

CANADIAN LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

**Saturday, May 27, 2006, 4:45 p.m.
Vari Hall B, York University**

PRESENT:

Yves Roberge (Toronto; Co-Chair), John Archibald (Calgary; Co-Chair), Ileana Paul (Western; Acting Secretary), Gabriela Alboiu (York), Catherine Anderson (McMaster), Ana Arregui (Ottawa), Peter Avery (York), Patricia Balcom (Moncton), Susanne Borgwaldt (Alberta), Julie Brittain (Memorial), Anne-Marie Brousseau (Toronto), Heather Burnett (Queen's), Luba Dachevski (York), Rose-Marie Déchaine (UBC), Elan Drescher (Toronto), Monique Dufresne (Queen's/UQAM), Fernande Dupuis (UQAM), Carrie Dyck (Memorial), Elissa Flagg (York), Michaël Gagnon (Concordia), Daniel Hall (Toronto), Alana Johns (Toronto), Marie-Odile Junkier (Carleton), Nina Kazanina (Ottawa), Marguerite MacKenzie (Memorial), Éric Mathieu (Ottawa), Amanda Pounder (Calgary), Charlotte Reinholtz (Queen's), Yvan Rose (Memorial), Laura Teddman (Alberta), Mireille Tremblay (Queen's), Martina Wiltschko (UBC).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Suzanne Crosta (CFHSS), Jean-Claude Guédon (CFHSS).

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS (Y. Roberge)

The CLA executive were introduced: John Archibald (past president), Ileana Paul (Acting Secretary), Marguerite Mackenzie (Treasurer), Rose-Marie Déchaine (Editor of the CJL), Mireille Tremblay (Program Committee chair), Alana Johns (Member-at-Large), Gabriela Alboiu (Member-at-Large), Milica Radisic (Student Representative), Gary Libben (Vice-President, in absentia).

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED (Brousseau) and seconded (Junker) to approve the agenda. Motion PASSED.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (J.-C. Guédon)

The CFHSS encourages collaboration between the CFHSS and its member societies. Ongoing issues include: open access; the choosing of the new president of SSHRC; funding for publications. Next year's Congress will be at the University of Saskatchewan, May 26 to June 2 2007. The 2008 Congress will be at UBC, 2009 at Carleton and 2010 at the Université de Montréal.

4.0 APPROVAL OF 2005 MINUTES

It was MOVED (Alboiu) and SECONDED (Hall) to approve the 2005 minutes. Motion PASSED.

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Y. Roberge)

Thanks: Roberge thanked the outgoing committee members: Alana Johns (Member-at-Large), Milica Radisic (Student Representative), Charles Reiss (Nominating Committee), Marie-Odile Junker (CFHSS Representative), David Heap (Program Committee), Marie-Hélène Côté (Program Committee). He also thanked Paul Pupier (Book Review Editor), Marguerite Mackenzie (Treasurer), Marie-Odile Junker (CFHSS Representative) for their long service to the CLA. Thanks also to Ileana Paul (Acting Secretary); Rose-Marie Déchaine and Mireille Tremblay (invited speakers organizers); Peter Avery, Gabriela Alboiu and Milica Radisic (local organizers); Gabriela Alboiu (Student Paper Contest), Elaine Gold (Advisor on the Status of Women); Yvan Rose (CLA e-mail list); Daniel Currie Hall (website); and Éliane Lebel (translations). The 2006 proceedings will be co-edited by the past and current student representatives. More information will be posted on the website.

Comment: There will be an upcoming email vote on changes to the constitution.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 CJL Editorship: Proposals for changes in governance (R.-M. Déchaine)

Déchaine explained that although the journal is behind in its publication schedule, it will be caught up at the end of the summer. Some structural changes are necessary, changes that require changes in the constitution. The goals behind these changes are: continuity of production, inclusiveness, and a smooth transition for editorship. The proposed changes include moving to 3 issues a year (rather than 4) and modifying how the editor is appointed. Much like the presidency, there will be an associate editor, an editor and a consulting (outgoing) editor.

6.2 Outreach committee (Y. Roberge)

Roberge discussed the creation of a new ad-hoc outreach committee in order to improve external relations and the promotion of linguistics in the greater society. The general mandate is attached. Susanne Carroll has accepted to chair this committee.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 Report of the Treasurer (M. MacKenzie)

See attached report. It was MOVED (Tremblay) and SECONDED (Balcom) to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion PASSED.

7.2 Report of the Acting Secretary (I. Paul)

See attached report. Membership numbers have improved across the board.

