

THE CANADIAN LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

**Saturday, May 23, 2009, 4:45 p.m.
3275 Mackenzie, Carleton University**

PRESENT:

Gary Libben (Alberta; Co-Chair), Ruth King (York; Co-Chair), Ileana Paul (Western; Secretary) Ana Arregui (Ottawa), Julie Auger (Indiana), Patricia Balcom (Moncton), Luc Baronian (UQAC), Michael Barrie (Ottawa), Louise Beaulieu (Moncton), Wladyslaw Cichocki (New Brunswick), Philip Comeau (York), Elizabeth Cowper (Toronto), Sarah Cummins (Laval), Monique Dufresne (Queen's/UQAM), Carrie Dyck (Memorial), Ewelina Frackowiak (Ottawa), Randall Gess (Carleton), Heather Goad (McGill), Elaine Gold (Toronto), Daniel Currie Hall (Toronto), David Heap (Western), Masako Hirotani (Carleton), Marie Odile Junker (Carleton), Carmen LeBlanc (Carleton), Diane Massam (Toronto), Eric Mathieu (Ottawa), Yves Roberge (Toronto), Laura Sabourin (Ottawa), Pat Shaw (UBC), Mireille Tremblay (Montreal), Michelle Troberg (Toronto), Gerard Van Herk (Memorial).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jody Ciufu (CFHSS Executive Director), Christian Vandendorpe (CFHSS Vice-president, Research Dissemination).

1.0 Introductions

Libben began the meeting by thanking the following for their service to the CLA: Yves Roberge (Past president), Ruth King (Vice-president), Mireille Tremblay (Chair, Program Committee), Julie Auger (Member-at-large) and Fred Mailhot (Student member). Thanks also to Yvan Rose (email list), Daniel Currie Hall (website) and Mikalai Kliashchuk (translation).

A gift was presented to Yves Roberge as a token of our appreciation for his work as president.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Adoption of agenda MOVED (Gold), SECONDED (Heap). Motion PASSED.

3.0 Presentations by CFHSS

Ciufu reminded the membership of FedCan's role, that is, to lobby the federal government for funding. Not surprisingly, this has been a difficult year. In the 2009 budget, spending on infrastructure played a big role, but there were also across-the-board cuts to all granting councils. New money for Canada Graduate Scholarships were announced, but all the SSHRC funds are for business and management studies. There was a strong reaction from the community against this move and FedCan is lobbying the government to make all graduate scholarships untargeted. The representatives of FedCan met with the minister of finance and explained that we felt excluded by the budget.

Looking ahead, FedCan has proposed the following five-year budget to the federal government: 100 million in funding for SSHRC, with 50 million for new scholars, 25 million for

more experienced scholars, and 25 million for knowledge transfer (e.g. CURA). In the fall, there will be an economic stimulus update and there are rumours that granting councils will get some good news.

Vandendorpe focused on the issue of Open Access. He noted that there is a class action suit against ProQuest and as a result ProQuest is suing journals. Vandendorpe suggests that this tells us that scholarly journals need to be independent of aggregators. FedCan is trying to determine how it can help journals.

Junker asked about the report on Syn ergie and Vandendorpe replied that there is a meeting this Thursday. A system modeled on  rudite will be extended throughout Canada. Ideally FedCan would provide a central server for journals, much like the CNRS in France. They may ask NSERC for server support. Vandendorpe also noted that there is a meeting next week of the Canadian Association of Learned Journals.

Next Congress will be held at Concordia in Montreal. Upcoming meetings will be at UNB/University of St. Thomas, Fredericton (2011), Waterloo/Wilfred Laurier (2012).

4.0 Approval of 2008 Minutes

Adoption of minutes MOVED (Junker), SECONDED (Gold). Motion PASSED.

5.0 President's Remarks (G. Libben)

Libben reported on some initiatives that emerged from his visits to linguistics departments in 2008. It was suggested that the CLA create a database of linguistic expertise, of potential members, and of academic stakeholders. This database would serve as a national resource portal for both linguists and other stakeholders, and would include, among other things, teaching materials and information on research developments. He also reported on the high level of interest in the creation of a program of national recognition awards. The first award will be announced at the next CLA meeting.

Summing up his thoughts at the end of his term as president, Libben mentioned some areas that the CLA could develop: the promotion of multidisciplinary, the seeking out and engaging of our next association leaders, and the establishment of the CLA as a trusted and sought-out national resource of knowledge, data, and problem-solving expertise.

