

THE CANADIAN LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

**Saturday, May 28, 2011, 5:00 p.m.
Ludlow Hall MB6-260, University of New Brunswick**

PRESENT:

Ruth King (York; Co-Chair), France Martineau (Ottawa; Co-Chair), Ileana Paul (Western; Secretary), Michael Barrie (UBC), Louise Beaulieu (Moncton), Bronwyn Bjorkman (MIT), Liz Christie (Carleton), Wladyslaw Cichocki (New Brunswick), Elizabeth Cowper (Toronto), Monique Dufresne (Queen's), Veena Dwivedi (Brock), Elaine Gold (Toronto), Daniel Currie Hall (St. Mary's), Alana Johns (Toronto), Michiya Kawai (Western), Ivona Kucerova (McMaster), Patrick Littell (UBC), Sara Mackenzie (McGill), Diane Massam (Toronto), Eric Mathieu (Ottawa), Yves Charles Morin (Montréal), Ana Perez-Leroux (Toronto), François Poiré (Western), Shana Poplack (Ottawa), Amanda Pounder (Calgary), Yasaman Rafat (Toronto), Yves Roberge (Toronto), Nicole Rosen (Lethbridge), Jeffrey Steele (Toronto), Brigid Thurgood (Toronto), Gerard Van Herk (Memorial), Silke Weber (Calgary), Martina Wiltschko (UBC).

1.0 Introductions (F. Martineau)

The CLA executive was introduced: Ruth King (President), France Martineau (Vice President), Ileana Paul (Secretary), Gerard Van Herk (Program Committee Chair), Jeffrey Steele (Member-at-Large), Éric Mathieu (CFHSS Representative). Carrie Dyck (Treasurer), Sarah Cummins (CJL Editor), and Lisa Armstrong (Student Member) could not attend.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED (Steele) and SECONDED (Roberge) to approve the agenda. Motion PASSED.

3.0 Approval of 2010 Minutes

It was MOVED (Cowper) and SECONDED (Hall) to approve the 2010 minutes. Motion PASSED.

4.0 President's Remarks (R. King)

King discussed where we are and who we would like to be, drawing on four themes, all of which we have discussed in the past.

1. To increase awareness of the association and to serve our membership. We are concerned about the geographic distribution of our members, in particular the lack of francophone participation. We will encourage our members to submit papers in French and to encourage their colleagues and students to do the same. Moreover, some domains are also not well represented. We need to continue to encourage submissions from these areas.
2. To improve our journal's visibility, especially outside of Canada.

3. The Association only meets once a year – could we get together more often? In the next all for papers, we will ask for proposals for panels and workshops, in order to encourage new people to participate. We will also support specific initiatives, for example by contributing to specific workshops, or supporting research group meetings. There are also plans to create a website to catalogue existing linguistic corpora. Although we would like to create a new website for the Association, we are not in a position (financially/creatively) to do so at this point.

France Martineau is the president of the communications committee and welcomes your input.

4. To assess SSHRC's new architecture. Next year we should hold a "post-mortem" – an opportunity for people to discuss their experiences. Wiltschko commented that she served on the committee for the insight development grant and noted that the committee was very broad in composition. She asked whether the CLA could lobby SSHRC to change this. King noted that we did lobby about this – we are not well served by interdisciplinary committees. She suggested that we talk to the research officers at our individual institutions. David Heap posted his response on the listserv – it served as a model. Rosen remarked that the institutions don't even know what the new structure is. Massam raised the question as to whether anyone might actually listen to our concerns and Mathieu replied that even FedCan isn't well informed and doesn't seem to be effective. Steele said that we should make visibility a priority, suggesting a one-day workshop in December/January that would be sponsored by the CLA and other small grants available for similar activities.

Kucerova noted the success of the LSA summer school for students and workshops and Steele suggested a workshop on professionalization.

5.0 Prize Committee report

Two awards were presented this year, to Yves-Charles Morin and to Shana Poplack. Both made a short speech.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Report of the Treasurer (C. Dyck)

See attached report.

It was MOVED (Steele) and SECONDED (Poiré) to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion PASSED.

6.2 Report of the Secretary (I. Paul)

See attached report.

There are on-going problems with the UTPress website and with membership renewal. We will continue to discuss these problems with UTPress.

6.3 Report of the Editor of the Canadian Journal of Linguistics (E. Mathieu)

See attached report.

