ACLA Executive council meeting  
ACLA Réunion du bureau de direction  
Tuesday May 29th 8h30 – 9h55  
Room / salle: RIC 119

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Arnott, Jun Ma, Andrea Sterzuk, Carl Ruest, Meike Wernicke, Eva Kartchava, Francis Bangou, Paula Kristmanson, Joseph Dicks, Karla Culligan, Scott Douglas, Hetty Roessingh, Mela Sarkar, Gregory Tweedie, Yuliya Desyatova, Hedy McGarrell, Brigitte Murray, Marie-Josée Vignola, Jeff Bale, Sara Kennedy, Simone Henger, Xavier Gutierrez, Claire Reynolds, Alex Ross, Rose Katagiri, Parnian Shafia, Pramod Sah, Rubina Khanam, Xiaoli Liu, Yoichi Mukai, Célia Santiago, Sylvie Roy

1. Approbation de l’ordre du jour - Approval of Agenda

MOVED: Sylvie Roy

SECONDED: Marie-Josée Vignola

2. Approbation du compte-rendu de la dernière réunion (May 30th 2017) - Approval of minutes from last meeting (May 30th 2017) – Appendix A

MOVED: Gregory Tweedie

SECONDED: Paula Kristmanson

3. SSHRC / CRSH Program Updates
   • Jing Yang presented a Programs Update from SSHRC (Insight Grants and Insight Development Grants)

4. First-time Presenter Graduate Student Travel Award / La bourse de voyage pour les étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s qui présentent pour la première fois
   • Eva Kartchava presented the award to Carl Ruest.

5. Rapport de la présidente / President's report – Appendix B
   • Andrea Sterzuk presented her report to the membership.
   • Hetty Roessingh commended the University of Regina for all of their efforts to support attendees at the conference.

6. Vice-president’s report / Rapport du vice-président - Appendix C
   • Francis Bangou presented his report to the membership.

7. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report / Rapport de la secrétaire - Appendix D
   • Stephanie Arnott presented her report to the membership.

8. Communication Officer’s Report / Rapport de l’agente de communication -
Appendix E
- Meike Wernicke presented her report to the membership.

- Paula Kristmanson and Joe Dicks presented their report to the membership.

10. Report of the Nominating Committee – Appendix G
- Mela presented her report to the membership.

MOTION TO APPROVE ALL REPORTS

MOVED : Sara Kennedy
SECONDED : Paula Kristmanson

Motion Passed Unanimously

11. Other business
- No other business.

12. Clôture / Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn : Meike Wernicke
Appendix A
ACLA Executive council meeting: Agenda
ACLA Réunion du bureau de direction: Ordre du jour
10 avril 2018

PRESENT: Stephanie Arnott, Francis Bangou, Eva Karchava, Paula Kristmanson, Jun Ma, Andrea Sterzuk, Meike Wernicke.
ABSENT: Joseph Dicks

1. Approbation de l’ordre du jour - Approval of Agenda
   MOVED : Stephanie
   SECONDED : Francis

2. Approbation du compte-rendu de la dernière réunion (28 février, 2018) - Approval of minutes from last meeting (February 28, 2018)
   MOVED : Eva
   SECONDED : Meike

3. Sujets touchant le procès-verbal - Business arising from the minutes
   • No business arising from the minutes.

4. Sondage / Survey
   • Francis summarize the preliminary findings of the survey.
   • Communication, website (format, presentation of information), ideas for creating sense of community amongst ACLA members (e.g., workshops, training, etc.) emerged as key findings.
   • Andrea also highlighted having noticed that people commented on the need for more French visibility and the need for more social networking events (e.g., longer coffee breaks at conference).
   • Andrea asked whether hiring an extra hand for updating the website in order to respond to survey findings would be a good idea.
   • Meike agreed that this would be very beneficial to making improvements to the website.
   • We discussed the feasibility of hiring someone to help (e.g., hiring someone close to the Communications Officer; consider hiring a student). Meike will check into this.
   • Francis also added that we should respond to the interest in providing training/workshops for graduate students, especially given the increasing interest from the graduate student community.
   • Eva talked about an initiative that she observed at AAAL (student applicant, paired with senior academic in their field, arranged to meet with them) and TESOL (tea with distinguished TESOL-ers; fee paid by attendees to sit at table with predetermined distinguished scholars for research-based discussion on
specific research theme). Both of these events could take place during the conference.

