

THE CANADIAN LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Saturday, May 26, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Arts 1C16, Wilfred Laurier University

1.0 Introductions (F. Martineau)

The CLA executive was introduced: Ruth King (Outgoing President), France Martineau (President), Leslie Saxon (Vice President), Ileana Paul (Secretary), Gerard Van Herk (Program Committee Chair), Jeffrey Steele (Member-at-Large), Sarah Cummins (CJL Editor), Éric Mathieu (CFHSS Representative and CJL Co-Editor). Carrie Dyck (Treasurer) and Paula Caxaj (Student Member) could not attend.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED (Steele) and SECONDED (Gold) to approve the minutes. Motion PASSED.

3.0 Approval of 2011 Minutes

It was MOVED (Poiré) and SECONDED (Steele) to approve the minutes of the 2011 meeting. Motion PASSED.

4.0 President's Remarks (F. Martineau)

Martineau announced certain projects for the coming year. First, the website will be redesigned. Martineau, Steele, Hall and a group of students will collaborate on this project. One of the goals is to increase our visibility. We will hold a contest to create a new logo. Second, we will develop the role of representatives. For example, the representatives will encourage people to attend the CLA annual meeting and to submit to the journal.

Martineau also discussed two related initiatives, the Canadian Language Museum and the Corpus Preservation Committee. She noted that the CLA sent a letter to the federal government to protest the termination of the National Archival Development Program.

Martineau touched on the on-going problem of the low francophone participation at the CLA. It was suggested that we have thematic sessions that would be more appealing to francophone participants. She also mentioned the plan to highlight the host university's strengths at future CLA meetings.

Martineau concluded by thanking Daniel Currie Hall for his work on the website and Yvan Rose for maintaining the listserv.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Treasurer's report (S. Cummins for C. Dyck)

See attached report.

Cowper asked about the SSHRC grant to the Journal – this is found in the Editor's report.

It was MOVED (Gold) and SECONDED (Hall) to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion PASSED.

5.2 Report of the Secretary (I. Paul)

See attached report.

Cowper asked if it is possible to dissociate the membership from subscription. Gold suggested that we need to promote what you get from membership other than journal. The question arose if it is possible to opt out of receiving the paper copy of the journal, perhaps with simply an online subscription. Kucerova noted that many linguists join the Linguistic Society of America to access the website and to submit an abstract to the conference, not to get the journal.

5.3 Report of the Editors of the Canadian Journal of Linguistics (S. Cummins and E. Mathieu)

See attached reports.

Hall asked why we are budgeting for a smaller transfer. Cummins explained that we would prefer for the Association to hold any balances we might have.

Clarke wondered what would happen if we didn't print the journal, if there were simply an online version. Cummins noted that production costs would go down, but the SSHRC grant would also go down.

Steele noted that institutional subscriptions might disappear, given that many institutions already have a MUSE subscription.

Again, the question was raised of letting people opt out of getting a paper copy. Cummins agreed to investigate, though suggested it might be too complicated for UTPress to manage.

Cowper asked for an update on the situation with UTPress.

Mathieu reported on the meeting with UTPress that took place in February 2012. Sarah Cummins, Éric Mathieu, and Ileana Paul met with Anne Marie Corrigan to discuss problems the Association has had with the management and promotion offered by UTPress. We are taking a proactive approach to promotion, developing flyers, sending out free copies to conferences, etc. Mathieu also pointed out that the new editorial model is working well.

Kucerova suggested that we highlight a keynote speaker at the annual meeting and invite our deans to attend. Mathieu repeated the suggestion of having thematic sessions and tutorials and workshops.

Catherine Anderson and Dennis Ryan Storoshenko had to renew by phone. It was suggested that we state on the website that if people are having problems subscribing that they contact the Secretary directly.

It was MOVED (Poiré) and SECONDED (Koskinen) to approve the Editors' report. Motion PASSED.