The financial situation has stabilized but we rely on the SSHRC grant. We will be looking at other publishers in the coming year.

Mathieu also commented on the new structure, with a co-editor and editor. This is an unqualified success, both share tasks – e.g. Eric takes care of reviewing process. He noted however, that there are not many submissions from Canadian linguists. They have improved the reviewing systems, making it much quicker.

Anne Marie Brousseau is stepping down as the book review editor – the new book review editor is Arsalan Kahnemuyipour.

It was suggested that the CJL directly solicit submissions.

It was MOVED (Roberge) and SECONDED (Gold) to approve the Editor's report. Motion PASSED.

6.4 Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee (R. King for G. Libben)

See attached report.

It was MOVED (Steele) and SECONDED (Massam) to close the nominations. Motion PASSED.

King thanked Daniel Currie Hall and Yvan Rose for all their assistance. She also thanked Wlad Cichocki, the local organizer.

6.5 Report of the Chair of the Program Committee (G. Van Herk)

See attached report.

6.6 Report of the Chair of the Student Paper Contest Committee (L. Saxon)

See attached report.

6.7 Report on the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (E. Mathieu)

See attached report.

6.8 Report of the Advisor on the Status of Women in Linguistics (N. Rosen)

Reminder of the lunch tomorrow – the topic is “Balance in academia”.

7.0 Other business

King discussed two new initiatives. First, we will try to have representatives of the CLA at each university. The role of the representative is to generally promote the CLA at the institution, in particular among graduate students. At the meeting, the following representatives were identified:

Nicole Rosen – Lethbridge

Martina Wiltschko – UBC

Veena Dwivedi – Brock

Elizabeth Cowper – UofT

Louise Beaulieu – Moncton

Daniel Currie Hall – St. Mary’s

The second initiative is to set up donations to the CLA on the website. These will be targeted to particular domains, such as student travel or special projects.

The executive presented Ruth King with a gift to thank her for her years as president.

8.0 Adjournment

It was MOVED (Cowper) and SECONDED (Gold) to adjourn. Motion CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Report of the Treasurer of the CLA			
April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011			
OPENING BALANCE as of March 31, 2010			\$ 41,665.08
REVENUES			
10-06-05	U of Toronto Press	\$ 14,029.18	
10-10-15	Revenue from Congress 2010	\$ 892.74	
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 14,921.92	\$ 14,921.92
EXPENSES			
11-01-26	OSCanada (Joomla training; wrong account)	\$ (1,623.46)	
11-03-31	CIPL membership fees	\$ (161.96)	
10-12-03	Queen's University, miscellaneous (encumbrance reconciliation)	\$ (233.05)	
11-06-16	CJL	\$ (15,000.00)	
10-12-03	Queen's University, photocopying (encumbrance reconciliation)	\$ (640.59)	
11-03-31	MUN photocopying	\$ (9.75)	
10-12-03	Queen's University, courier (encumbrance reconciliation)	\$ (138.57)	
10-04-14	FedCan (2009-10 membership fees)	\$ (1,912.16)	
11-01-19	FedCan (2010-11 membership fees)	\$ (1,943.70)	
10-09-01	Congress expenses (reimbursed to Ruth King)	\$ (147.98)	
10-07-16	Bank services charges for CIPL membership	\$ (35.00)	
10-07-30	Travel - Executive	\$ (1,227.46)	
10-08-10	Travel - members - non-students	\$ (446.49)	
10-08-10	Travel - members - students	\$ (3,939.19)	
10-06-23	Congress expenses (reimbursed to Denis Liakin)	\$ (525.73)	
10-09-08	Congress expenses (reimbursed to Ileana Paul)	\$ (64.31)	
10-06-16	Congress expenses (reimbursed to Carrie Dyck)	\$ (350.99)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (28,400.39)	\$ (28,400.39)
OPENING BALANCE PLUS REVENUE MINUS EXPENSES			\$ 28,186.61
CLOSING BALANCE for 2010-11			\$ 28,186.61
11-06-01	reversal of OSCanada amounts (charged to wrong account)	\$ 1,623.46	
11-04-21	SSHRC travel grant	\$ 4,860.00	
11-06-01	CJL revenue	\$ 12,886.07	
11-05-15	Total revenues received since April 1, 2011	\$ 19,369.53	
11-05-15	Balance as of May 31, 2011		\$ 47,556.14
	Congress-related expenses 2010		\$ (1,089.01)

