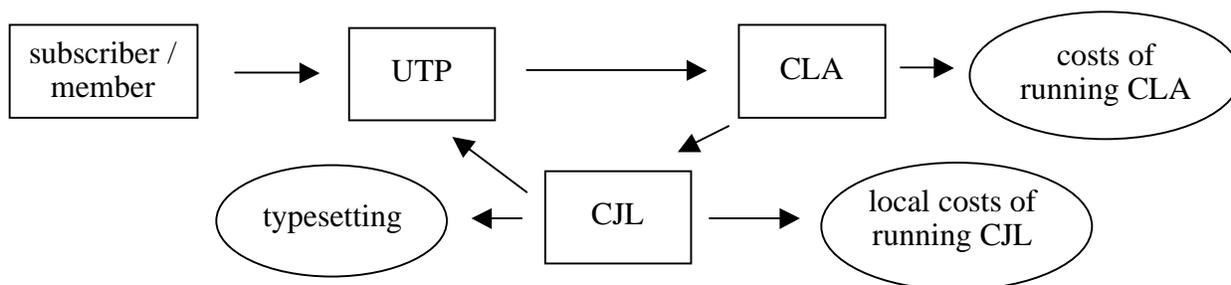
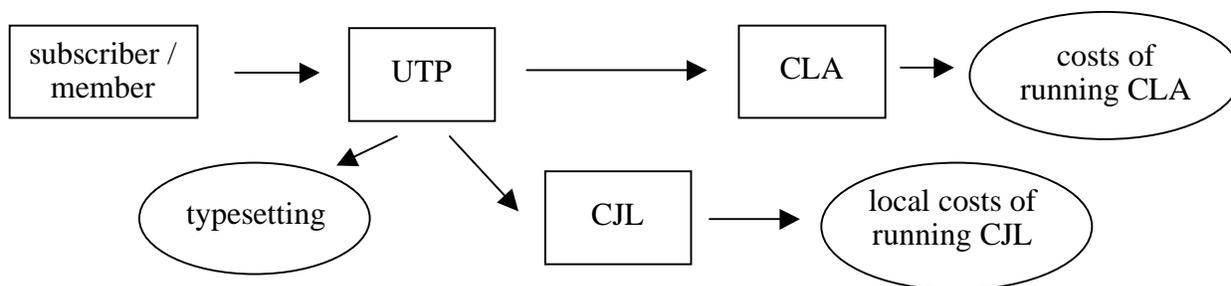


Figure 2: Proposed revenue flow



I have gone through the last couple of budgets and would like to make the following proposals for discussion (see attached spreadsheet):

- We raise the membership/subscription fees (as in section 5.0 above)
- One-quarter of membership fees (about \$7100) goes directly to CLA, plus one-quarter of all US exchange revenues (about \$2800).
- 8% of membership fees (about \$2300) go directly to the CJL Editor for on-site expenses.
- The remainder is collected by UTP directly; UTP pays the typesetter.

This arrangement would make it easier to track expenses. Anne Marie Corrigan has said that she could prepare an annual budget report for the CLA Executive. When production costs outrun the 75% figure, or the Association's costs outrun the 25% figure, we could propose a rate increase. We'd also need a way to divide up one-time revenues, like the payment from Project Muse.

If we accept this proposal, then this year's SSHRC application could indicate that UTP will handle the SSHRC grant.

— Martha McGinnis, Secretary

Canadian Journal of Linguistics

Report to the Annual General Meeting of the CLA
May 29, 2004

1. Publication

Since the last annual meeting, we have published Volume 48, which consists of two double issues. The September-December issue is a thematic issue entitled *Segmental-Prosodic Interaction in Phonological Development: A Comparative Investigation*, guest editors: Heather Goad and Yvan Rose. This special issue comprises ten articles, an introduction, and the index to Volume 48, for a total of 314 pages.

Volume	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Articles	12	8	12	13	8	10	7	6	12
Book reviews	33	41	28	15	56	11	16	25	18
Pages	468	420	504	476	428	372	313	302	452

2. Article submission

In 2003, **14** articles were submitted to the journal. Of these, **11** were accepted, **1** were returned to the authors for revision, and **2** were rejected. In 2004, we have received **XX** new submissions so far.