7.3 Report of the Editor of the Canadian Journal of Linguistics (R.-M. Déchaine)

See attached report. Déchaine remarked on the low rate of unsolicited submissions and encouraged members to submit to the journal. Anne-Marie Brousseau has accepted to serve as review editor and the journal is looking for a squibs editor.

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

7.4 Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee (J. Archibald)

See attached report. The Nominating Committee proposed the following candidates:

Treasurer (2006–2011): Carrie Dyck, Memorial University (to replace Marguerite MacKenzie)
Member-at-Large (2006 – 2008): Ana Teresa Pérez-Leroux, University of Toronto (to replace Alana Johns)

Nominating Committee (2006 – 2008): Terry Nadasdi, University of Alberta (to replace Charles Reiss)

Canadian Federation of Social Sciences and Humanities Representative (2006-2011): Eric Mathieu, University of Ottawa (to replace Marie-Odile Junker)

Advisor on Aboriginal Languages (2006-2007): Pat Shaw, UBC

Advisor on the Status of Women in Linguistics (2006-2007): Elaine Gold, University of Toronto
Program Committee: Jeffrey Steele, University of Toronto (2006-2009), Lisa Matthewson, UBC (2006-2010) (to replace David Heap and Marie-Hélène Côté)

It was MOVED (Reinholtz) and SECONDED (Rose) to close the nominations. Motion PASSED.

7.5 Report of the Chair of the Program Committee (M. Tremblay)

See attached report. The number of talks has again increased (99), with an acceptance rate of 87.9%. Only 13% of talks are in French and 52.9% have student authors. In order to encourage presentations in French, Tremblay announced that from next year, the language of the title of the abstract will be the language of the talk. It was also suggested to offer the possibility of poster sessions next year. Tremblay encouraged members to propose joint sessions with other associations and to suggest thematic sessions.

7.6 Report on the Student Paper Contest (A. Johns)

See attached report. Thanks to all involved in the competition (students and evaluators) and to Elan Drescher for assistance with the data. The winning paper was “Computation of thematic features in deverbal nouns: probing the effect of the verbal root” by Christina Manoulidou (Ottawa), and honorable mention went to “Changes in the Inuktitut switch-reference system” by Christine Pittman (Toronto).

7.7 Report from the Advisor on the Status of Women in Linguistics (E. Gold)

See attached report. Gold thanked Nicole Rosen for her help in organizing the lunchtime discussion “Is there ever a good time to have a baby? Balancing children and academia”.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (Avery) and SECONDED (Rose) to adjourn. Motion CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Proposal for the creation of an Outreach Committee

1. Terms of reference

The Outreach Committee identifies and coordinates programs and activities having an external focus with an objective of influencing non-members and increasing their awareness of the CLA and linguistics in Canada.

2. The CLA Outreach Award

OBJECTIVES

To recognize the contributions of an individual whose scientific outreach has had an impact on the understanding of linguistics among the general public, or of an individual who has played a considerable role in raising public awareness of the importance of linguistics research in Canada.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

December 1 of the year before the award is made. The Award will be given every other year if a candidate is considered suitable; next award in June 2008.

NOMINATION DOSSIER

A nomination must be supported by three (3) people, and must be sponsored by a member of the CLA. No nomination form is necessary. Supporting documents submitted by the sponsor must provide the following information:

- the candidate's name, affiliation, postal address, email, etc.;
- an academic statement, at most 250 words, which concisely specifies the reasons why the candidate should receive the proposed distinction;
- a detailed appraisal of the work of the proposed candidate, at most 1000 words;
- the candidate's curriculum vitae, maximum 20 pages. The list of publications pertinent to the award should be included.
- the application dossier may include letters of support.

The completed application must include five (5) copies of the nomination dossier and should be submitted to:

Martha McGinnis
Secretary, CLA
Department of Linguistics
University of Calgary
2500 University Drive, N.W.
Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

Report of the Treasurer of the CLA
April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006