Congress 2010 Congrès			
États financiers des revenus et dépenses /			
Financial account of revenues and expenditures			
REVENUES			
10-05-28	Society registration fees	\$ 3,455.00	
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,455.00	\$ 3,455.00
EXPENSES			
10-05-28	Audio visual services / services audio-visuels	\$ (630.00)	
10-05-28	Catering services / services de traiteur, U Concordia	\$ (1,640.00)	
10-05-28	GST / TPS	\$ (113.50)	
10-05-28	QST / TVQ	\$ (178.76)	
10-09-01	Congress expenses / Dépenses pour le Congrès 2010 (remboursement à / reimbursed to Ruth King); present for outgoing President	\$ (147.98)	
10-06-23	Congress expenses / Dépenses pour le Congrès 2010 (remboursement à / reimbursed to Denis Liakin); catering services, Ling dept / services de traiteur, Dépt de linguistique	\$ (525.73)	
10-09-08	Congress expenses / Dépenses pour le Congrès 2010 (remboursement à / reimbursed to Ileana Paul); subscription to / abonnement à Survey Monkey	\$ (64.31)	
10-06-16	Congress expenses / Dépenses pour le Congrès 2010 (remboursement à / reimbursed to Carrie Dyck); Executive dinner / souper pour le Conseil d'administration	\$ (350.99)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (3,651.27)	\$ (3,651.27)

Membership/Subscription Report

Current CJL Subscriptions by Category and Region (April 4, 2011)

	Regular	Student	Life	Family	Comp	Inst	Exch	Abs	Total	2010	2009	2008	2007
AB	2	8	1	0	0	3	0	1	15	21	32	33	25
BC	13	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	24	30	63	79	40
MB	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	11	11	12	10
NB	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	5	10	10	8
NL	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	10	11	6
NS	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	3	6	5	4
ON	39	33	3	1	3	10	0	0	89	102	139	137	100
PE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
QC	13	11	4	0	0	9	0	0	37	50	67	62	50
SK	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	4	4	4
YT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SUBTTL	84	69	11	1	3	36	0	1	207	234	342	353	249
USA	6	3	0	0	1	90	1	1	101	109	156	145	115
OTHER	6	0	1	0	2	62	0	2	73	82	106	96	52
TOTAL	96	72	12	1	6	188	1	4	381				
2010	123	98	12	1	6	179	1	5		425			
2009	154	178	13	1	5	245	3	5			604		
2008	161	180	14		7	228		4				594	
2007	128	107	14		6	161		0					416

Summary

- Most institutional subscriptions are in US
- Canadian subscriptions are about 55% regular members, 45% student members (this is a slightly higher ratio of students than in past years)
- Regionally, about 42% in Ontario, 18% in Quebec, 12% in BC, 7% in Alberta
- Significant decrease in membership in most regions; increase in NB, NL, and NS
- “Comp” = complimentary copies, “Exch” = exchange, “Abs” = abstracting

Comparison with 2010 levels

- Slight decrease (10%) overall but the institutional subscriptions are rising.
- It is likely that the decrease is due to the “Fredericton effect”.

Thanks to Brandon Jorritsma at University of Toronto Press for the numbers

Submitted by Ileana Paul, Secretary

Canadian Journal of Linguistics / Revue canadienne de linguistique
2011-2012 Budget forecast / Pr evision budg etaire 2011 - 2012

REVENUE / REVENU

CLA transfer / transfert ACL		12 500.00
SSHRC grant / Subvention CRSH		20 550.00
CJL revenue / Revenu RCL		
- Single copies / Exemplaires � l'unit�	450.00	
- Royalties / Redevances	20 000.00	
Subtotal CJL revenue / Total partiel – Revenu RCL		20 450.00
Previous balance / Solde report�		5 725.94
Total revenue / Total - revenu		58 675.94

EXPENSES / D PENSES

CJL Salaries / R�mun�ration RCL		12 500.00
CPC Typesetting / Composition		10 000.00
UTP Expenses / D�penses UTP		
- UTP Printing / Impression	8 500.00	
- UTP Mailing / Envois	4 500.00	
- UTP Subscription management / Gestion abonnements	6 775.00	
- UTP Journal management / Gestion revue	5 725.00	
- UTP Promotion	500.00	
- GST/TPS	1 500.00	
Subtotal / Total partiel UTP		27 550.00
Other expenses / Autres d�penses		1 000.00
Total – expenditures / Total - d�penses		51 050.00
Balance / Solde		7 625.94

