

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of ACLA
Saskatoon, June 3, 2007**

Present: Khaled Barkaoui, Renée Bourgoin, Monique Bournot-Trites, Lacey Marie Brodgen, Tracey Derwing, Joseph Dicks, Shirley Fredeen, Jamie Hack, Gladys Jean, Vivienne Jones, Kyung Sook Kim, Larissa Klein, Ibtissem Knouzi, Sanae Ko, Paula Kristmansen, Sharon Lapkin, Grit Liebscher, Shawn Loewen, Roy Lyster, Lucille Mandin, Dean Mellow, Murray Munro, Bonny Norton, Colette Noyau, Leila Ranta, Tetyana Reichert, Marian Rossiter, Barry Rowe, Sylvie Roy, Natalie Rublik, Mathias Schulz, Marilyn Steinbach, Merrill Swain, Ron Thomson, Miles Turnbull, Larry Vandergrift, Peter Wood

1. Roy welcomes everyone and announces some room changes.
2. Approval of the agenda: Moved by Leila Ranta and seconded by Matt Schulz. Passed unanimously.
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2006 AGM: Moved by Merrill Swain and seconded by Miles Turnbull. Passed unanimously.

4. President's report:

- Roy thanks Sharon for co-chairing the conference, Miles and Sylvie for organizing the TFSL symposium, and Patrimoine Canadien for the funding
- Membership: members will soon get a message from Roy to renew their membership. Overall we have 200 members and the membership can be renewed online (credit card) at \$75 for regular membership and \$40 for students. Receipts are issued automatically.
- Journal: There will be a special issue in the fall of *CJAL* on Multilingualism in Canadian Schools (including papers from the invited symposium in Montreal) and another based on papers selected from this year's symposium on FSL teacher education. A special issue has just appeared jointly with the University of Moncton on different varieties of French here and around the world.
- Funding application: The funding application for an event at the 2008 ACLA conference was not approved, pending information about the impact of this year's symposium on FSL teacher education.
- Revised constitution: There were 45 electronic votes to accept the revised Constitution and no negative votes. The new Constitution is more readable and more concise. There is one VP now instead of two, and we created a new position (Communications Officer). The terms of office are two years.
- Next year the conference is at UBC (June 5-6-7); the call for papers appears in this year's program. November 15 is the deadline for abstracts. The conference co-chairs are Roy Lyster and Sylvie Roy. Monique Bournot-Trites will be the local chair. Carol Chapelle, Fred Genesee, and Françoise Armand (Université de Montréal) are the invited plenary speakers and Patsy Duff will organize an invited symposium.

- Question: Why was the ACLA meeting placed the end of the Congress? This resulted from a misunderstanding. Next year it will occur at about the middle of the congress. Roy will find out if ACLA dates are close to those of CSSE.
5. The Executive Council is proposing adding a conference fee as follows, as ACLA is one of only two associations not currently charging such fees:
- Regular: \$30
 - Student members: \$0
 - Non-members: \$ 60
 - There was some discussion about whether students attending had to present papers in order not to pay fees, but the meeting rejected this idea. We also rejected having student non-members pay conference fees. Roy pointed out that all presenters had to be members of ACLA.
 - **Moved by Miles Turnbull and seconded by Sharon Lapkin that the above conference fees be approved. Passed unanimously.**
6. **Journal report**
- The Executive Council will approve the special issues in the future.
 - The journal will henceforth accept review article manuscripts as well as empirical studies for consideration.
 - Susan Parks will be new editor in chief and Françoise Mougeon will be the Associate editor. This will be voted later.
7. **Secretary-Treasurer's report:**
- We have increased our surplus by \$10,000 over that of 2006 thanks to money from grants. Our dues income was reduced, probably because some people became members of AAAL instead of ACLA last year. It is important for all members to renew their memberships. Institutional subscriptions to the journal also went down. We have retained the travel grant for student presenters.
 - **Moved by Lucille Mandin and seconded by Miles Turnbull to approve the Treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.**
 - **Moved by Larry Vandergrift and seconded by Tracey Derwing to appoint the same auditors for the next year. Passed unanimously.**
8. **Report of the Nominating Committee.**
- Sharon delivered the report of the Nominating Committee. Sylvie Roy and Laura Collins were Vice Presidents, but the new Constitution specifies that there will be a single VP. Sylvie Roy will be VP for one year (2007-08) and will then become President for two years. Gladys Jean will serve another two-year term as Secretary-Treasurer. Monique Bournot-Trites will serve another term as Member-at-Large and will be local chair for next year's conference. Hélène Knoerr's third term as Editor-in-Chief ends in 2007. Susan Parks has been acting as co-editor for the journal, and the Nominating Committee asked her if she would be willing to be nominated to the Editor position and she has accepted. Finally, Daphnée Simard will serve as the new Communications Officer for the next two years. Miles Turnbull suggested that the fact that the VP will move into the Presidency in the future provides for continuity.

- In future, the membership will receive the report of the Nominating Committee two months before the AGM and members can add other nominations if they wish. This year is a transition year. Sharon therefore asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor this year. There were none. Merrill Swain suggested and all agreed that in future there should be a secret ballot for elections. In 2007-08, Sharon will chair the Nominating Committee; Patsy Duff will be a member and another member is being sought.
- **Moved by Sharon Lapkin and seconded by Bonny Norton that the report from the Nominating Committee be approved. Passed unanimously.**

9. Merrill Swain thanked the Executive and Roy and Sharon for the funding they obtained.

10. Bonny Norton suggested that in view of the time she would be willing to give her plenary talk at 1 pm (following the AGM) and again at 3 as scheduled.

11. Adjournment

- **Moved by Miles Turnbull and seconded by Lace Brogden that the meeting adjourn.**
- The meeting adjourned at 1 pm.