

Linguistic Society of America
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

Friday, January 7, 2011 ~ 5:20 – 7:00pm
Wyndham Grand Downtown Pittsburgh Hotel, Pennsylvania

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. David Lightfoot, at 5:35 pm.

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Lightfoot welcomed the attendees and recognized all former Presidents of the LSA in attendance.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Paul Chapin offered highlights from his written report (which was published in the meeting handbook and is attached as Addendum A). He provided an update on the LSA's finances, membership numbers and related information, including the following slides:

LSA Operating Budget FY2010 (10/1/2009 – 9/30/2010)		
	Budgeted	Actual
Income	678,800	726,758
Expenses	654,740	637,732
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Surplus	24,060	89,026
FY2011 (Current)		
	Budgeted	
Income	730,900	
Expenses	655,732	

Surplus	75,168	

LSA Investments - 2010	
As of 12/19/2010	
8 Funds	
1 General	256,756
7 Designated	701,136

Total	957,892
Total 12/31/2009	879,519

Gain for year	78,373 (+8.2%)

LSA Membership			
Nov. 2010	Nov. 2009		
Regular	2061		2040
Student	1425		1638
Emeritus	49		31
Honorary	52		49
Life	587		556
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Total	4174		4314
Institutional Subscriptions	1227 (-9.9%)		1362
Royalty Payments		2010	2009
Project MUSE		92,231 (+11.7%)	82,546
JSTOR		15,088 (+ 2.2%)	14,766

Report of 2010 Election Results

Dr. Chapin confirmed the results of the LSA election:

- Vice-President/President-elect: Keren Rice
- Executive Committee (At-Large): Andrew Garrett; Mark Liberman
- Constitutional Amendments: The proposed amendment to the LSA constitution was approved.

- Dr. Chapin thanked the outgoing members of the Executive Committee, Alice Harris, Catherine Ringen and Sarah Thomason, for their service to the LSA over the past three years.

In Memoriam

Dr. Chapin requested a moment of silence in memory of the following LSA members who passed away since the last Annual Meeting (or before that where indicated): Paul W. Brosman, Jr., Jin Soon Cha, J. David Danielson, Nils Erik Enkvist (2009), Hwang-Cherng Gong, Christina Kakava, Ilse Lehiste, Walter Lehn (2009), Norman McQuown (2005), Ellen Prince, Henry Edwin “Hank” Rogers, and Werner Winter.

Program Committee Report

Dr. Keren Rice offered highlights from her written report (which was published in the meeting handbook and is also attached as Addendum B).

Editor’s Reports

1.) *Language*

Dr. Greg Carlson offered highlights from his written report (which was published in the meeting handbook and is also attached as Addendum C).

2.) *eLanguage*

Dr. Dieter Stein offered brief remarks about the continuing growth of the LSA’s digital publishing platform.

Report on National Science Foundation (NSF) Activities

The report was presented by Dr. Joan Maling, Director of the Linguistics Program at the NSF. Dr. Maling reported that NSF’s Linguistics Program now has two full-time Program Directors, in addition to a Program Director for the Documenting Endangered Languages Program. Bill Badecker joined NSF in August, 2010, for a two-year term as Linguistics Program Director, replacing Eric Potsdam. Dr. Maling’s written report follows.

An announcement was posted on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, regarding a new position for a BCS program officer with computational expertise (including issues relating to creating and managing large databases) and who would also serve/be affiliated with one of the core BCS disciplinary programs in the division. We would like to see serious, competitive applications from linguists with interest and expertise in documenting endangered languages. A new DEL solicitation is under consideration; it will focus more on computational issues, including tool development and data management. The position closes March 7.

The annual budget for the Linguistics Program remains at approximately approximately \$5.9 million. Funding has remained relatively flat for several years. The budget for Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) is approximately \$2.1 million.

Federal Budget and the current Continuing Resolution. Congress has yet to approve a budget for FY 2011, and we are currently running on a continuing resolution that runs until March 4th. The financial outlook for NSF is not particularly sunny; and several members of the new Republican Congress are calling for bringing non-military discretionary spending back to 2008 levels. Although the linguistics program has not benefited from any increases in spending since 2008, it is unlikely that we would be spared a share of the budget cuts if they go through. If you have strong feelings about the prospect of significant funding cuts in basic science, this might be a good time to take up correspondence with your representatives in Congress.