5.4 Report of the Nominating Committee (R. King)

Thanked outgoing committee members

Carrie Dyck, Treasurer

Jeffrey Steele, Member-at-large

Gerard van Herk, Chair of the Programme Committee

Laura Sabourin, Member of the Programme Committee

James Walker, Member of the Programme Committee

Gunnar Hansson, Member of the Nominations Committee

See attached report.

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

5.5 Report of the Program Committee (G. Van Herk)

See attached report.

5.6 Report on the Student competition (J. Steele and F. Poiré)

See attached report.

Libben asked if the CLA would reconsider the restriction on the student paper contest, whereby the supervisor cannot be a co-author. This is standard practice in certain fields of linguistics. This issue has been raised in the past and the CLA executive committee agreed to consider it once again.

5.7 Report on the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (E. Mathieu)

See attached report.

5.8 Report on the Canadian Language Museum (E. Gold)

Elaine Gold presented the Museum and asked for donations and volunteers. Martineau proposed bringing together the Canadian Language Museum Committee and the Français d'Amérique du nord committee.

7.0 Adoption of the *Guidelines for the Use of Language Analysis in Relation to Questions of National Origin in Refugee Cases*

Van Herk discussed the proposed motion to adopt these guidelines, that have been approved by various international associations. After some discussion it was agreed to have the entire membership vote on the issue.

8.0 Adjournment

It was MOVED (Cummins) and SECONDED (Gold) to adjourn. Motion CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Report of the Treasurer of the CLA
April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012

Report of the Treasurer of the CLA			
April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012			
OPENING BALANCE as of March 31, 2011			\$ 28,186.61
REVENUES			
05/27/2011	U of Toronto Press	\$ 12,886.07	
05/04/2011	2011 SSHRC travel grant to the CLA	\$ 4,860.00	
11/04/2011	Congress 2011 revenue	\$ 23.82	
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 17,769.89	\$ 17,769.89
EXPENSES			
06i/29/2011	Université Laval (CJL)	\$ (12,500.00)	
11/15/2011	CIPL fees	\$ (155.07)	
12/07/2011	FedCan membership fees 2011-12	\$ (2,003.74)	
07/12/2011	Congress 2011 expense - costs reimbursed to Cichocki	\$ (57.06)	
05/11/2011	Congress 2011 expenses - translation of minutes	\$ (721.35)	
11/15/2011	Bank service charge (CIPL)	\$ (35.00)	
07/31/2011	Congress 2011 expense - Travel for Program Committee Chair (van Herk)	\$ (655.45)	
07/28/2011	Congress 2011 expense - Exec travel	\$ (669.85)	
07/28/2011	Congress 2011 expense - travel, non-student	\$ (43.36)	
09/06/2011	Congress 2011 expense - travel, student	\$ (4,514.27)	
07/28/2011	Congress 2011 expense - costs reimbursed to King	\$ (219.15)	
07/28/2011	Congress 2011 expense - costs reimbursed to King	\$ (227.86)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (21,802.16)	\$ (21,802.16)
OPENING BALANCE PLUS REVENUE MINUS EXPENSES			\$ 24,154.34
CLOSING BALANCE for 2012			\$ 24,154.34

Membership/Subscription Report
Current CJL Subscriptions by Category and Region (May 17, 2012)

	Regula r	Studen t	Lif e	Famil y	Com p	Ins t	Exc h	Ab s	Tota l	201 1	201 0	200 9	200 8
AB	5	3	1	0	0	4	0	1	14	15	21	32	33
BC	16	9	1	0	0	6	0	0	32	24	30	63	79
MB	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	8	11	11	12
NB	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	6	5	10	10
NL	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	6	10	11
NS	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	4	3	6	5
ON	36	41	3	1	4	12	0	0	97	89	102	139	137
PE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
QC	7	13	4	0	0	10	0	0	34	37	50	67	62
SK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	4	4
NWT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
YT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
SUBTT L	78	70	12	1	4	41	0	1	208	207	234	342	353
USA	9	3	0	0	0	88	1	1	102	101	109	156	145
OTHER	4	1	1	0	2	53	0	2	63	73	82	106	96
TOTAL	91	74	13	1	6	182	1	4	378				
2011	96	72	12	1	6	188	1	4		381			
2010	123	98	12	1	6	179	1	5			425		
2009	154	178	13	1	5	245	3	5				604	
2008	161	180	14		7	228		4					594