Canadian Journal of Linguistics / Revue canadienne de linguistique
Statement of revenue and expenses / État des résultats
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2011 / Exercice clos le 31 mars 2011

EXPENDITURES / DÉPENSES

<u>CJL salary and benefits/ Rémunération RCL</u>		
-Assistant		12 016.19
 <u>CPC Typesetting / Composition</u>		
-55: 1	2 765.88	
-55: 2	2 369.71	
-55: 3	3 110.71	
Subtotal typesetting / Total partiel - composition		8 246.30
 <u>UTP Printing / Impression</u>		
-55: 1	2 527.70	
-55: 2	2 309.95	
-55: 3	2 522.27	
Subtotal printing / Total partiel - impression		7 359.92
 <u>UTP Mailing / Envois</u>		
-54: 1	1 478.86	
-54: 2	1 137.37	
-54: 3	1 469.15	
Subtotal mailings / Total partiel - envois		4 085.38
 <u>UTP Management / Gestion</u>		
-UTP Subscription management / Gestion abonnements	6 813.06	
-UTP Journal management / Gestion revue	5 716.00	
-UTP Promotion	337.21	
Subtotal UTP Management / Total partiel – gestion UTP		12 866.27
 <u>Varia / Divers</u>		
-GST / TSP	1 247.71	
-Publicity / Publicité	45.00	
-Copying / Reprographie	80.00	
-Telephone / Téléphone	112.80	
-Internet	44.40	
Subtotal varia / Total partiel - divers		1 529.91
 Total expenses / Total - dépenses		 46 103.97
 Balance / Solde		 5 725.94

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REVENUE / REVENU

Canadian Linguistics Association / Association canadienne de linguistique

-annual transfer / transfert annuel	15 000.00	
-SSHRC grant / Subvention du CRSH	20 550.00	
Contribution Dép. de langues, linguistique et traduction (Uaval)		
-telephone / téléphone	112.80	
-internet	44.40	
 Subtotal external revenue / Total partiel - revenu externe		 35 707.20
 Exchange \$US subscriptions / Change abonnements \$US		
-55:1	179.93	
-55:2	6.28	
-55:3	35.38	
Subtotal subscription revenue / Total partiel - revenu d'abonnements		221.59
 Single copies / Exemplaires à l'unité	196.38	
-55:1	37.50	
-55:2	15.00	
-55:3		
Subtotal single issue revenue / Total partiel – revenu exemplaires		248.88
 Royalties / Redevances		 20 813.87
 Subtotal revenue / Total partiel - revenu		 565161.63 991.54
 Previous balance / Solde reporté		 -5 161.63
 Total revenue / Total - revenu		 51 829.91

**Rapport du Comité des candidatures
Nominating Committee Report
2010-2011**

1. Membres du comité ~ Composition of the Committee:

Jila Ghomeshi
Gunnar Hansson
Gary Libben

2. Remerciements aux membres sortants ~ Thanks to Outgoing Members:

Ruth King, **Présidente**
Jila Ghomeshi, Comité des candidatures

3. Candidatures ~ Nominations:

<i>Leslie Saxon</i>	(UVic)	Vice-présidente
<i>Elizabeth Ritter</i>	(Calgary)	Comité des candidatures
<i>Carrie Dyck</i>	(MUN)	Trésorière (2011-12)
<i>Éric Mathieu</i>	(Ottawa)	Représentant à la FCSH (2011-12)
<i>François Poiré</i>	(UWO)	Membre associé (2011-13)

Program Committee Report

	accept	reject	total	rate
acquisition	9	3	12	75
morphology	7		7	100
phonetics	3		3	100
phonology	8		8	100
psycho	3		3	100
semantics	6		6	100
socio/change	8	3	11	73
syntax	30	2	32	94
other	3		3	100
total	77	8	85	90.5

Summary

- Far fewer papers this year
 - Typical of smaller site
- Fewer phonology papers
 - overlap with Glyne-fest
- Similar acceptance rates and patterning to past years

Problems with submissions

- Indicating subdiscipline
 - EasyAbs & Gerard's fault, fixed next year

Reviewer overload

- A problem in past years
- This year, each committee member concentrated on their own field (and nearby fields)
- Reduced workload about 50%

Thanks

- Committee members: Luc Baronian, Betsy Ritter, Laura Sabourin, James Walker
- Daniel Currie Hall, webmaster
- Yvan Rose, emailer

Report on the Student Prize Competitions (Oral Presentations and Posters)
2010 Meeting of the CLA, Montréal
Leslie Saxon
University of Victoria
Member-at-large

1. **Organization.** The second member-at-large was not able to participate in organizing the student competition and therefore I did it, with much help from members-at-large who had organized the prizes in the recent past (Julie Auger, Monique Dufresne), executive committee members (especially Ileana Paul), and the chair of the programme committee (Gerald van Herk). Many thanks to them all!