- IDEAS FOR THIS YEAR
  - The executive decided to explicitly encourage students to attend those social events we have already organized. For example – sending personalized invitations to the students attending to come to our social event scheduled on the Tuesday evening. Jun and Rubina will follow up with this.
  - We also talked about sending a message to the student attendees saying that we want ACLA 2018 to be a beneficial experience for them, so to send any questions/comments/suggestions for this year and next year (Jun and Rubina will likely take care of this).
  - Andrea will add the CJAL publishing session to the Wednesday afternoon, which could also be targeted to the students.

5. ACLA 2018:
   - Social Events / Activités sociales X 3 (Andrea)
     - Andrea described the three social events planned for the conference:
       - Student event (Sunday night)
       - President’s reception (Monday night)
       - 5 à 7 (Tuesday night)
     - Andrea also updated the group on the tea she has organized on Wednesday to celebrate Francis taking over as the new President and Andrea's work as (almost) past President.
   
   - Bourse / Bursary (Committee)
     - Paula updated the executive on the progress of the committee on the evaluation of applications for the awards.
     - The committee will update the applicants on the status of their application.

   - Service de traiteur / Catering (Andrea)
     - Andrea updated the executive on the catering orders (e.g., bringing down the quantity by 10-15 people so that we don’t have as many leftovers as last year).
     - Andrea proposed including in the program the food available at each break and the fact that the lunch is not available this year as Congress is encouraging; the executive agreed that this is a good idea.

   - Sponsorship / Commandités (Andrea)
     - Andrea asked the executive to send in emails to those who they have contact with.
     - Andrea will create a Google doc to track who is going to contact which association.

6. Autres sujets pour discussion / Other Business
   - Program (Francis)
     - Francis talked about the process of putting up the preliminary program.
- He has so far sent out a reminder to those presenters who have yet to purchase their membership that they have until April 15th to do so in order to be included on the final program.
- Andrea will send the next updated schedule to Meike for posting on the ACLA website by April 15th.
- The executive agreed to extend the deadline to purchase membership to April 30th at the latest, so that we can print the program during the first week of May.
- Stephanie agreed to share the list of those who have not paid with Andrea and Meike via Dropbox so that we can all have access to a copy of the list as it is updated.

7. Prochaine réunion / Next Meeting
   • We will schedule a meeting for the first week of May just to have a time carved out for last-minute issues. Andrea will send around a Doodle about this. She will also send out the preliminary program for feedback.

8. Clôture / Adjournment

**MOTION to adjourn: Andrea**
Appendix B: President's report/Rapport de la présidente

Between the 2016 and 2017 Annual General Meetings, the executive held five meetings by Zoom, as follows: June 29, October 2; November 27; January 3; February 28, and April 10. The sixth and final meeting of the current executive was held in person just before the start of this year’s conference on May 27, 2018.

Apart from our ongoing duties keeping track of membership, organizing the annual conference and maintaining our membership in AILA (Association international de linguistique appliquée), notable events of the past 12 months for our association are as follows.

1) Targeted promotion of ACLA 2018 to graduate students in Applied Linguistics. We have over 70 graduate students joining us at this conference. Attracting new members will ensure the continuing vitality of ACLA for future Congresses.
2) Local media coverage of ACLA 2018

For this year’s ACLA/CAAL 2018 conference, special thanks go to the following people.

a) Our sponsors — contributions from 12 sources for a total of $4350 in donations toward our conference expenses
b) Le programme du Bac en éducation française de l’Université de Regina for sponsoring a wine and cheese reception to help mark the occasion of their 35 year partenariat avec l’Université Laval.

Further thanks go to the members of our hard-working executive:

Francis Bangou, as vice-president, handled our abstract review process from start to finish and put together this year’s conference program.

Stephanie Arnott, as Secretary-Treasurer, handled all details related to membership and financing.