Summary

- Most institutional subscriptions are in US
- Canadian subscriptions are about 53% regular members, 47% student members (this is similar to past years)
- Regionally, about 46% in Ontario, 16% in Quebec, 15% in BC, 7% in Alberta
- Membership remains constant – we have yet to return to 2008/2009 levels
- “Comp” = complimentary copies, “Exch” = exchange, “Abs” = abstracting

Comparison with 2011 levels

- It is unclear why numbers have remained low this year – the “Waterloo effect”?

Thanks to Tom Pettitt at University of Toronto Press for the numbers

Submitted by Ileana Paul, Secretary

Report on the 2012 Constitutional Ballot [Partie à ne pas traduire]

There were four propositions (given below), but propositions 3 and 4 were housekeeping amendments and members did not vote on these:

Proposition 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution be amended as follows, where revised items are *italicized*.

7. COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - The Executive Council shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Editor *and Co-Editor* of the journal of the Association, the Chairperson of the Program Committee, two Members-at-large, the Representative to the CFHSS, and a student member.

Rationale: Given the important role of the Co-Editor, the Executive Council proposes to include the Co-Editor as a member of the Executive Council.

Proposition 2. That Article 7 of the Constitution be amended as follows, where deleted terms are struck out.

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Rationale: Given the absence of useful information coming from the CFHSS and a desire to reduce expenditures, the Executive Council proposes to remove the Representative to the CFHSS as a member of the Executive Council.

Proposition 3. That Article 8 of the Constitution be amended as follows, where deleted terms are struck out and revised items are *italicized*.

8. TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

b. The Treasurer *and* the Secretary and the Representative to the CFHSS shall be elected to serve for five years, and may serve more than one consecutive term in their respective positions.

Rationale: This is a housekeeping amendment which will be invoked if Proposition 2 passes. It does not need to be voted on.

Proposed Amendment to the By-laws

Proposition 4. That Bylaw 9 be added.

9. TERM OF OFFICE FOR CFHSS REPRESENTATIVE

The representative to the CFHSS shall be appointed by the Executive for a term of five years and may serve a second consecutive term.

Rationale: This is a housekeeping amendment which will be invoked if Proposition 2 passes. It does not need to be voted on.

The vote took place via SurveyMonkey: members in good standing (according to the UTPress data) were sent an email message with a link to the online survey. The ballot was sent out on February 13, 2012, with votes due on March 13, 2012.

52 votes were received from CLA members in good standing.

Proposition 1: accepted 52:0

Proposition 2: ACCEPTED 52:0

The results of the votes were announced over the ACL-CLA list on March 22.

—Submitted by Ileana Paul, CLA Secretary

Report of the Editors of the *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*

Summary

The journal is on a stable financial footing, and is working with the publisher, University of Toronto Press, to improve operations. There has been renewal on Editorial Board, and a new Squibs Editor, Réjean Canac-Marquis, will come on board soon. Funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council is assured for three years. To mark the 60th anniversary of the journal in 2015, we plan to have all of our back issues available on MUSE, to honour the proud tradition and the continuing vitality of linguistics in Canada.