One of the most painful aspects of a program officer's job is having to decline meritorious proposals which the panel has recommended for funding simply because program funds don't stretch far enough. The level of submission to the Linguistics Program continues to be at record levels; we are on target to review approximately 300 proposals a year. While it is too early to know how many submissions we will get in response to the January 15 target date, it is safe to predict that our success rate this fiscal year will be depressingly low.

On the bright side, the Linguistics Program has been very successful at leveraging its funds, primarily through co-review with other disciplinary programs, and we do our best to help the members of our community to get funding, including funding from other NSF programs and other directorates, including Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE) and the Office of Cyberinfrastructure (OCI).

New Proposal Requirement: All new NSF proposals must include a Data Management Plan as a supplementary document of up to two pages. Please get the word out. Proposals that do not include a Data Management Plan will be returned without review. Please note, the effective start date for this new requirement is described in terms of January 18th, which is misleading—it actually applies to everything that is submitted for the spring reviewing cycle (including the January 15th target date for the Linguistics Program).

Proposals submitted to NSF-wide solicitations are reviewed by ad hoc advisory panels. It is important that linguistics be represented on such panels, so let me urge you to say "yes" to requests to serve as panelists and/or reviewers.

The Linguistics Program supports Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants, which cover exceptional research expenses for doctoral candidates who are embarking on their dissertation research. In addition, we are often asked about another program, the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, which provides 3 years of support at the beginning of the student's graduate career. While the Linguistics Program reviews dissertation proposals, the review process for the Graduate Fellowship applications, on the other hand, is contracted out; the reviewing is done outside of NSF by large ad hoc panels and it is possible to volunteer to serve on these panels.

Because there are never enough linguistics applications to justify a separate, dedicated panel, linguistics applications are generally reviewed together with either anthropology or psychology

applications. The result is that linguistics is frequently underrepresented on the panels that make the funding decisions about these fellowships. If you'd like to see more money going to support graduate study in linguistics, please volunteer by registering on line at www.nsfgrfp.org.

Solicitations

A new solicitation will be announced soon for the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program. As with past years, the 2011 deadline for CAREER proposals will be in July. Keep an eye out for the announcement on the NSF web site.

Finally, we'd like to draw everyone's attention to two events at this LSA that reflect the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the LSA Panel on Endangered Languages, which was a call to the field regarding the urgency and challenge of addressing the rapid loss of linguistic diversity. The development of the DEL program at NSF reflects this history and the urgent and pressing need for research on endangered languages.

1. Symposium: Documenting Endangered Languages: NSF-NEH DEL Projects in Honor of the 20th Anniversary of the LSA Panel on Endangered Languages; and
2. Posters from LSA Organized Sessions: Metadata in Language Documentation and Description, and Maps and Map Making in Linguistic Research

Report on the Endangered Language Fund (ELF)

The report was presented by Dr. Douglas H. Whalen, President of ELF. The Endangered Language Fund is a private nonprofit dedicated to the documentation and maintenance of endangered languages. Its main function is awarding of grants, which are supported by donations to ELF. Two grant programs exist. The Language Legacies program covers the entire world. Fourteen awards were made in 2010, from a record number (123) of applications. The Native Voices Endowment program provides support to enrolled members of tribes contacted by the Lewis & Clark expedition of 1803-1806. Nine awards were made in that program. This year, thanks to a grant from the Documenting Endangered Languages program at the National Science Foundation, Lisa Conathan and Leanne Hinton are organizing a Breath of Life Archival Workshop, sponsored by ELF, to be held in Washington, DC, June 13-24, 2011. Modeled on the Breath of Life workshops at the University of California, Berkeley, this workshop will pair language learners and activists from Native American communities in the United States with mentors skilled in linguistics. Together, the groups will explore the language resources in archives in the District of Columbia area. It will be co-hosted by the Smithsonian Institution's National Anthropological Archives (NAA), National Museum of Natural History (MNH) and National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), and the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress (AFC). Applications for both participants and mentors are due March 1st, 2011. More information is available at <http://www.endangeredlanguagefund.org/BOL>. Whalen extended his continuing appreciation of the support of the LSA in hosting the annual meeting of the Fund and providing ELF with an office hour to explain their grant programs. He announced that the annual meeting would be Sunday, 9 Jan 2011, from 8 to 9 in the morning and that all were welcome to attend.