REVENUE closing balance as of March 31, 2005			\$64,080.08
May 05	SSHRC travel grant 2005	\$4,860.00	
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	U of Toronto Press	27,010.95	
	Donation from UWO (Aboriginal languages)	92.00	
September 05	SSHRC grant for session with another association	600.00	
October 05	Congress 2005 Reimbursement (\$2,505. revenue -1,434.16 expenses)	1,070.84	
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$38,493.79	\$38,493.79
EXPENSES			
	Industry Canada registration fee	\$(30.00)	
	Program committee - courier, long distance, printing, travel	(1,044.81)	
June 06	Fed can membership fees 2005	(2,032.00)	
July 06	Transfer to Canadian Journal of Linguistics (2 years)	(40,000.00)	
October 06	Translation of Minutes	(708.24)	
	Travel - Executive	(3,426.96)	
	Travel - members	(4,971.81)	
	Program Committee advance for 2006 (Queen's U.)	(1,000.00)	
	Additional expenses Congress 2005	(700.74)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$(53,914.56)	\$(53,914.56)
TOTAL FOR 2005-06			\$48,659.31
Financial Activity from April 1, 2006			
April 06	Donation from UWO (Aboriginal languages)	\$36.00	
April 06	Industry Canada	(30.00)	
May 06	U of T Press (Jan-Mar, 2006)	7,834.00	
May 06	Travel - Program Committee 2006	(316.37)	
	TOTAL	\$7,523.63	

Current CJL Subscriptions by Category and Region

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	Regular	Student	Life	Comp	Institut	Total	2005 (May)	2005 (end)
AB	13	17	1	0	5	36	13	25
BC	21	40	0	0	5	66	24	51
MB	6	2	0	0	2	10	8	11
NB	6	0	0	0	5	11	9	11
NL	2	2	3	0	0	7	4	4
NS	0	1	0	0	3	4	2	5
ON	71+1	83	3	3	19	180	111	158
PE	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
QC	25	31	7	0	13	76	48	70
SK	4	0	0	0	2	6	4	7
YT	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
SUBTOTAL	149	177	14	3	55	398	226	344
USA	15	13	0	3	188	219	148	205
OTHER	19	7	1	3	103	133	75	119
TOTAL	183	197	15	9	346	750	449	
<i>2005 (May)</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>231</i>			
<i>2005 (end)</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>330</i>			668

Summary

- Subscription levels have increased 67% since 2005
- Regular subscriptions are up 66%, student up 119%, institutional up 50%

Thanks to Evelyn Holmberg at University of Toronto Press for the numbers.

– Ileana Paul, Acting secretary

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to be added when received

Nominations Committee Report 2005/2006

1.0 Composition of the Committee

The members of the Nominations Committee were Kevin Russell, Charles Reiss, and the chair, John Archibald.

2.0 Thanks to Outgoing Members

- Marguerite Mackenzie (Treasurer)
- Alana Johns (Member-at-Large)
- Milica Radisic (Student Representative)
- Charles Reiss (Nominating Committee)
- Marie-Odile Junker (FedCan)
- David Heap (Program Committee)
- Marie-Helene Coté (Program Committee)
- Ileana Paul (Acting Secretary to 31 October)

3.0 Nominations

The committee would like to propose the following nominations to the membership:

- Treasurer (2006- 2011): Carrie Dyck, Memorial University
- Member-at-Large (2006 – 2008): Ana Teresa Pérez-Leroux, University of Toronto
- Nominating Committee (2006 – 2008): Terry Nadasdi, University of Alberta
- Canadian Federation of Social Sciences and Humanities Representative (2006-2011): Eric Mathieu, University of Ottawa
- Advisor on Aboriginal Languages (2006-2007): Pat Shaw, UBC
- Advisor on the Status of Women in Linguistics (2006-2007): Elaine Gold, University of Toronto
- Program Committee: Jeffrey Steele, University of Toronto (2006-2009)
Lisa Matthewson, UBC (2006-2010)

Submitted by,

John Archibald
Chair, Nominating Committee

2006 Report of the Program Committee

1. Abstract Acceptance Rate

Of the 116 abstracts received by the Committee, 14 were rejected, and 3 were withdrawn, leaving 99 talks on the final programme. In previous years, the figures were:

2006	116/14/3 =	102 talks
2005	111/15/6 =	90 talks
2004	85/10/8 =	67 talks
2003	101/18/10 =	73 talks
2002	110/16/11 =	83 talks
2001	67/9/12 =	49 talks
2000	78/12/8 =	58 talks

The distribution and acceptance rate by subject area are as follows:

Area	SUBMITTED	ACCEPTED	ACCEPTANCE RATE
Discourse analysis	1	1	100%
Pragmatics	3	1	33.3%
L1/L2 Acquisition	12	11	91.7%
Morphology	7	7	100%
Phonetics	4	4	100%
Phonology	19	16	84.2%
Hist. Ling.	6	4	66.7%
Psycholinguistics	9	8	88.9%
Semantics	7	7	100%
Sign Language	0	0	--
Sociolinguistics	11	9	81.8%
Syntax	36	33	91.7%
Neurolinguistics	1	1	100%
TOTAL	116	102	87.9%

The overall acceptance rate was 87.9%, similar to the rate for previous years :

2005	86.5%
2004	88.2%
2003	82.1%
2002	85.4%
2001	86.5%
2000	84.6%

Of the 99 talks on the final program, 13 (13%) are in French, and 54 talks (52.9%) have student authors. Last year, 21.1% of the talks were in French, and 44.4% had student authors.