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 Statement of revenue and expenses / État des résultats
 Fiscal year ending March 31, 2012 / Exercice clos le 31 mars 2012

Expenditures / Dépenses

CJL salary and benefits/ Rémunération RCL

-Assistant 13 360.20

CPC Typesetting / Composition

-56: 1 2936.37

-56: 2 3249.92

-56: 3 3175.64

Subtotal typesetting / Total partiel - composition 9 361.93

UTP Printing / Impression

-56: 1 2484.88

-56: 2 2483.16

-56: 3 2570.12

Subtotal printing / Total partiel - impression 7 538.16

UTP Mailing / Envois

-56: 1 1 523.29

-56: 2 1 417.30

-56: 3 1 250.32

Subtotal mailings / Total partiel - envois 4 190.91

UTP Management / Gestion

-UTP Circulation management / Gestion abonnements 5 942.95

-UTP Journal management / Gestion revue 6 300.00

-UTP Promotion 1 162.50

Subtotal UTP Management / Total partiel – gestion UTP 13 405.45

Varia / Divers

-GST / TSP 2 367.38

-Travel 1179.79

-Copying / Reprographie 100.00

-Telephone / Téléphone 93.60

-Internet 45.60

Operations Book Reviews Editor / Opérations Rédacteur
 comptes rendus

900.00

Subtotal varia / Total partiel - divers 4 686.37

Total expenses / Total - dépenses

52 543.02

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revenue / revenu

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-annual transfer / transfert annuel		12 500.00
-SSHRC grant / Subvention du CRSH		20 550.00
Contribution DLLT (ULaval)		
-Copying / Reprographie		100.00
-Telephone / Téléphone		93.60
-Internet		45.60
Subtotal external revenue / Total partiel - revenu externe		33 289.20
Exchange \$US subscriptions / Change abonnements \$US		
-56:1	42.33	
-56:2	-116.70	
-56:3	261.22	
Subtotal subscription revenue / Total partiel - revenu d'abonnements		186.85
Single copies / Exemplaires à l'unité		
-56:1	71.50	
-56:2	162.14	
-56:3	15.00	
Subtotal single issue revenue / Total partiel – revenu exemplaires		248.64
Royalties / Redevances		25 269.94
Subtotal CJL revenue / Total partiel – revenu RCL		25 705.43
Total revenue / Total revenu		58 994.63
Previous balance / Solde reporté		5 725.94
Expenses / Dépenses		-52 543.02
Balance / Solde		12 177.55

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2012-2013 Budget forecast / Pr evision budg etaire 2012 - 2013

Revenue / Revenu

CLA transfer / transfert ACL		8 000.00
SSHRC grant / Subvention CRSH		23 400.00
CJL revenue / Revenu RCL		
- Single copies / Exemplaires � l'unit�	150.00	
- Royalties / Redevances	24 000.00	
Subtotal CJL revenue / Total partiel – Revenu RCL		24 150.00
Previous balance / Solde report�		12 177.55
Total revenue / Total - revenu		67 727.55

Expenses / d epenses

CJL Salaries / R�mun�ration RCL		15 000.00
CPC Typesetting / Composition		
- Volume 57	10 000.00	
- Volumes 34-46 MUSE	5 000.00	
Subtotal typesetting / Total partiel - Composition		15 000.00
UTP Expenses / D�penses UTP		
- UTP Printing / Impression	8 500.00	
- UTP Mailing / Envois	4 650.00	
- UTP Circulation management / Gestion abonnements	6 000.00	
- UTP Journal management / Gestion revue	7 000.00	
- UTP Promotion	2 500.00	
- GST / TPS	3 200.00	
Subtotal / Total partiel UTP		31 850.00
Operations-Reviews / Op�rations comptes-rendus		1 550.00
Other expenses / Autres d�penses		1 000.00
Total – expenditures / Total - d�penses		64 400.00
Balance / Solde		3 327.55

**Rapport du comité de candidatures
Nominating Committee Report**

Membres du comité / Committee Members:

Ruth King (Chair)
Gunnar Hannsen
Elizabeth Ritter

Remerciements aux membres sortants /Thanks to Outgoing Members

Carrie Dyck, Trésorière/Treasurer
Éric Mathieu, Représentant à la FCSH/CFHSS Representative
Jeffrey Steele, Membre associé/Member - at-large
Gerard van Herk, Président du comité de programme/Chair of the Programme Committee
Tania Zamuner, Membre du comité de programme/Member of the Programme Committee
James Walker, Membre du comité de programme/Member of the Programme Committee
Gunnar Hansson, Membre du comité de candidatures/Member of the Nominations Committee