Resolution of Thanks

The resolution was presented by Dr. Lori Levin:

Whereas the work of the LSA goes on all year long, culminating in the Annual Meeting, and is supported by many people who put their energy and time towards furthering the work of the LSA and its members,

Therefore be it resolved that the Linguistic Society of America offers its gratitude to the following individuals:

- The officers of the LSA, David Lightfoot (President), Sandra Chung (Vice President/President-Elect), Paul Chapin (Secretary-Treasurer), and Sarah Thomason (Past President) for their leadership and service.
- Keren Rice and Heidi Harley, for leading the Program Committee in delivering another successful Annual Meeting.
- Greg Carlson, Natsuko Tsujimura and Dieter Stein, for their editorial leadership of *Language* and eLanguage.
- The Local Arrangements Committee, for their assistance with recruiting volunteers to help staff the meeting, and also with the local logistics. The committee members were:
 - Derek Chan, Lauren Collister, Fawn Draucker, Kristopher Geda, Jaime Hudzik, Scott Kiesling, Katherine Martin, Mandy Simons, Nozomi Tanaka.
- Austin Bennett (Case Western), Volunteer Coordinator, for helping to recruit an enthusiastic cadre of student volunteers.
- All of the LSA's committee chairs and members, as we work together to implement the LSA's ambitious strategic plan.
- The sister societies of the LSA, for their contributions in making the Annual Meeting a more vibrant and dynamic gathering of linguists.
- Martha Palmer and the University of Colorado at Boulder, for organizing and planning the 2011 biennial Linguistic Institute.
- The LSA Executive Committee, including those concluding their service at this meeting: Alice Harris, Catherine Ringen and Sarah Thomason.

- The Secretariat staff: Alyson Reed (Executive Director) for proactive leadership of the LSA, David Robinson (Director of Membership and Meetings) for his enthusiastic and efficient running of the LSA meetings and his work on membership and benefits to members, and Rita Lewis (Executive Assistant) for many kinds of support throughout the calendar year and during the annual meeting.

A motion to endorse this resolution was approved by acclamation.

Consideration of Bylaws Amendments

Dr. Chapin presented the following proposed amendments to the LSA Bylaws:

Proposed Bylaw Concerning Fiscal Policy

To be added to the Bylaws pursuant to Article V, FISCAL POLICY, as Bylaw #2, renumbering the existing Bylaw in that category as #1.

2. The Society will maintain at all times an insurance policy, in an amount to be determined by the Finance Committee, protecting it against losses arising from embezzlement or other malfeasance by any of the Society's Officers and staff.

Rationale: this is a companion piece to the constitutional amendment passed in 2010, eliminating the requirement that the Secretary-Treasurer be bonded. The Bylaw requires the LSA to insure itself against losses caused by the malfeasance of all officers and staff. This is in fact our current practice, but is important enough that it should be mandated in a Bylaw.

The Bylaw amendment was approved.

Proposed Change in Bylaw Relating to Meetings

The LSA Bylaws pursuant to Article VI, MEETINGS, comprise the following paragraph:

The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian for the Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Society. The Business Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with procedures determined by the Executive Committee and announced in the Annual Meeting Handbook.

Proposed change: change the word "shall" in the first sentence to "may."

Rationale: The requirement that the LSA have a Parliamentarian at the Annual Business Meeting goes back at least fifty years, to a time when formal parliamentary procedure was more widely known and practiced than it now is. In more recent times our meetings have rarely had reference to the formal rules of procedure, and the Parliamentarian has rarely been called on for a ruling. There is a certain burden associated with fulfilling the requirement, in identifying a person who is capable of the job, willing to serve, and planning to attend the

Annual Meeting at his or her own expense, since there is no remuneration associated with the appointment. At the 2010 Annual Business Meeting, through an oversight, no Parliamentarian was appointed, and we did not realize the omission until long after the fact, but were technically in violation of the Bylaw.

There may still be times when an LSA President foresees the need to have a Parliamentarian present at an Annual Business Meeting. The revised Bylaw allows that without requiring it.

The Bylaw amendment was approved.

