

**Minutes
ACLA AGM
June 03, 2010**

12:00 - 13:15 p.m.
H 435, Concordia University

Present: Abbott, Marilyn; Arellano, German; Bahry, Stephen; Balcom, Patricia; Bournot-Trites, Monique; Brigham, Patricia; Cardoso, Walcir; Carey, Stephen; Derwing, Tracy; Dicks, Joseph; Douglas, Scott; Dytynshyu, Nancy; Eleuch, Sonja; Elgie, Susan; Focroulle, Jean-Marie; Frahnaz, Faez; Gentil, Guillaume; Guardado, Martin; Gutierrez, Xavier; Hamel, Marie-Josée; Jean, Gladys; Jezak, Monika; Kouame Kois, Jean Martial; Lapkin, Sharon; Laurent, Angelique; Lyster, Roy; Mady, Callie; May, Pan; McGarrell, Hedy; McQuarrie, Lynn; Mougeon, Françoise; Munro, Murray; Pellerin, Martine; Pinto, Maria Antonietta; Psyllakis, Paula; Ranta, Leila; Reed, Thomas; Rowe, Barry; Roy, Sylvie; Schulze, Mathias; Sellick, Angelika; Simard, Daphnée; Parks, Susan; Swain, Merrill; Thompson, Ron; Tomita, Yasuko; Weinberg, Alysse.

1. Welcome

Sylvie, Chair and president, welcomes everyone.

Executive committee introduce themselves: Sylvie Roy, Monique Bournot-Trites, Gladys Jean, Daphnée Simard, Leila Ranta, Susan Park.

2. Approval of the agenda for 2010

Patricia Balcom wants to add an item: Advocacy (letter to Immigration Canada)

Sharon Lapkin moves, and Alysse Weinberg seconds the approval of the agenda (p. 7 of the conference program. Carried.

3. Approval of the minutes of 2009

It was noted that the minutes of last year's AGM are posted on the website for members to consult.

Approval of the Minutes of the June 2009 meeting

It is noted that there should be a change in the fiscal year from 2010 to 2009. Also that the change to the constitution should be added.

Roy Lyster moves and Joe Dicks seconds that the 2009 AGM minutes be approved. Carried

4. Report from the President

Mon travail cette année a été de préparer le programme de la conférence et de participer à des conférences téléphoniques avec les membres du bureau de direction afin de discuter de la revue. J'ai aussi fait une demande pour recevoir de l'argent pour notre invitée internationale et nous avons reçu \$ 1000 pour Elaine Tarone.

I want to thank Monique Bournot-Trites and Clara Soyris for abstracts adjudication and Leila Ranta for the posters. It is a very important part of the conference organization (to receive abstracts, to send them for review and to organize them). Monique and Clara worked with me until the end when I had to put together the program. Monique put in place a form last year which works well I think. Thank you Leila, Monique and Daphnée to proof read the program.

Je veux également officiellement remercier les gens de la fédération qui nous ont aidé, Walcir et moi, pour les salles et les autres détails. Walcir a été très efficace. Il est très important d'avoir un coordinateur local organisé et je pense que Walcir a été à la hauteur. Je le remercie aussi ainsi que les étudiants qui ont été bénévoles. Nous leur offrons une adhésion gratuite à l'ACLA pour leur travail.

Update for the conference: We had 185 inscriptions to the Congress, the number is now at 238 which is a record from previous years. We had fewer abstracts this year. I will let Monique say a word about that later.

I also had to start the conference at 8:30 in order to enter everyone. We had 6 symposiums and we accepted only three.

New steps: Posters are new, Online journal open access too.

At the executive meeting we discussed the need to increase the number of members. Please invite colleagues and students because they really benefit from the conference.

We will have the social event on Wednesdays (with veggies and cash bar). The President reception is Thursday night. Our AGM is on Thursday during lunch time.

We printed the program this year in Montreal. The next conference will be held from June 1 to 3rd. This needs to be confirmed.

5. Report from the treasurer

Our revenues were up this year due to the CH special symposium grant. Our expenses however surpassed our revenues by a little more than \$6000. Our projected revenues for 2010 are only about \$24 000 and our expenses should amount to \$38, 000 if we do not make changes in our expenses. By the end of the year, our bank account will probably be roughly \$4000.

I have prepared a comparison sheet for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 (projected).

Income:

- Money from membership dues have slightly increased. In 2009, our membership included 128 paid regular members and 76 paid student members. As of May 28, 2010, we have 100 paid regular members and 44 paid student members. Renewal reminders were sent to all members with the AILA Journal and e-mails were sent to those who had not paid as of the beginning of May.
- Journal revenues are down if we do not count the amount of \$4500 received under the CH special symposium grant. We received the last payments for subscriptions. No new subscriptions are being received due to the switch to on-line free access publishing. For

2010, there is no grant money coming in. The only revenue is from royalties received from Copibec.

- Travel grant remained unchanged. We will distribute again this year money to presenters with no institutional funding, giving priorities to students.
- The major source of revenues for this year came from the CH special symposium grant. We received \$19000. We will receive the remaining \$1000 in 2010.

Expenses:

- Expenses were up by \$12000. These extra expenses are in part related to the special symposium and the Journal.
- Travel and meetings cost went down slightly.
- Dues and subscriptions expenses are mainly for AILA and the Federation and are unchanged from 2008.
- The expected expenses are much higher than the expected revenues for 2010. Our savings will almost be used up by the end of 2010 if we do not cut down on expenses or find new sources of revenue.