Candidatures/Nominations

Trésorière/Treasurer (2012-17)

Laura Colantoni (University of Toronto)

Membre associée/Member - at-large (2012-14)

Patricia Balcom (Université de Moncton)

Président du comité de programme/Chair of the Programme Committee (2012-15)

Hotze Rullman (UBC)

Membres du comité de programme/Members of the Programme Committee (2012-16)

Anne-Michelle Tessier (University of Alberta)

Alexandra D'Arcy (University of Victoria)

Membre du comité de candidatures/Member of the Nominations Committee (2012-14)

Mireille Tremblay (Université de Montréal)

Programme Committee Report

Gerard Van Herk, chair

Papers by sub-discipline

subdiscipline	submitted	rejected	accepted	withdrew	paper	poster	% accepted
acquisition	14	0	14	0	13	1	100
historical	2	0	2	0	2	0	100
morphology	4	0	4	0	2	2	100
phonetics	7	1	6	1	3	2	86
phonology	7	2	5	0	5	0	71
psycho	6	1	5	0	4	1	83
semantics	9	0	9	0	9	0	100
socio/change	12	0	12	0	9	3	100
syntax	31	0	31	1	27	3	100
other	12	5	7	1	2	4	58
	104	9	95	3	76	16	91.3

Over the years

year	locale	submitted	accepted	% accepted
2012	Laurier/Waterlo	104	95	91
2011	UNB	85	77	91
2010	Concordia	125	115	92
2009	Carleton	not available		
2008	UBC	174	157	90
2007	Saskatchewan	101	90	89
2006	York	116	102	88
2005	UWO	111	96	87
2004	Manitoba	85	75	88
2003	Dalhousie	101	83	82
2002	Toronto	110	94	85
2001	Laval	67	58	87

Summary

- Submissions up over last year
 - Although not as much as we might expect
- Again, few phonology papers
- Similar acceptance rates and patterning to past years
 - “other” (applied, lexicography, pragmatics, translation) do badly

Pre-screening

- Potential “spam” abstracts submitters
 - Never heard of, no connection to CLA
- We wrote and reminded them they had to belong to the CLA to submit
 - Never heard from them again
- ...so really, oranges-to-oranges acceptance rate is down slightly this year

Reviewer overload

- A problem in past years
- Again this year, each committee member concentrated on their own field (and nearby fields)
- Reduced workload about 50%

My term is done

- I wrote a “how-to” for the new chair

Thanks

- Committee members
 - Luc Baronian
 - Betsy Ritter
 - James Walker (final year)
 - and emergency new member Tania Zamuner!
- Daniel Currie Hall, webmaster
- Yvan Rose, emailer

Submitted by Gerard Van Herk, Programme Committee Chair

Rapport de Éric Mathieu, représentant de l'Association Canadienne de Linguistique auprès de la FedCan

- CFHSS is pleased to note the commitment to research excellence and innovation in this year's federal budget. The Economic Action Plan proposes new investments to promote research partnerships between industry and the academy, including \$7 million per year in funding for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Question : Are the investments really that great ? It seems to me that there is less and less money for fields such as linguistics. What are the consequences of the new SSHRC reviewing process ?

- Equity movement : promotion of the full and equal participation of women, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, LGBTQI2-S persons and persons with disabilities. As a result of the increased emphasis on the internationalization of students and faculty in recent years, we now see a greater diversity within the academy in every campus across the country.

Comment : wishful thinking ? Many Canadian universities do not even have policies for LGBTQI2-S hirings.

- In the humanities and social sciences especially, the nature of academic work can entail scholarly and creative contributions as well as interaction with and dissemination to various audiences. Few tenure reviews in universities and grant adjudication committees of research funders formally recognize this type of scholarly contribution, yet faculty are expected to communicate to diverse audiences. How is this work to be evaluated? How should this work be recognized in the peer review process? This is an area of particular challenge to the SSH community.

Comment : see also issues with publishers and reviewing lately.