Meike Wernicke, our Communications Officer put in many hours of work maintaining our mailing list, managing our website and tweeting. We now have 2981 followers, up from 1898 followers this time last year.

Thanks go again to Joe Dicks and Paula Kristmanson and their team at UNB for their work on our Journal, the Canadian Journal of Applied Linguistics.

Eva Kartchava, our Member-at-Large, once again took on the essential tasks of a Member-at-Large.

Jun Ma, our Student Member-at-Large

Andrea Sterzuk, President, ACLA/CAAL
27 May 2018
Appendix C: Vice-president’s Report

May 21, 2017

**Responsibilities:** This year my main role has been to organize the annual conference in collaboration with the association president. I also participated in five ACLA executive conference calls.

**Outcomes:** We received a total of 143 submissions. Our most recent schedule has 99 papers; two invited plenaries (Dr. Laurent Cammarata, Dr. Leila Ranta); and two symposia.

Moreover, this year I led the design and conduct of a CAAL/ACLA Member satisfaction survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XEhzwvF_YUtXuz3IAnacgIfmujURCVYliXetPXHwas/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XEhzwvF_YUtXuz3IAnacgIfmujURCVYliXetPXHwas/edit)

Francis Bangou
Vice-president
APPENDIX D: STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS / BILAN DE L’EXERCICE FINANCIER
For the year ended December 31, 2016 / Se terminant le 31 décembre 2017

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Appendix E: Communication Officer’s report 2018

1. ACLA WEBSITE

- **No outstanding content**: AGM minutes for 2018.

- **New additions**:
  1. We have added a page featuring a Graduate Student Section. This section will be elaborated on with other initiatives in the coming year. We have had a high number of graduate student ACLA memberships this past year and a substantial response to our Graduate Student Travel Award.
  2. An information page about our general listserv with linguistlist.org has been added in the ABOUT section.
  3. An instructions page was added to help conference presenters navigate the membership and Congress-ACLA registration system.
  4. The constitution page was updated to reflect more accurately the task distribution among members of the executive.

- **Analytics**: ACLA saw approx. 5800 users this past year, with an average of 600/month since January 2018.

  By far the majority of users are from Canada via a desktop computer.
Among the most popular pages is the Jobs page. This page gets updated with content that is sent to ACLA directly.

• Moving forward: Based on survey feedback from our membership the ACLA website will be undergoing a revision this coming year. Changes will include:
• Website Navigation
  o streamlining
  o donation button
  o review analytics functionality
  o pre-home page language preference selection

• Website Content
  o Make our objectives more prominent
  o Photos of the ACLA executive
  o Create more connections with our partner organizations
  o Create a Graduate Student Blog for monthly submissions
  o Conference page: create an archive of past conferences instead of live links
  o Set up an expert list by invitation

• Networking
  o integrate a sharing platform for newcomers to the field, Canada, etc.
  o to increase visibility of and communication between members we feature
    Canadian scholars’ work – e.g., new books, projects, websites, etc. through
    self-submission
    ▪ Membership incentive: password protected for members only

2. MAILING LISTS

• General List: This year ACLA changed over to a self-serve mailing list for our general
  subscribers with linguistlist.org. This has been an improvement for several reasons:
  o Users’ announcements are sent with their identifying email address, which
    reduces confusion for readers when following-up on messages.
  o Users can now send out attachments with their announcements.
  Our general mailing list has remained stable and currently contains 832 email
  addresses (a slight drop from 849).

• Member List: The ACLA member list currently contains 223 addresses (up from 193 last
  year).

3. SOCIAL MEDIA

• Twitter account was created June 2012 and has seen steady growth since then.
  • March 19, 2015: 772 followers
  • May 27, 2016: 1289 followers
  • May 26, 2017: 1911 followers
  • May 29, 2018: 2986 followers

• ACLA follows back as many followers related to our field of research as possible.

• Submissions and retweets from the Board and from the membership are welcome.
  This will help expand ACLA networks, relationships, and its overall online presence,
  with the potential to increase its membership base.