The Financial Statements distributed are not final. Queries were sent to the accountant and modifications, if needed, will be made in time for the AGM.

A separate budget is submitted to the attention of the Board for the Journal. One budget includes all the expenses related to the Journal for 2009, and the other one reports on the expenses and activities related to the on-line CJAL since it has been edited at UPEI. It reports on activities related to the \$10500 transferred to the UPEI/CJAL account in 2009 and expected revenues and expenses for 2010.

Alysse Weinberg moves to receive the budget and Marie-Josée Hamel seconds the motion. Unanimous vote. Carried.

Gladys Jean moves and Sharon Lapkin seconds a motion to appoint the same auditors for the 2010 fiscal year. Unanimous vote. Carried.

6. Report from the communication officer

1. Nous avons eu, au cours de l'année 2009, 540242 visites de notre site. Nous en avons eu 417 265 en 2008, 372 692 en 2007 et 364433 en 2006. En 2006, le site avait été refait. Depuis, le nombre de visites n'a cessé d'augmenter. De janvier à mai 2010, déjà nous avons 300 904 visites.

2. Bien que la Revue soit maintenant également offerte à partir du nouveau site accueilli par l'Université de l'Île du Prince Édouard, la page de la Revue sur notre site demeure la plus visitée des pages de notre site. Il serait souhaitable de rendre plus visible, sur le site de l'Association, l'adresse URL de la nouvelle page de la Revue.

3. Nous avons en ce moment 500 adresses électroniques dans notre liste d'envoi. Nous en avons 478 l'année dernière. Je n'ai reçu, depuis l'année dernière, aucune demande de retrait de la liste et aucune plainte concernant des pourriels.

4. Encore une fois, je tiens à remercier tous ceux qui prennent le temps de m'informer des choses qui doivent être modifiées dans le site. Notre site est maintenu à jour en partie grâce à ces commentaires.

Daphnée Simard
Montréal, 31 mai 2010

Commentaire positif de Marie-Josée Hamel : la communication électronique se passe bien grâce à Daphnée

7. Rapport de l'éditeur

Before the report, Miles offered a CD from our Symposium organized in 2009 financed by Heritage Canada. The CD comprises a series of articles from the presentations at the Symposium.

Report:

Editing the journal has been a steep learning curve and I found that the work has been time consuming.

One important indicator of SSHRC is the number of people who bookmark the site. So please do.

Leif French is in charge of book reviews in French. Please submit your manuscripts from this conference since it is a good venue for your important work.

New open access:

We use the OJS from SFU to distribute our CJAL which is an online system.

We have 311 registered members at the moment. S'il vous plait, inscrivez-vous maintenant.

Our journal is one of the few applied linguistic journal online and free access.

One advantage is that the authors are published quickly. There is no queue. Articles are online as soon as the review is done. The typical review process is like any other journal but publication is faster.

Please send your ideas on how to make it better, more visible.

One important down side is that the journal is free, therefore there is no longer any subscription revenue. We will apply for SSHRC to help us with that. However, users statistics are very important to show visibility of journal. If we do not have more members: we will not be able to continue. The membership cost is lower for graduate students, so please encourage your graduate students to become members.

Thank you to you and to the CA for support. Thank you to Françoise Mougeon, rédactrice en français, and to the editorial team, Christine Gordon-Manley.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee

Roy Lyster is chair of nominating committee which includes Françoise Armand and Tracey Derwing.

Callie Mady will be the new VP of ACLA.

Approval of the new slate for next CA:

New president: Monique Bournot-Trites

New past president: Sylvie Roy

Daphnée Simard: Communication officer

and Gladys Jean, treasurer

Sharon Lapkin moves and Stephen Carey seconds a motion to approve the new slate for the 2010. Unanimous vote. Carried.

Roy Lyster moves and Sharon Lapkin seconds to have Tracy Derwing, Sylvie Roy and Françoise Armand on the new nominating committee. Unanimous vote. Carried.

9. Other business

Open question: Marie-Josée Hamel asks that the members be e-mailed when new articles are published. Miles answers that you receive an update when you are registered on website. You need to check if you want to get news. Marie-Josée Hamel would like to receive an e-mail each time there is a new article out + a quarterly update. Miles indicates that now an e-mail is sent annually. It is suggested that an update once a month would be best.

Dr Patricia Balcom: immigration Canada: Scott Douglas. Literacy of Canadian university students CAAL should write a letter to Immigration Canada Immigration minister talking about research. More support to new immigrant or heritage Canada in FSL or ESL so they succeed at school. Monique Bournot-Trites will write a letter.

Dr Patricia Balcom said that she had attended a talk by Scott Roy Douglas about low English language proficiency among "domestic ESL" students at university, which prevents them from achieving their potential. Since Cummin's pioneering work in the 1970s it is well known among applied linguists that it takes 5-7 years to develop academic literacy in ESL.

CAAL should write a letter to Immigration Canada (Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism) and/or Heritage Canada to stress the importance of more support to new immigrants' children in FSL or ESL so they can succeed at school and university. Monique Bournot-Trites will write a letter.

Dernier point par Monique qui dit quelques mots positifs à propos de son expérience avec Sylvie Roy et la remercie.

Question : M. Focroule. Membre depuis 27 ans. Dit qu'il a rencontré la veille un des fondateurs de l'ACLA qui était découragé comme lui car on utilisait trop d'anglais à la conférence. Il suggère de réviser la constitution pour que l'association soit unilingue anglaise. Il ajoute que Graham Fraser ne serait pas content.

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