Proposed Bylaw Concerning the Establishment of Committees and the Appointment of Their Members and Chairs

To be added to the Bylaws pursuant to Article IV, COMMITTEES, as Bylaw #1, renumbering existing bylaws in that section accordingly.

In addition to the committees specified in Article IV, the Executive Committee may establish standing and *ad hoc* committees as necessary to carry out the activities of the LSA. Committees may be open to any interested member of the Society, or may be restricted to membership by invitation only, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Chairs of all committees, and the members of restricted committees, shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The appointments of Chairs will normally take place at the Spring meeting of the Executive Committee, with the term of the newly appointed Chair to begin the following January 1. Appointments of members of restricted committees will normally be completed by September 30, with terms of service to begin the following January 1. The duration of terms of service of Chair and members will be specified in the committee's charter. All terms of service will end at the close of the Annual Meeting following the last year of the term. Members of an open committee may join the committee at any time, for a three year term of service, renewable once at the agreement of the member and the Chair.

Rationale: This proposed bylaw distills and codifies our best current practices in appointing committee members and chairs. The absence of such an explicit directive has led to repeated confusion in recent years.

A motion was offered from the floor to amend the final sentence to insert the word "an" before the word "open" with the "s" being deleted from the first reference to "committees." The Bylaw revision was approved, as amended. The text printed above includes the amendment.

Proposed Change to Bylaw Amending the Bylaws

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Bylaws pursuant to Article VIII, AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any member of the Society may propose an amendment to this constitution. The proposal must be submitted in writing or by electronic mail to the Secretary-Treasurer at least

one month prior to the Spring meeting of the Executive Committee. Members are encouraged but not required to provide arguments in favor of the proposed amendment at the time of submission. The Executive Committee will consider the proposal at its Spring meeting. If the proposal receives a two-thirds favorable vote from the Executive Committee members present and voting, it will be submitted to the full membership for vote at the time of the regular election for officers.

An amendment will also be submitted to a vote of the full membership if it is proposed in a petition signed by at least twenty-five members of the Society. Such a proposal, with the requisite signatures and favoring arguments attached, must be received at the LSA Secretariat office at least six months prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of the Society, and will be submitted to the full membership for vote at the time of the regular election for officers.

Any amendment put to the membership for a vote, whether by Executive Committee action or by petition, will be posted on the LSA web site at the earliest possible time, with arguments in favor and opposed.

Amendments to bylaws

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer in writing. They will be submitted to the Executive Committee, and then to the members for vote during the Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Society. To become effective, an amendment must receive the approval of two-thirds of those members present at the Business Meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Change the first sentence of the first paragraph to read: Any member of the Society may propose an amendment to the constitution or to the bylaws. Delete the final paragraph, with its header.

RATIONALE: The current procedure for amending the bylaws is deficient in several ways. It is vague about the role of the Executive Committee. It calls for amendments to be voted on during the Annual Business Meeting, when there is little time for genuine deliberation. Most importantly, it puts decision power over basic governing principles of the Society in the hands of a group of people whose presence at the meeting is largely a function of geographical accident, and who may not properly represent the membership as a whole.

The procedure that we have established for amending the constitution answers all of these problems. It spells out the role of the Executive Committee clearly. It gives the full membership a vote on any bylaw change, and gives them time to consider the matter fully before voting. It can be extended to amendments to the bylaws with no technical or administrative difficulty.

The Bylaw amendment was approved.

Approval of Honorary Members

The following individuals were recommended by the LSA Executive Committee to receive honorary life memberships in the LSA: Ruth Berman; Peter Trudgill; and Hendrik Cornelis "Henk" van Riemsdijk. The following citations were presented for each nominee:

Ruth Berman, Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at Tel Aviv University, earned her first doctorate in applied linguistics with Michael Halliday at Edinburgh; an M.A. in linguistics from Columbia; and her second doctorate in Hebrew linguistics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She has had a distinguished academic career, becoming the holder of the Tel Aviv University Chair in Language Across the Life Span in 1997, and she continues to be a vital member of the international linguistics community. Throughout her professional life, Ruth Berman has maintained broad and deep research productivity in both theoretical and applied linguistics, including publications on the structure of Modern Hebrew, acquisition of Hebrew as a first language, cross-linguistic studies of first language acquisition of morphology and narrative (notably the 1994 landmark volume with Dan I. Slobin, *Relating Events in Narrative: A crosslinguistic developmental study*), children's development of literacy, advanced learner language, morphology in the mental lexicon, and the acquisition of complex syntax in Hebrew. Prof. Berman has received an impressive number of international grants and awards for her research. She is a frequent plenary/keynote speaker and an energetic convenor of workshops on literacy and language development. She was president of the International Association for the Study of Child Language from 1993 to 1996. She has been a warm and inspiring mentor to a generation of Israeli developmental linguists, who honored her in 2005 with the festschrift *Perspectives on Language and Language Development: Essays in honor of Ruth A. Berman*.