Submitted by Meike Wernicke, ACLA Communications Officer, North Vancouver, May 27, 2018.
1. Issue 20, 1 (2016) and Issue 20, 2 (2016 Special Issue)

The editorial team completed two issues in 2017: 20, 1 (2017) and 20, 2 (2017 Special Issue), which was guest edited by Dr. Leif French of Sam Houston State University and Dr. Suzie Beaulieu of Université Laval. A total of 13 articles and 2 book reviews have been published. In Issue 20, 1 (2017) there were 6 articles (2 in French; 4 in English) and in Issue 20, 2 (2017 Special Issue) there were 7 articles (3 in French; 4 in English). There were two book reviews in Issue 20, 1 (2017).

The following table summarizes the publication statistics in 2017 (with comparisons to 2016).

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*Explanatory note: In OJS-generated statistics, the acceptance rate is based on the number of articles submitted and accepted for publication for that calendar year and therefore is not an accurate reflection of the acceptance rate. This year, with approximately 70 submissions and 13 publications, the acceptance rate is approximately 18%. On average, based on typical numbers of submissions (approx. 60) per calendar year and typical numbers of publications (approx. 12), our acceptance rate is approximately 20%.
The total number of submissions in 2017 was higher than in 2016. And, more submissions were sent out for peer review in 2017 (71.7% up from 54.8 in 2016). Of the submissions screened by the editorial team and/or advisory board members, 29.3% were deemed not suitable for review. Many of these were out of the scope of the journal or did not correspond to the journal’s guidelines with respect to length. Others were simply not of a sufficient quality to merit full review. We were pleased to be able to publish two articles in French in the regular CJAL issue 20, 1 (2017) and three in the CJAL Special Issue 20, 2 (2017). We also published two book reviews in the 20, 1 (2017) issue.

Regarding country of origin of published manuscripts in 2017, there were 36 authors affiliated with 16 different Canadian institutions and 2 authors from outside Canada (1 from Australia, 1 from USA). There was also 1 author based in the Canadian school system. In 2016, there were 9 authors affiliated with 7 different Canadian institutions and 15 authors from outside Canada (8 from USA, 3 from Iran, 1 from England, 1 from France, and 1 from Germany); there was also one independent researcher in 2016.

2. **Journal Production**
   - *Layout and copyediting.* We would like to thank our Editorial Team: Leif French, Book Review Editor; Josée Le Bouthillier, French Linguistic Editor; and in particular, our Associate/Managing Editor, Karla Culligan. In 2017, Karla did all layout and PDF creation as well as all copyediting in English.

   - *Online publishing.* All manuscripts are housed at the UNB OJS site at www.cjal-rcla.ca.

   - *Journal visibility/impact.* We continue to be indexed in Érudit; ERIC; EBSCO; ProQuest; Repère; Cabell’s; Linguistics Abstracts; Linguistics, Language and Behavior Abstracts; MLA Bibliography; Social Planning Policy Development Abstracts; Sociological Abstracts; Viniti (All Russian Institute of Scientific and Technical Information); Directory of Online Journals (DOAJ); OpenGate. CJAL is a member of CALJ (Canadian Association of Learned Journals). There is no cost associated with these affiliations with the exception of CALJ which costs $280 a year.

   - *Registered users and Website usage report.* At the time of this report there were 1392 registered users on the CJAL website (there were 1247 last year at this time). According to Google Analytics, from January 1 to December 31, 2017, there were 13,000 users of the CJAL website and 58,682 page views. This compares to 10,427 users and 53,988 page views in 2016, which indicates that the usage of the CJAL website continues to grow.

3. **Journal Finances**
   We are pleased that the CJAL has been able to operate smoothly from a financial perspective due to the 3-year SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals funding grant for February 2015-February 2018. In winter 2017 (normally the time to reapply for the grant), we received notice from SSHRC that all current holders of 3-year Aid to Scholarly Journals grants will have their terms automatically extended by one full year (at $16,750), therefore SSHRC funding will now continue until February 2019.
• The 3-year SSHRC was valued at $16,750 per year for a total of $50,250. With the additional $16,750 the new (4-year) total is $67,000.

  o Most of this is used as salary for the part-time Associate/Managing Editor.

  o A small amount is also allocated for French linguistic editing.

  o A small amount is also used to pay for membership to CALJ and professional meetings related to the journal.

  o A fee of $800 annually is also paid to the Centre for Digital Scholarship at UNB that manages the OJS.

