

Meeting Minutes Language & Social Interaction Business Meeting 2010, November 15

San Francisco

The meeting was opened by Jeff Robinson, LSI Chair. He welcomed 51 attendees to the business meeting and announced that the minutes of the 2009 meeting will arrive soon. The meeting is called to order at 3:30 pm.

1. Approval of the 2009 minutes will be delayed in order to make available hard copies of the minutes.
2. Jeff Robinson calls for approval of the agenda. Motion is approved unanimously.
3. Report on the Legislative Council, from Trudy Milburn, LSI Vice-Chair.

This is a report from the NCA Legislative Assembly. They are changing how they account for divisions in NCA. They are considering to moving to have people identify primarily with a first unit, and then to identify with other units as secondary. A task force will continue to look at this. This would help them better allocate resources. They might change the convention to tracks but that is not clear; if members have suggestions or questions they would welcome them. Also, there are fees associated with NCA work printed in anthologies but decisions in this regard were perceived as arbitrary. A motion was passed on keeping fees low with Taylor and Francis. There was a resolution to stop the scholarship fund for students of color to attend NCA, and this resolution was defeated. On the table there is a resolution to support high school speech. Jeff: The only contentious issue with identifying a primary division is that slots for the conference might also be included. This could influence slots. This is something to keep on our radar as a division.

2. Award Presentations

- A. Outstanding Publication Award for LSI Scholarship Within 5 Years, Presented by Immediate Past-Chair, Kathleen Haspel

Recipient: Wayne Beach for (2009) *A natural history of family cancer: Interactional resolutions to medical problems*. Hampton Press

- B. Top paper awards, Presented by Vice Chair, Trudy Milburn

Top Paper Award Recipient: Seung-Hee Lee

The other two top papers were authored by David Borormicza-Habashi and co-authors, Francois Cooren and co-authors.

Top student paper Award Recipient: Jessica Robles.

C. Outstanding Dissertation Award, Presented by Vice Chair Elect, Todd Sandel

Recipient: Leah Spain, advised by Gerry Philipsen

A list of the awards and criteria is available on the LSI website:

<http://nca-lsi.org/home/Info/Awards.html>

Further information about past recipients can be found here:

<http://nca-lsi.org/home/Info/AwardsArchive/AwardsArchive.html>

5. Report from LSI Vice-Chair and Program Planner, Trudy Milburn, NCA 2010

	Submissions	Accepted	Percentage
Panels	20	13	65%
Papers	64	25	39%

A report from Trudy Milburn. This year submissions were up. LSI went from 9 panels and 29 papers accepted out of 11 panels and 50 papers in 2009, to this year in which there were 20 panels submitted and 13 accepted, and 64 papers submitted and 25 accepted. Acceptance rates were 65 percent for panels and 39 percent for papers. A thank-you to reviewers; there were 33 reviewers this past year. Last year there were rolling reviews, which turned out to be a bad idea. Hopefully it will be different this year.

3. Review of the 2009 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and corrected.

Motion to approve the 2009 Minutes was approved unanimously.

Minutes from 2009 and recent years is posted on the LSI website:

<http://nca-lsi.org/home/Info/Minutes.html>

4. Elections for Vice-Chair Elect and Information Officer

There are two Information Officers, serving two-year terms, elected alternate years.

The position of Vice-Chair Elect is for 4 years of service: one-year consecutive terms as Vice-Chair Elect, Vice-Chair, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair

Nominations from the floor were accepted. Ballots were passed around.

Danielle Pillet-Shore (University of New Hampshire) was elected as vice-chair elect.

Galina Bolden (Rutgers University) was elected as information officer.

Information about LSI Officers, current and past can be found here:

<http://nca-lsi.org/home/Info/Officers.html>

5. Discussion of Old Business

There was a discussion of the review process for selecting papers and panels for LSI. Questions were raised whether papers were being fairly reviewed. Trudy Milburn explained that efforts were made to match content areas of papers with reviewers' stated areas of expertise. She also said that the large pool of reviewers, 33, meant that each reviewer read 7 papers. Some, however, claimed that the smaller number of papers made it more difficult to rank papers. There was also a discussion of what counts as LSI scholarship and how to better represent and review the diversity of approaches.

6. Discussion of New Business

- A. 2011 Convention. The 2011 Convention plans to cut the number of panel slots for each division by 15% and reserve them for submissions that match the convention theme of "Voice." There was a discussion regarding how to work with this system.
- B. LSI membership and participation. LSI has lost panel slots through the years and seen a decrease in membership. The reasons for this trend were discussed, such as competition from the Ethnography Division. A number of ideas for how to reverse this trend were discussed.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm

Minutes taken by Alan Hansen, Information Officer