2. **Statistics.** The 2010 competition was complicated by the fact that there was no ready identification of students, or which students wanted their posters or oral presentations to be evaluated. (The situation has now been corrected.) Nevertheless, with a few missteps in initially including one or two post-docs among those to be evaluated, the competition involved:
 - 3 evaluations per student oral presentation or poster
 - 20 oral presentation evaluators
 - 15 poster evaluators
 - 9 people evaluated both oral presentation and posters; therefore a total of 26 people provided evaluations
 - approximately 7 evaluations per evaluator

The participation of evaluators was solicited by the organizer, taking names from programme participants and from local universities. The response was tremendous! the cooperation and flexibility of the evaluators before and during the event was amazing! People participated very willingly, earnestly, professionally, and with good hearts and minds. There were as many as 15-20 of the evaluators who participated in the evaluation forum discussion, and this was very helpful.

3. **Prize winners.** There was no shortage of excellent research to choose from in selecting two student award winners. The evaluators commented on the sizeable numbers of worthy papers, and expressed appreciation to the student CLA members for putting their best work forward.

The oral presentation by **Viktor Kharlamov** (University of Ottawa) on "Final devoicing and (in)complete neutralization: the role of task-specific factors" was judged to be exceptional both in terms of oral presentation and the presentation of findings visually in slides, equal to any presentation at an international conference. Evaluators noted that the paper was carefully researched, incorporating "complex methodology and results presented in a remarkably clear and accessible way". Mr Kharlamov handled the question period very skillfully. Congratulations!

The winning poster by **Liisa Duncan** (University of Toronto) on "Consonant gradation in Finnish dialects" was judged to be clear and efficient and the research "a model of

modern dialectology informed by current trends in segmental structure representation". Ms Duncan did "an outstanding job of exploring empirical data which spread new light on a process that can only be fully understood with these data". Congratulations!

The winners' names were posted on the CLA website shortly after the meeting, and this practice is encouraged for the future. The president of the CLA sent letters of congratulations to the winners, copies to their department chairs, and these letters included the citations noted above.

4. **Evaluation forms.** I took it upon myself to revise the evaluation forms for the two competitions, as a means of (1) addressing comments from previous competition reports that criteria for the prizes should be made known and (2) bringing the evaluation forms for the two competitions more in line with each other. The forms have been posted on the CLA website for the information of the general membership, in particular students and their supervisors. Following the meeting, I asked for feedback on the forms from evaluators. An issue that arose was that some evaluators didn't absorb the instructions thoroughly, making it more difficult to compare evaluations. So perhaps the evaluations forms or instructions could be reviewed for clarity.

Written comments on the evaluation forms were valuable in judging the qualities of the highest ranked students papers during the evaluation forum following the meeting. These comments also formed the basis for the citations sent to the prize winners. I would like to again thank the four evaluators whose words were used in the citations.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Saxon
May 2011

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

A reminder of the role of the CFHSS: to represent over 50 000 students and researchers. The main function is to organize the annual Congress. CFHSS also runs the Aid to Scholarly Publications Program that supports about 180 works each year.

CFHSS continues its work on issues around the visibility of research in the humanities and social sciences, on open access, equity, and author's rights.

New report: *Strategic Directions 2011-2015*

Reach: Involve existing and new members in new ways in our work and in that of the social sciences and humanities community; improve our communications practices and offerings to attract broader audiences to our renowned portfolio of events and programs.

Relevance: Engage policy-makers, decision-makers and the Canadian public with tangible evidence and a revitalized narrative about what humanities and social sciences research tells us about our lives, our communities, our cultures and world.

Resources: Be innovative and creative about how we tackle our objectives—partnering across sectors and jurisdictions, opening up possibilities for others and pursuing new avenues to keep our work energized.

Submitted by Éric Mathieu