Peter Trudgill is Professor Emeritus of English Linguistics at Fribourg University, and now holds appointments at the University of Agder in Kristiansand, Norway and the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh in 1971, and was previously affiliated with the University of Reading, the University of Essex, and the University of Lausanne. His contributions to social dialectology, a field he helped to found, began with his doctoral dissertation, a study of the relationship between social class and speech in the urban community of Norwich: *The Social Differentiation of English in Norwich (1979)*. In a wide-ranging series of publications, he has made advances in our understanding of dialect contact, dialect variation and change, and language standardization. He has also worked to inform the public and eradicate prejudice against non-standard social and regional dialects. He has carried out linguistic fieldwork in Britain, Greece, and Norway, and has lectured widely around the world. His more recent publications include *The Dialects of England (2nd ed. 2000)*, *Sociolinguistics: An introduction to language and society (4th ed. 2001)*, *Sociolinguistic Variation and Change (2002)*, *New Dialect Formation: The inevitability of colonial Englishes (2006)*, *International English: A guide to the varieties of Standard English (with Jean Hannah, 5th ed. 2008)*, and *Investigations in Sociohistorical Linguistics (2010)*. Peter Trudgill is Honorary President of the Friends of Norfolk Dialect Society, and a Fellow of the British Academy, the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, the Royal Norwegian Academy of Sciences, and the Royal Gustavus Adolphus Academy for Swedish Folk Culture. He holds an Honorary Doctorate

from the University of Uppsala, Sweden and has been honored with the festschrift *Social Dialectology: In honour of Peter Trudgill* (John Benjamins, 2003).

Hendrik Cornelis "Henk" van Riemsdijk, Professor Emeritus and formerly Dean of the School of Humanities, Tilburg University, the Netherlands, has played a leading role in the development of generative linguistics in the Netherlands, in Europe, and beyond. He is the author of seminal works in several areas of Germanic syntax in particular. He has held visiting appointments and fellowships across Europe, and in the U.S., Brazil, China, and Japan. Professor van Riemsdijk has also had a significant presence in service to the field, as the co-founder and long-serving chair of Generative Linguists in the Old World (GLOW), in a variety of editorial capacities, and in leading international research projects. His students include many linguists of international renown. Professor van Riemsdijk is the author or editor of more than 20 books, and some 100 articles or chapters, including: *A Case Study in Syntactic Markedness: The binding nature of prepositional phrases* (1978, Foris); *Introduction to the Theory of Grammar* (1986, MIT Press, with E. Williams) and *The Syntax of Projection* (forthcoming, Routledge). He has been honored by two volumes: *Grammar in Progress: GLOW essays for Henk van Riemsdijk* (1990 Foris) and *Organizing Grammar: Linguistic studies in honor of Henk van Riemsdijk* (2005, Mouton de Gruyter).

The honorary memberships of the three individuals cited above were approved.

Induction of LSA Fellows

Dr. Lightfoot presented the 2011 class of Fellows for induction: Joseph E. Aoun, Mary Beckman B Elan Dresher, Anthony Kroch, William Ladusaw, Diane Lillo-Martin, James McCloskey , Carol A Padden.

The Fellows were presented with certificates and rosettes by Dr. Lightfoot.

New Business

There was no new business conducted.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Lightfoot at 7:00pm.

Addendum A

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul G. Chapin, January 2011

I am pleased to present to the Society this report on the LSA's business activities during 2010.