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Published	10	17	10	10	7	8	4	7	10
Rejected	10	7	14	12	6	15	10	10	2
Under revision									1
To appear									1
Total	20	24	24	22	13	23	14	17	14

3. Financial report

During the last financial year, ending on March 31, 2004, the overall revenue for the journal amounts to \$40,675.79 and the expenses are of \$42,329.07; the loss of \$1,653.28 is largely covered by the past surplus. The journal is doing well financially and should be in a good position for this year's SSHRC grant renewal.

Nominations Committee Report

1.0 Composition of the committee

The members of the Nominations committee were Ileana Paul, Manuel Espanol-Echevarria and the chair, Henrietta Cedergren.

2.0 Tasks

The committee had two tasks to accomplish. The first consisted in find candidates to fill the positions of Member-at-Large, Member, Nominating Committee, and Member, Program Committee. The second consisted in finding an appropriate mechanism to be submitted to the Executive Council for the nomination of the Student Member of the Executive.

3.0 Nominations

The Committee considered a roster of names of possible nominees that had been proposed in previous years, in addition to that of other candidates. The Committee was guided by the necessity of assuring both regional and disciplinary representation in the appropriate committees.

The committee would like to propose the following nominations to the membership:

- Member-at-Large (2-year position): Alana Johns, University of Toronto (to replace Peter Avery)
- Member, Nominating Committee (2-year position): Charles Reiss, Concordia University (to replace Manuel Espanol-Echevarria)
- Member, Program Committee (4-year position): Sarah Cummins, Université Laval (to replace Réjean Canac-Marquis)

4.0 Mechanism for the appointment of the Student Member of the Executive Council

This has proven to be a difficult task. The Chair of the Committee consulted Keren Rice, Past President of the Association, who was responsible for the original proposal. The members of the committee also examined other ideas without being able to agree on a single mechanism for obtaining the candidate list. Two proposals are therefore transmitted to the Executive Council:

- a. Names for the candidate list would come from a call for nominations made to the different departments of Linguistics in Canada. Each proposal would consist of the name and curriculum vitae of the candidate.
- b. Names for the candidate list would be taken from the list of Student Paper Award winners of the previous X number years.

Submitted by,

Henrietta J. Cedergren
Chair, Nominations committee

Report of the Program Committee

1. Abstract Acceptance Rate

85 abstracts were received by the Committee; 10 abstracts were rejected, and 14 talks were withdrawn (= 61 talks). For previous years, the figures were as follows: 2003 (101/18/10 = 73 talks); 2002 (110/16/11 = 83 talks); 2001 (67/9/12 = 49 talks); 2000 (78/12/8 = 58 talks). The distribution and acceptance rate by area are as follows. Acceptance rate for previous years: 2003 (82.1%), 2002 (85.4%); 2001 (86.5%); 2000 (84.6%).

<i>Area</i>	<i>submitted</i>	<i>accepted</i>	<i>acceptance rate (%)</i>
discourse analysis	2	1	50
pragmatics	0	—	
L1/L2 acquisition	8	7	87.5
morphology	3	2	66.6
phonetics	3	2	66.6
phonology	15	14	93.3
historical / variation & change	5	4	80
psycholinguistics	3	3	100
semantics	7	7	100
sign language	2	2	100
sociolinguistics	3	3	100
syntax	34	30	88.2
other	0	0	0
Total	85	75	88.2

2. Call for Papers

The Call for Papers was posted on the CLA website and on Linguist List. Members were alerted by e-mail about the posting.

3. Committee Meeting

The Program Committee met in mid-March in Toronto. Two members of the committee and the chair were present.

4. Electronic submission of abstracts

83 of the 85 abstracts were submitted by e-mail. There were no technical problems.

5. Acknowledgements

The Program Committee wishes to thank Daniel Currie Hall, who posted the Call for Papers, the Conference Program and the updates on the CLA website. Special sessions at the conference were organized by Patricia Balcolm (joint CLA/CAAL plenary session), Martina Wiltschko (Committee on Aboriginal Languages Discussion Panel) and Yves Roberge and John Archibald (Round Table). Particular thanks go to Jila Ghomeshi, who acted as the local representative.