• A financial update was submitted to the ACLA executive at the executive meeting on May 27, 2018 and a full financial statement was provided to SSHRC in April 2016.

• We just received notice from SSHRC of a new model for aid to scholarly journals (ASJ):

  SSHRC will be implementing new eligibility criteria for its ASJ funding opportunity. Among the proposed changes, please note that to be eligible for support in the 2018 competition, journals will be required to offer:

    · either immediate open access upon publication; or
    · delayed open access with a 12 month maximum embargo period.

  SSHRC will offer two per-article funding rates:

    · $1,050 to journals that offer immediate open access or have an embargo period of 12 months or less, and do not impose article processing charges.
    · $850 for journals that are open access but charge article processing charges.

The revised program offers a streamlined application form, among other changes journal financial data will not be requested.

The funding opportunity description, including new parameters and the eligibility requirements, will be available at the end of June. The application form will be available mid-July and a webinar (date TBD) will be offered in August to answer your questions.

The competition deadline will be on September 10th, 2018.

4. Notes

• In addition to regular ongoing individual work on the journal, the editorial team at UNB meets once a week to work on journal-related business. We want to again thank our Associate/Managing Editor, Karla Culligan, who in addition to the detailed and thorough work with manuscripts, participates in these weekly meetings, handles the day to day communication with authors and potential authors in a most efficient and professional manner, and so carefully reminds the editors of their ‘CJAL homework’.
• We would like to thank our Editorial Advisory Board for their input and advice (see list of members attached). We also greatly appreciate the support of the ACLA Executive.

• The editorial team continues to work hard to attract new reviewers and to seek out reviewers in particular discipline areas. We continue to add high profile and international reviewers to our database. When appropriate, graduate students are also invited to review manuscripts (SSHRC student training).

• Issue 21, 1 (2018) is underway. There are currently two articles and one book review published with nine more articles and one more book review currently in copyediting. Of these nine articles, three are French and six are English.

• The CJAL Special Issue for 2017, “Perspectives actuelles sur la compétence de communication à l’oral en français langue seconde / Current Perspectives on Oral Communicative Competence of French Second Language Speakers” with guest editors Dr. Leif French and Dr. Suzie Beaulieu, is complete. We could like to thank and congratulate Leif and Suzie for so carefully crafting this special issue with a high level of editorial care and expertise. It has proved a wonderful addition to our regular publications.

• The Call for Papers for our next Special Issue closed on October 15, 2017. The guest editors of this issue are Dr. Marie-Josée Hamel and Jennifer St. John, both of the University of Ottawa. This Special Issue is “In Memory of Larry Vandergrift / À la mémoire de Larry Vandergrift” and seeks to honour Dr. Vandergrift’s important and longstanding contributions to second language research and teaching. We currently have 8 articles in the stages of review and editing. Of these 8 articles, 1 is written in French and 7 are in English. The anticipated publication date for this Special Issue is late 2018 / early 2019.

• The Editorial Team is currently completing its sixth year with the CJAL. We will continue our editorship until February 2019, seeing out the end of the current SSHRC ASJ grant, but not beyond that point. We will complete the application for a new SSHRC grant by the September 2018 deadline. An official call for a new editor or editors will be made in order to have the new editor(s) in place by Spring 2019.

Editorial Team:
• Joseph Dicks and Paula Lee Kristmanson (Co-Editors)
• Karla Culligan (Associate/Managing Editor)
• Josée Le Bouthillier (French Linguistic Editor)
• Leif French (Book Review Editor)