Budget and Finance

The LSA's financial position has further improved over the past year, to the point where it can actually be called sound. In last year's report I expressed the hope that we could achieve a projected surplus of about \$12,000 in the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010. The results are now in, and subject to final audit, we in fact have recorded an operating surplus of about \$89,000. For the current fiscal year, FY11, which began on October 1, 2010, our operating budget projects a surplus of over \$100,000. These favorable results have already enabled us to guarantee up to \$30,000 for student tuition fellowships to the 2011 Institute, should affiliate fees fall short of that amount. If we can sustain generating operating surpluses, they will enable us to rebuild our reserves to deal with unanticipated future needs, and to undertake new initiatives to benefit the profession and the public.

LSA's investment portfolio has also performed well during the past year. As of September 30, 2010, our eight funds had a total asset value of \$937,279, an 11% increase over their value 12 months earlier. This growth has enabled us to fully fund all of the named professorships and named student fellowships at the 2011 Institute. Our new investment strategy, implemented in 2009, was designed to produce much less volatility in the funds that are designated for specific purposes, such as Institute professorships, and so far it has delivered on that promise.

Another piece of good financial news is that we have been able to retire our debt on a line of credit secured by our investment portfolio. That debt stood at about \$105,000 in September 2009, and is now zero. Thanks to good cash flow management at the Secretariat, we do not currently anticipate having to draw again on that line of credit in the future, which will save us interest costs.

LSA's budget documents and financial statements are available for inspection by any member. If you wish to see them, contact me through the Secretariat. We will also try to post them on the LSA website in a location that is easy to find.

Membership

After several years of decline, regular individual LSA memberships finally stabilized during the past year, and actually showed a small increase, from 2040 in 2009 to 2061 as of November 22, 2010. During the year LSA instituted the practice of offering one year's free membership to any new Ph.D. in linguistics or related fields. We also instituted a new membership category for unemployed or underemployed members. These innovations may have helped to boost the membership numbers. Student memberships were down during the year, from 1638 to 1425,

but are expected to increase again in January when applications for Institute fellowships are due. The other categories of individual memberships – emeritus, honorary, and life – all showed increases.

Institutional subscriptions are down by 10%, from 1362 to 1227, compared to a year ago. However, royalties from Project MUSE, through which institutions are able to gain electronic access to journal articles, are up by a comparable amount. We interpret this as reflecting the continuing shift to online access to scholarly work.

Election Results

On-line voting was open to all LSA members from September 7 to November 7, 2010. As a result of the voting, the Society elected Keren Rice, University of Toronto, as Vice-President/President-Elect, and Andrew Garrett, University of California, Berkeley, and Mark Liberman, University of Pennsylvania, as members at large of the Executive Committee for three-year terms.

The Society also approved a constitutional amendment on the ballot, eliminating the requirement that the Secretary-Treasurer be bonded.

In Memoriam

I regret to report the deaths of the following LSA members:

Paul W. Brosman, Jr.
 Jin Soon Cha
 J. David Danielson
 Nils Erik Enkvist (died 2009)
 Hwang-Cherng Gong
 Christina Kakava
 Ilse Lehiste
 Walter Lehn (died 2009)
 Norman McQuown (died 2005)
 Ellen Prince (LSA President 2008)
 Henry Edwin "Hank" Rogers
 Werner Winter

Appreciation

LSA can be justly proud of the indomitable team of three that staff our Secretariat. Executive Director Alyson Reed, Director of Membership and Meetings David Robinson, and Executive Assistant Rita Lewis are the engine that keeps this organization running. They work hard, they work smart, and they work together. The good news that I have been able to report about finances and membership, and the smooth running and creature comforts of the Annual Meeting, are mostly due to their efforts. We as a Society, and I as Secretary-Treasurer, are extremely fortunate to have them on our side.

I also want to express my appreciation to the other officers and members of the LSA Executive Committee. There is an ongoing obligation to attend thoughtfully and promptly, the year around, to all sorts of matters that arise in the governance of the Society. The diligence and good cheer with which they do this, in the midst of their busy lives, is truly inspiring.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Chapin
Secretary-Treasurer
Linguistic Society of America

Addendum B

Program Committee Report

2011 Annual Meeting

This year, the Program Committee (PC) oversaw the evaluation and selection of the abstracts submitted to the Annual Meeting. We received a total of 541 submissions, which were divided into three distinct types (determined by the submitters): '20-min' (to be considered only as a 20 minute paper presentation), '20-min OR poster' (to be considered as a paper, and then as a poster if not accepted as a paper), and 'poster' (to be considered as a poster only). The breakdown of submissions for this year appears in Table 1, with totals from recent years included for comparison.