—Réjean Canac-Marquis, Marie-Hélène Côté, David Heap, Sali Tagliamonte, Christine Tellier (Chair).

ACL/CLA Student Paper Competition Committee Annual Report

1.0 Committee Membership

John Archibald, Peter Avery (Chair), Parth Bhatt, Elizabeth Cowper, Jacques Lamarche, Emmanuel Nikiema, Máire Noonan, James Walker, Douglas Wharram.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee for their efforts in judging the student papers and also for participating in the final meeting to decide on the winner of the competition.

2.0 Student Paper Competition 2003

A total of 35 student papers were entered in the competition. Papers came from 11 different institutions (8 Canadian and 3 U. S.): UBC (9), McGill (6), Ottawa (6), U of T (5), Calgary (2), Western (2), UQAM (1), Alberta (1), UMass (1), UCSC (1), Rutgers (1).

The breakdown of the papers by area is as follows: Syntax (11), Phonology (9), Language Acquisition (7), Semantics (5), Sociolinguistics (1), Psycholinguistics (1) and Phonetics (1).

The Committee concluded that the award for best paper should be presented to:

- Rachel Wojdak, University of British Columbia
PF incorporation in Nuu-chah-nulth

Two other papers were deemed worthy of honourable mentions:

- Chiara Frigeni, University of Toronto
Reconsidering lenition/fortition
- Daniel Currie Hall, University of Toronto
Prophylaxis and asymmetry in Yokuts

These results were communicated to the President of the CLA, who subsequently informed the winners and their respective departments.

As Chair of the Committee I would like to express my deep appreciation to all involved in the competition, particularly the students who delivered such interesting papers. Also thanks to Patricia Shaw, the previous Chair, who was an invaluable resource and greatly facilitated the organization of the competition.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Avery, Executive Member-at-Large
Outgoing Chair, Student Paper Competition 2003

Annual Report, CLA Aboriginal Languages Subcommittee

prepared by Martina Wiltschko

1. Composition of the committee

The Aboriginal Languages Subcommittee currently consists of

Martina Wiltschko (wmartina@interchange.ubc.ca); chair; language rights initiative
Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins (ecz@uvic.ca); in charge of the 'Ethics' initiative.
Darin Howe (howed@ucalgary.ca); representative
Susan Blake (blakesj@interchange.ubc.ca); language rights initiative
Marie-Odile Junker (mojunker@ccs.carleton.ca); advisory role
Cory Sheedy University of Calgary (sheedy@telus.net); student representative (advisory role)

Carrie Dyck (cdyck@mun.ca) is still continuing to upgrade and maintain the web site, located at (<http://www.ucs.mun.ca/~cdyck/ab.lang.html/clatocengfr.html>). There is also a new website in place, prepared by Darin Howe, which is available at www.fp.ucalgary.ca/aborlang.

2. Committee Activities in 2003-2004

The committee has faced a major problem (which has been briefly discussed at last year's meeting) with continuity of its members as well as communication among the members. Instead of trying to recruit people for the next term, Carrie Dyck and Martina Wiltschko decided to defer recruitment until after the issue of how to maintain such a committee has been discussed at this year's meeting.

2.1 Organization of the Panel (Martina Wiltschko)

A panel discussion for the 2004 meeting was organized.

Topic: Securing sustainable funding for joint projects between linguists and aboriginal communities

Speakers: Ewa Czaykowska Higgins (SFU)
Rose-Marie Déchaine (UBC)
Marguerite MacKenzie (Memorial)
Marie-Odile Junker (Carleton)

2.2 Subcommittee for the Language Rights Statement (Martina Wiltschko)

At last year's meeting we recommended that the statement should be revised in consultation with First Nations communities and that some legal advice should be sought. It became clear that this task is too much to undertake for the committee alone. We therefore propose that the document as it is be viewed as a statement that outlines a position on language rights that is relevant to professional linguists and be formally approved and ratified by the CLA.

We leave it up to the CLA to decide as to whether they feel the need to produce an additional document of a different kind, namely one which has potential impact on our legal

system and on the communities relations with the governments (land rights) and the legal system (legal rights). For such a document to be produced, it would definitely take time and money that we currently do not have. Such a project would probably require a similar initiative as the one undertaken by the subcommittee on Ethics. This possibility needs to be discussed at this year's meeting.