2 Call for papers

The Call for Papers was posted on the CLA website and sent to members by e-mail.

3 Committee Meeting

At the beginning of March, two members and the chair of the committee met in Kingston.

4 Electronic Submission of abstracts

111 of the 116 abstracts were submitted by e-mail, with no serious technical problems. The former chair of the Committee had created a permanent Gmail address for CLA submissions and consequently occasional quota overloads were avoided. I propose to increase the automation of the submission process to allow for a more efficient management of the files.

5 CJL Invited Speakers

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, the Program Committee (in collaboration with the Journal) invited the 10 contributors to the *50th anniversary* special issue of the Journal to participate in this year's CLA conference. Seven contributors accepted the invitation. The Programme Committee wishes to thank the editor of the Journal, Rose-Marie Déchaine, for her help in the planning of this series of invited talks.

6 Acknowledgements

The Programme Committee wishes to thank Daniel Currie Hall, who posted the Call for Papers, the Conference Program, and the many updates on the CLA website, as well as Yvan Rose, who sent announcements to the CLA list. Special sessions were organized by Rose-Marie Déchaine (CJL invited speakers), Elaine Gold (Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics Discussion Panel "Is there ever a good time to have a baby? Balancing children and academia"), and by the group (Committee on Aboriginal Languages Discussion Panel). Roland Côté and Frédérique Offredi participated in the management of abstracts and of the database. The chair of the Programme Committee also wishes to thank the local representatives, Gabriela Alboiu and Peter Avery, for their exceptional support.

Mireille Tremblay (chair), for the CLA Programme Committee:
Marie-Hélène Côté, Sarah Cummins, David Heap Sali Tagliamonte

CLA Student Paper Competition Committee Report

2005 Committee Membership

Gabriela Alboiu, Patricia Balcom, Elan Dresher, Wladyslaw Cichocki, Sarah Cummins, Ana Teresa Pérez-Leroux, Alana Johns (**Chair**), Alexei Kochetov, Patricia Shaw, Lisa Travis, Yves Roberge, James Walker.

The CLA extends sincere thanks and appreciation to the evaluators, who generously gave of their time and expertise.

Student Paper Competition 2005

A total of **41** student papers were entered into the competition.

Papers were from the following areas: First and Second Language Acquisition, Historical Linguistics, Language Contact, Morphology, Phonetics, Phonology, Psycholinguistics, Semantics, Sign Language, Sociolinguistics, and Syntax.

Due to privacy considerations, a numerical breakdown is not provided here

The committee concluded that the award for **best paper** should be presented to:
Christina Manouilidou, University of Ottawa
“Computation of thematic features in deverbal nouns: probing the effect of the verbal root”.

One paper received **honourable mention**:
Christine Pittman, University of Toronto
“Changes in the Inuktitut switch-reference system”

The evaluators were impressed by the high calibre of many of the student talks. They found it difficult to choose between the many excellent presentations. Following tradition, the evaluators chose one winner and one runner-up.

As Chair of the Committee, I would like to express my thanks to all involved in the competition, particularly the students who delivered such interesting papers. Also thanks to Elan Dresher, who also assisted in the computation of preliminary evaluation data, and above all to the evaluators listed above for helping ensure the success of the competition.

Alana Johns, Member-at-Large, CLA
Outgoing Chair, Student Paper Competition 2005

May 2006 Report from the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics

The main activity of the Committee this year was organizing the lunchtime discussion for the annual conference. CLA members were consulted for ideas for the discussion and several members expressed interest in the topic of balancing career and family. The committee has therefore arranged a discussion entitled:

*Is there ever a good time to have a baby? Balancing children and academia.
Y a-t-il un bon moment pour avoir un bébé?
L'équilibre entre les enfants et la vie académique.*

The discussion will be led by four speakers at different stages of their linguistic careers who are dealing with the challenges of raising a family.

I would like to thank Nicole Rosen for her assistance in organizing this event.

Elaine Gold
Conseillère pour le statut des femmes en linguistique
Advisor on the Status of Women in Linguistics