Table 1: Poster and paper submission and acceptance 2001-2010

(15-min. and 30-min paper categories for years 2001-2005 are collapsed.)

Year	City	Posters			Papers			Total		
		subm	acc	%	Subm	acc	%	subm	acc	%
2011	Pittsburgh	207 ¹	80	39%	522 ²	222	42.5%	541	302	55.8%
2010	Baltimore	185 ¹	82	44%	480 ²	222	46%	497	304	61.2%
2009	San Francisco	182 ¹	80	44%	511 ²	222	43%	534	302	56.5%
2008	Chicago	169 ¹	78	46%	527 ²	222	42%	542	300	55.4%
2007	Anaheim	38	28	74%	419	261	62%	457	289	63%
2006	Albuquerque	25	22	88%	370	248	67%	395	268	68%
2005	San Francisco	25	25	100%	392	250	64%	417	275	66%
2004	Boston	16	16	100%	349	177	51%	365	194	53%
2003	Atlanta	13	11	85%	258	148	57%	271	159	59%
2002	San Francisco	12	9	75%	325	151	46%	337	160	47%
2001	Washington	11	9	82%	388	187	48%	399	196	49%

1 This number is the sum of the 'poster' submissions and the '20-min OR poster' submissions that were not accepted as 20-min papers.

2 This number combines the total number '20-min' and '20-min OR poster' submissions.

By setting 222 20-minute talks as the cutoff point for selection for the Meeting, reflecting the decision made by the Executive Committee at the 2007 Meeting to limit the total number of parallel regular sessions in each block of talks to 6, we obtain the percentages of accepted papers indicated above. The cutoff for accepted posters remains essentially the same as in the two previous years.

Abstracts were evaluated by members of the PC and by a panel of 169 outside experts covering a range of subfields. Non-student members of the LSA were invited to volunteer to review, a new system this year. Each abstract received at least six reviews, and many received more. External reviewers were asked to review no more than 19 abstracts; members of the Program Committee each review around 150 abstracts.

As in previous years, the proportion of subfields for submitted papers to subfields for accepted papers were essentially equivalent, with the major subfields including syntax (118 submitted abstracts), phonology (63), sociolinguistics (39), semantics (59), phonetics (37), psycholinguistics (38), morphology (20) and language acquisition (37), historical linguistics (18),

pragmatics (16), discourse analysis (16), typology (11%).

Organized Sessions

Invited Session on Minority Language Contact

Following the success of the invited sessions on inflectional contrasts in the languages of the Northwest Coast that took place at the 2009 Annual Meeting in San Francisco and on morphological phenomena in indigenous languages of the Americas at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, the PC invited Richard Rhodes and Alan Yu to organize a special invited 3 hour SSILA (the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas) and the LSA.

Plenary Session on Historical Linguistics

Continuing with the tradition established over the past three meetings that featured 'state of the subfield' invited plenaries on phonology, sociolinguistics, computational linguistics, and documentary linguistics, the PC invited Joseph Salmons and Claire Bowerman to organize a plenary session focusing on historical linguistics. The resulting two-part symposium, comprising a 1.5 hour plenary session on Friday evening and a follow-up 3 hour invited session Saturday morning, focuses on how evidence and insights from language change help determine constraints on grammar and how historical linguistics contributes to interface questions, both within linguistics and as a bridge to other fields. The morning session builds on this by providing an areal/family perspective to view these issues along a different dimension and highlight how the theoretical elements interact and crosscut.

In April the PC evaluated 19 additional preliminary organized session proposals that were submitted for consideration, providing detailed constructive feedback on all of them. 18 organized session proposals were submitted in final versions for the August 1 deadline. One of these is co-sponsored by North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences (NAAHoLS). Accepted: 14, rejected: 4.

Plenary Speakers

The PC invited Barbara Johnstone, Janet Pierrehumbert, and Ted Supalla to present plenary lectures at the Annual Meeting. Ted Supalla had to withdraw in late November, and Joan Maling generously agreed to be a plenary speaker. David Lightfoot will give the Presidential Address.

Other initiatives

The PC solicited one new model abstract in the spring. In addition, reviewers were asked to recommend abstracts as model abstracts. There will be up to seven new model abstracts posted in the spring.

