

ACLA/CAAL Annual General Meeting/Réunion Annuelle

May 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes/ Procès Verbal le 27 mai, 2023

Present/ Présences:: Karla Culligan, Julianne Gerbrandt, Tamara Sorenson Duncan, Alexandra (Sasha) Tsedryk, Danielle Hunter, Giuliana Savato, Magali Forte, Natalia Ceventes, Gabriel Michaud, Marian Parent, Imarn Ahmed, Scott Roy Douglas, Paula Kirstmansen, Véronique Fortier, Suzie Beaulieu, K. Amidsson, Caroline Payant, Mastoor Al Kaboody, Samira Mammadova, Leila Ranta, Geoffrey Pinchbeck, Jackie Lloyd, Carolina Avila, Andrew Ler, Stephen Davis, Joel Thibeault, Martin Guardado, Michael Rodgers, Josée de Bouthellier, Burcu Yaman Ntelioglou, Monica Waterhouse, Ed Griffiths, Amir Michalovich, Valia Spiliotopoulos, Angelica Galante

1. Land Acknowledgement/Reconnaissance du territoire
2. Welcome and approval of the agenda / Mot de bienvenue et adoption de l'ordre du jour
Agenda: Leila R. – approved the agenda; Scott D. seconded the Agenda
3. Approval of the minutes and business arising / Adoption du procès-verbal et affaires qui en découlent: Paula K.: Moved; Seconded: Caroline P.

4. President's report / Rapport du président:

Dr. Angelica Galante thanked former President Dr. Julie Byrd Clarke; Angelica led 8 executive meetings on Zoom over the year. She was in charge of preparing meetings and in the preparation of the annual conference; Angelica and Caroline took leadership to bid for the 2027 AILA conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we won. They are thankful for letters of support. Angelica initiated the launch of plurilingual policy for the conference; invited an Indigenous symposium at the Conference. The Association also now has an Indigenous Languages Advocate – first one – Dr. Martin Guardado. Angelica also promoted the ACLA mentorship program with 20 mentors and 31 students. There is also social media strategy for knowledge mobilization. For this conference, she chaired the ACLA awards; liaised with Keynote speakers, and sought sponsorships

5. **Vice President's report/Rapport du vice-président:** Dr. Caroline Payant led the conference planning; Il y avait beaucoup de collaboration avec les évaluateurs, la collaboration avec le comité de planification de la conférence Congrès. She also completed the catering of room requests, and completed the conference program. Carolyn was also heavily involved in the preparation of the AILA bid.
6. **Communications Officer's report / Rapport de l'agente de communication:** Dr. Karla Culligan has been responsible for the ACLA website and providing updates. We have a new web support person, Martin Jr. Guardado who has been supportive when ACLA revamped its website; social media access and updates; The website is also in French; there are 7249 users of the website. Karla also oversees the public mailing list; you can submit an e-mail to that list. Karla has created a social media volunteer position for support with the social media strategy
7. **Journal editors' report (CJAL) / Rapport des rédacteur/rices de la revue RCLA:** Dr. Michael Rodgers has served as Journal Editor with Dr. Eva Kartchava. There were 3 issues of CJAL over the year, guest edited by Dr. Caroline Payant, which included 20 articles and 5 book reviews. There were more submissions in 2021 vs. 2022; 14 in English and 6 French, with a 25% acceptance rate. The country of origin of most articles is mostly Canada, but there are also

articles from other worldwide contexts. The journal is still housed at UNB online and published through Eruudit. CJAL is part of a list of open access journals and on google scholar. We were considered by Scopus and they suggested that we add more international scholars on our editorial board. The journal is stable financially; we were able to secure a SSHRC grant at \$30,000/year; this is used mostly for the salary for the copy-editor. The journal has tried to have more social media presence

8. Report from the Secretary/Treasurer/Rapport du Secrétaire-Trésorière. Please see auditor's financial report for more details. Dr. Valia Spiliotopoulos has assumed the role for 3 years, and will be freeing up the position for anyone interested. She indicated that overall the Association is in very good shape financially due to limited travel and conference expenses in the past 3 years, as well as increased student membership. Within the Secretary role, detailed minutes were taken of all 7 meetings throughout the year, and support was provided to members on the membership system and conference registration.
9. Report from Indigenous Languages Advocate/Rapport du Défenseur des langues autochtones: Dr. Martin Guardado has assumed a new role as Indigenous Languages Advocate. It has been challenging to assume this new role because there wasn't a previous predecessor, so he has been involved in the shaping of this position. Some of the highlights include collaboration with Community events, addressing tensions between Indigenous languages and official languages rights and policy. He has also been invited to coorganize a symposium on Indigenous language revitalization. Overall, this is a meaningful commitment of the association and raising the profile of Indigenous peoples.
10. Report from Member at Large/Rapport du Membre associé - Dr. Joel Thibault - please see attached report. Of note is the guidance and support to the VP on organizing the conference.
11. Report from Student Member at Large/Rapport du Membre associé (étudiant). Please see attached report. Student member, Stephen Davis, is now in a tenure-track Assistant Professor position, and so this position is now open to a student.
12. Report from the Past President / Rapport de l'ancien président - please see attached report.

Approval of all reports: Veronique Fortier - moved; Jeff Pinchback - seconded

13. Approval: separating Secretary-Treasurer position into two positions / Adoption de la séparation du poste de secrétaire-trésorier en deux postes - Voted and approved - Voté et approuvé
14. ACLA's Executive Committee positions/Poste au Bureau de direction de l'ACLA (3 positions/postes). Names will be put forth and will be voted on for the following positions:
 - a. Secretary / Secrétaire
 - b. Treasurer / Trésorière
 - c. Student Member at Large / Membre associé (étudiant)

15. Awards/Bourses :

- a. Congress Graduate Merit Award (1 award): Congress Graduate Merit Award Winner: Rhonda Chung (PhD Candidate at Concordia University)

- b. Indigenous Graduate Student Award Winner: Kahtehrón:ni Iris Stacey (PhD Candidate at McGill University)
- c. Graduate Student Award Winner (Master's Level): Yunzhu Ma (MA Student at Western University)
- d. Graduate Student Award Winner (PhD Level): Michael Koslowski (PhD Candidate at OISE/University of Toronto)

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Adjournment/Clôture