2.3 Subcommittee on Ethics (Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins)

The request for funding to the Tri-Council to assist the CLA in preparing a Code of Ethics which was submitted last year was denied. However, the Tri-Council Subcommittee on Ethics is currently working on a report which should aid the CLA in its own work. Ewa Czaykowska submitted a copy of the talk that she gave at the CLA conference in May 2002 on 'The Ethics of Fieldwork and Archiving in Linguistics' to the Tri-Council Subcommittee to aid it in its work on the report.

3. Attachments

- i) minutes of the 2003 business meeting of the Aboriginal Languages Subcommittee
- ii) Language Rights statement

Minutes of the 2003 Aboriginal Languages Subcommittee meeting

1. The committee meeting was held at lunchtime on June 2, 2003. Present were Julie Brittain, Paul Hopkins, Eun-Sook Kim, Kaoru Koyosawa, Marguerite MacKenzie, Charlotte Reinholtz, Patricia Shaw, Alona Soschen, Douglas Wharram, Martina Wiltschko.
2. We reviewed the minutes and activities of 2002-3, and discussed activities for 2003-4.
3. We reviewed and discussed in detail a draft of the CLA Statement on Language Rights, which was originally drafted by André Bourcier and Carrie Dyck, and revised by Susan Blake and Martina Wiltschko. The committee had felt that the document needs more input from communities directly, and that careful attention should be paid to the diversity of communities across Canada.
4. The issue of continuity in the members of the committee was raised.

CLA Statement on Aboriginal Language Rights, May 2004

The Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA), which was founded in 1955, has as its aim the promotion of the study of languages and linguistics in Canada. The CLA's membership of over 300 people from institutions across Canada includes many of the leading experts on Aboriginal/First Nations languages in Canada. In this statement, the CLA addresses some of the issues surrounding Aboriginal/First Nations languages of Canada, and advocates for the protection, maintenance, and revival of Aboriginal/First Nations languages.

Aboriginal/First Nations peoples and their native languages predate the formation of Canada, and therefore all Canadians have a responsibility to actively support Aboriginal/First Nations peoples' efforts in the maintenance and revitalization of their ancestral languages. In addition these languages, most of which are not spoken anywhere else in the world, are great intellectual and spiritual treasures of humanity.

In the words of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) 1992:

“The Aboriginal Languages were given by the Creator as an integral part of life. Embodied in Aboriginal languages is our unique relationship to the Creator, our attitudes, beliefs, values, and the fundamental notion of what is truth. Aboriginal language is an asset to one's own education, formal and informal. Aboriginal language contributes to greater pride in the history and culture of the community; greater involvement and interest of parents in the education of their children, and greater respect for Elders. Language is the principal means by which culture is accumulated, shared and transmitted from generation to generation. The key to identity and retention of culture is one's ancestral language.”

Many past and present members of the CLA have devoted their professional lives to record and document Aboriginal/First Nations languages in consultation with Aboriginal/First Nations communities. This type of research has contributed significantly to i) the development of pedagogical materials for Aboriginal/First Nations communities as well as to ii) our understanding of human language.

Most, if not all, Aboriginal/First Nations languages are currently critically endangered. This is a direct result of deliberate government policy in the previous centuries. These policies were partly based on the uninformed biases of the day, which advocated that these languages were “inferior and lacking expressive power' compared to the dominant European languages. Linguists have shown that Aboriginal/First Nations languages are equally developed systems of communication with equally rich structures and expressive power. Therefore, linguists have a special obligation to speak out against such uninformed biases, which are unfortunately still cited in the mainstream media.

The CLA strongly recommends that the government and the people of Canada support Aboriginal/First Nations peoples' language rights.

The CLA urges that at a minimum, Aboriginal/First Nations peoples should be guaranteed the following:

- A. The means to maintain or revitalize their Aboriginal/First Nations languages and, should they so desire, to pass them on to their children (for example by making Aboriginal/First Nations languages part of the core school curriculum).
- B. That legislation be enacted to recognize and protect Aboriginal/First Nations languages, not as artefacts of a distant past but as essential parts of contemporary vibrant cultures.
- C. That stable, long-term funding be provided to all Aboriginal/First Nations peoples to maintain or revitalize their native languages (much like the Nunavut-Canada agreements, the North West Territories-Canada agreements and Yukon-Canada agreements on Native languages).