The PC asked reviewers to recommend abstracts that might be media worthy. Several were identified, and a procedure is being worked out for next year to work with authors of such abstracts to make them accessible to the media.

Table 2: members of Program Committee (with years of service)

Sharon Inkelas (2008-2010)

Eric Potsdam (2008-2010)

Keren Rice (2008-2010) [co-chair, 2008-10]

Sali Tagliamonte (2008-2010)

Hana Filip (2009-2011) [liaison to Public Relations Committee]

Heidi Harley (2009-2011) [co-chair, 2009-11]

Anna Papafragou (2009-2011)

Scott Schwenter (2010-2012)

Alan Yu (2010-2012)

Olivia Sammons (2010-2012) [student member]

Submitted by Keren Rice and Heidi Harley, Program Committee Co-chairs 2010-2011

Addendum C

Language Annual Report for 2010

Changes. This year the publishing transition from Maryland Composition to Dartmouth Journal Services was completed; the March issue (86.1) marked the first produced by the new publishers. The transition went very well, due in no small part to the work of Alyson Reed, David Robinson, and Rita Lewis in the LSA's main office, and to the efforts of the journal staff, recognized below.

The board of Associate Editors saw the departures of Mark Baker, Jennifer Cole, Cleo Condoravdi, D. Gary Miller and Joe Pater; all deserve our gratitude for their dedicated service. Joining the Associate Editors this past year were Adam Albright, Heidi Harley, Lisa Matthewson, and Kie Ross Zuraw; Sali Tagliamonte consented to continue to serve on the board for one additional year.

Volume 86 of *Language* for the year 2010 consists of four issues comprising 999 pages. The volume contains 17 articles, 4 discussion notes, 2 review articles, 2 short reports and 60 book reviews. There was one obituary.

Papers submitted in 2010. In all, 102 new submissions were received between November 15 of 2009, our cutoff date for last year's annual meeting report, and November 15 of 2010. Submissions rebounded significantly after a lag in 2009.

Topic areas of the 102 submitted papers were distributed as follows:

- Syntax 23
- Semantics 16
- Psycholinguistics 12
- Morphology 11
- Phonology 10
- Language change/historical 10
- Pragmatics 5
- Phonetics 3
- Language acquisition 3
- Applied linguistics/pedagogy 2
- Sociolinguistics 2
- Lexicography 1
- Metatheory 1
- Prosody 1
- Research discussion 1
- Writing 1

Total papers acted on in 2010. Including papers submitted the previous year, but still pending action as of November 15, 2009, a total of 92 papers were acted on between November 15, 2009 and November 15, 2010. In all, 20 papers were accepted, 27 were returned for revision with advice to consider resubmitting, and 45 were rejected. Acceptance rate of all papers acted on in 2010 is about 18 percent.

Length of time between submission and decision for that time period ranged from one week to 70 weeks. Average time to decision was four months, down slightly from 2009.

Referees. Requests for referee reports were sent to 216 different scholars this year, 174 accepted, and 111 have submitted their reports (the rest are pending). People serving as referees will be listed and officially thanked in the annual report which will appear in the June 2011 issue of *Language*.

Many thanks to Associate Editors: Adam Albright, R. Harald Baayen, Jürgen Bohnemeyer, Heidi Harley, Jennifer Hay, Lisa Matthewson, Jason Merchant, Sali Tagliamonte, and Kie Zuraw. The amount of time, effort, and expertise these people put into their editorial duties is remarkable.

Special thanks go to Natusko Tsujmura for her very effective work soliciting and editing the book reviews, and overseeing the editing of book notices which have appeared on eLanguage.

Not enough thanks or recognition can go to Audra Starcheus and Hope Dawson for their impeccable work in copyediting and proof reading; and to Kerrie Merz in the journal main office for her skillful coordination of all the people and information we need to keep track of. Special recognition is due for their role in effecting the transition to Dartmouth Journal Services.

Agenda for 2011. Our goal for 2010 was to reduce time to decision on submissions. While some progress was made, it did not materialize quite as hoped, and further reducing time to decision remains a priority for the coming year. The developing relationship between the journal and the LSA's web presence via eLanguage did not see nearly enough progress. In the coming year the editors, in consultation with the LSA leadership, will need to address how to make progress on this matter more directly.