Editorial Advisory Board:
• Andrea Sterzuk, ACLA President (University of Regina)
• Francis Bangou, ACLA Vice-President (University of Ottawa)
- Mela Sarkar, ACLA Past-President (McGill University)
- Stephanie Arnott, ACLA Secretary/Treasurer (University of Ottawa)
- Eva Kartchava, ACLA Member at Large (Carleton University)
- Katy Arnett (St. Mary’s College of Maryland)
- Monique Bournot-Trites (University of British Columbia)
- Marianne Cormier (Université de Moncton)
- Bill Dunn (University of Alberta)
- Françoise Gadet (Université de Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense)
- Martin Guardado (University of Alberta)
- Xavier Gutiérrez (University of Alberta)
- Diane Huot (Université Laval)
- Sara Kennedy (Concordia)
- Callie Mady (Nipissing University)
- Leila Ranta (University of Alberta)
- Shelley Taylor (Western University)
- Miles Turnbull (Bishop’s University)
Appendix G: Nomating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Report
ACLA
29 May 2018

Committee: Mela Sarkar (Chair), Danièle Moore, Miles Turnbull

At the 2018 AGM, Andrea Sterzuk’s two-year mandate as ACLA president comes to an end and she will step down. Francis Bangou, our current vice-president, will therefore step into the presidential role.

This change means that the vice-presidential position on the ACLA executive falls vacant as of this year’s AGM. A call for nominations for vice-president was sent out to the membership on April 13th, with a deadline of April 30th. A reminder was sent on April 26th. The intention, in the case of more than one nomination being received, was to hold an election by electronic ballot. We first used this kind of technology to run an ACLA election right after the 2017 AGM (see below).

However, as no nominations were received, we sought expressions of interest among the membership. We are pleased to report that Guillaume Gentil of Carleton University has agreed to be the next ACLA vice-president (2018-2020). Guillaume will therefore be ACLA president from 2020-2022.

Guillaume Gentil (currently on sabbatical and unfortunately unable to attend ACLA 2018) is Associate Professor at Carleton’s Department of Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies. After doing his undergraduate work and professional training in Paris, France, Guillaume obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. at McGill University (1998; 2002). He has published extensively in the area of second language writing and biliteracy development in professional and postsecondary settings, with a threefold focus on multilingual writers’ motivations for biliteracy; individual and institutional strategies for biliteracy; and ways to design enabling contexts for biliteracy. Until recently (2014-2017) Guillaume was co-editor of the Journal of Second Language Writing, and has now added to his other interests a new focus on multilingual scholars’ publishing practices and the geopolitics of academic publishing.

No other change to the membership of the ACLA executive is anticipated at the present time.

Regards,

Mela Sarkar
Chair, ACLA/CAAL Nominating Committee

NOTE: after the 2017 decision to move to electronic ballots in future, the ACLA Constitution was modified at the 2017 AGM as follows:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11.1 OF THE ACLA CONSTITUTION (May 2018)
The wording of the penultimate sentence of Article 11.1 was changed from “Nominations received by the Nominating Committee must include the signatures of the nominee, and those of five members in good standing” to “Nominations received by the Nominating Committee must be received electronically from the institutional address of the nominee, and be supported by confirmation of support received electronically from the institutional addresses of five members in good standing”,

and the wording of the final sentence was changed from “Elections, where necessary, are to be conducted by the chair of the Nominating Committee at the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority vote” to “Elections, where necessary, are to be conducted by the chair of the Nominating Committee immediately after the Annual General Meeting by electronic ballot, which will remain open for one week”.

**AMENDEMENT À L’ARTICLE 11.1 DE LA CONSTITUTION D’ACLA (mai 2017)**

L’avant-dernière phrase de l’article 11.1 fut modifiée, la forme ancienne étant « Toute candidature envoyée au comité des candidatures doit avoir été signée par la personne candidate et cinq membres en règle ». La nouvelle version est « Toute candidature envoyée au comité des candidatures doit parvenir de l’adresse-courriel institutionnelle de la personne candidate et doit être appuyée par des courriels de soutien de cinq membres en règle envoyés de leurs adresses-courriel institutionnelles ».

La dernière phrase, « Au besoin, des élections à la majorité simple sont tenues sous la direction du(de la) président(e) du comité des candidatures à l’occasion de l’assemblée générale annuelle », est maintenant remplacée par « Au besoin, des élections sont tenues sous la direction du(de la) président(e) du comité des candidatures par vote électronique tout de suite après l’assemblée générale annuelle, le scrutin restant ouvert pendant une semaine ». 