Report from the CLA-CAAL liaison officer

1.0 Joint Session CLA-CAAL

Despite a great deal of effort, Hedy McGarrell and I were unable to organize a joint session of the CAAL and the CLA. We had envisioned a round-table discussion on language and identity with a total of five speakers who would address the question from the vantage point of the linguistic group which was their area of expertise. Unfortunately, as of March 15 we had been able to obtain only three affirmative responses from speakers. We felt that in order to provide a representative sample of languages we needed more than three speakers. Program deadlines meant that we had to make the difficult decision to cancel the session. John Archibald had a possible alternative in mind, which I hope will be a success.

2.0 Mandate of liaison officer

As I reported last year, my mandate ends in 2004.

3.0 Perceived inclusivity of the CLA

Sandra Clarke and I recently submitted to the *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* a paper presenting the results of a survey conducted by the CLA in 1996-1997, the “Academic Career Paths in Linguistics Questionnaire”. You may recall that the survey consisted of questions on personal background, department, field of specialization, financial support, working life, mentoring/personal support and fieldwork, along with a set of concluding questions. In most cases respondents were asked to select from several options provided, via either a yes-no or multiple choice format. At the end of each section, further comments on the topics being investigated were invited, by asking respondents to elaborate if they so desired.

There are a number of responses to the question about respondents’ perceptions of the inclusivity of the CLA. I discussed the issue with Sandra, and she agreed that it would be appropriate “secondary use” of the data to submit them in their entirety to the CLA Executive. I asked Rose-Marie Déchaîne if she was agreeable to this, and received an affirmative answer. A summary of the quantitative results and several representative quotes will appear in the article in the *CJL*, but the comments below are presented as transcribed by student assistants at Memorial University of Newfoundland. F and M represent female and male, T stands for tenured, C for contractual

Qu 22 Is the CLA sufficiently inclusive of the range of specializations within linguistics?

- Psycholinguistics is under-represented at CLA conferences – people don’t submit because of a perception that it’s not welcome! (MT)
- The CLA is composed of its members. Anyone is free to join. (FT)
- The unfortunate present situation is that many Canadian linguists and language-related specialists outside syntax and phonology do not feel they are welcome in the CLA. A strange situation indeed for an association which recognizes the need to make linguistics more “accessible”. (FT)
- I think the association intends to be all-inclusive and sees itself as such, but is perceived by others as less interested in certain areas – e.g. pedagogy. (MT)

- It seems that the CLA has encouraged (un)officially participation from a broad range of professional interests. (FC)
- I do think there is too much emphasis on syntactic theory in linguistics in general and in CJL in particular. I don't think that this makes it more "prestigious," just kind of overbearing. (FPh.D.)
- It seems that most papers presented at CLA meetings tend to be theoretically-oriented, syntax and phonology, etc. (MC)
- The feeling that certain (usually US) phonologists and syntacticians are above criticism except by their own followers. (FT)
- But somehow generative syntax is allowed to dominate (possibly because people like me— corpus-based linguists – don't bother to submit papers in other disciplines)
- Yes, in theory; in practice, formal linguistics dominates to the (near) exclusion of much else. (MPh.D.)
- Papers at the CLA are almost all from a Principles and parameters perspective on syntax, morphology, phonology and acquisition. There are few papers from other perspectives or in other subfields. (FPh.D)
- Over-representation of syntax, at least in CLA conference papers (and even if this is one of my areas of specialization) (FPh.D.)
- Dans la majorité des universités en France et dans beaucoup de départements de français au Canada la syntaxe (grammaire générative) est mal vue. D'autre part, dans les ghettos générativistes, tout le reste est mal pris. (FT)
- En général, moins d'intérêt pour les aspects pratiques ou appliqués. (MF)
- Les domaines empiriques sont moins bien représentés que les domaines théoriques. Il y a trop une vision canadienne de la linguistique plutôt qu' internationale (par exemple, travailler sur les langues d'X paraît un peu superflu) (MT)

Clearly some of these comments would have a bearing on the relationship between the CLA and the CAAL.

Respectfully submitted,

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