6.0 New Business

None.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Report of the Treasurer (C. Dyck)

See attached report. Acceptance of report MOVED (Heap), SECONDED (Gold). Motion APPROVED.

7.2 Report of the Secretary (I. Paul)

See attached report. The question of changing the editorial structure was raised again and there will be a vote on proposed changes in the coming year.

7.3 Report of the Editor of the Canadian Journal of Linguistics (S. Cummins)

See attached report. Cummins began by noting that the journal is in good intellectual form, with several issues lined up. She has decided to have at most one thematic issue a year and there are no double issues planned, so three single issues will appear each year.

There was some discussion around the causes of the deficit and Cummins noted that there is no one single problem, but that she is planning to bring the journal budget under control. Moreover, the journal has no more outstanding debts.

Cummins announced that Éric Mathieu has agreed to be the Associate Editor and that she has hired Mathieu Tremblay as the editorial assistant. The new editorial board will be announced in the latest issue of the journal. Finally, the website has been updated to be fully bilingual and a new style sheet has been posted.

Acceptance of report MOVED (Junker), SECONDED (LeBlanc). Motion PASSED.

7.4 Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee (Y. Roberge)

See attached report.

No nominations were received from the floor. Gold MOVED to adopt the proposed nominations; Heap SECONDED. Motion PASSED.

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

See attached report.

7.6 Report of the Chair of the Student Paper Contest Committee (J. Auger)

See attached report, as well as the report on the student poster contest report (submitted by Ana Teresa Perez-Leroux). The winners of the paper contest were Heather Bliss (UBC) for “Structuring information in Blackfoot: Against an A’-agreement analysis of cross-clausal agreement” and Isabelle Charnavel (UCLA) for “L’alternance *avoir été/être eu* dans les auxiliaires du passé surcomposé en français: un nouvel argument pour le caractère syntaxique du morphème *se*.” The winner of the student poster contest was Jennifer Glougie (UBC) for “On future expression in St’at’imcets: Modality vs. aspect,” with Honorable Mentions to Heather Bliss (UBC) & Denis Storoshenko (SFU) for “Passivization and A’-movement in Shona” and Bethany MacLeod (Toronto) “The hierarchy of velar weakening in Buenos Aires Spanish.”

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

See attached report.

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

This year, Gold organized a lunchtime discussion panel on the topic “Are women happy under Haper?”, led by Marymay Downing from the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies at Carleton. Gold invited everyone to attend this panel as well as the breakfast discussion on “Language use in museums: First Peoples Hall”, led by Stephen Augustine, the Curator of Ethnology (Eastern Maritimes) from the Canadian Museum of Civilization. She also asked for proposals for discussion topics for next year.

8.0 Opportunities

Libben opened the discussion by asking how the CLA can better serve the linguistics community and the community at large. Balcom brought up the proposed awards and suggested that they could target both the linguistics community and beyond. Roberge affirmed that we will post a call for nominations this year and that the nomination process will be as simple as possible, so as to encourage participation. Libben will work with Susanne Carroll to have a call within three months.

Luc Baronian brought up the issue of the funding structure within universities, such that science students generate more funding than arts students. Such as system discriminates against

linguistics because some of our work does require equipment. It appears that both Quebec and Ontario have similar systems, with some differences. It was suggested that the Association could lobby the provincial governments to change this system.

David Heap asked whether any lobbying in support of Aboriginal languages took place this year. Pat Shaw replied that two years ago, the Association sent a letter, but we only received an acknowledgement of receipt. No other lobbying has happened since.

9.0 Other Business

Carmen LeBlanc noted that some people only attend their own talk and that this is inconsiderate of other attendees. After some discussion, it was decided that there was nothing the Association could reasonably do to address the matter.

The executive thanked Libben for his service as CLA President.

10.0 Adjournment

It was MOVED (Gold) and SECONDED (Heap) to adjourn. Motion CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Membership/Subscription Report

Current CJL Subscriptions by Category and Region (May 10, 2009)

	Regula r	Studen t	Lif e	Famil y	Com p	Ins t	Exc h	Ab s	Tota l	200 8	200 7	200 6	200 5	200 4
AB	12	15	1	0	0	3	0	1	32	33	25	36	25	20
BC	23	37	0	0	0	3	0	0	63	79	40	66	51	52
MB	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	11	12	10	10	11	14
NB	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	10	8	11	11	11
NL	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	6	7	4	7
NS	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	5	4	4	5	4
ON	54	69	3	1	3	9	0	0	139	137	100	180	158	135
PE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
QC	21	29	5	0	0	12	0	0	67	62	50	76	70	63
SK	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	4	6	7	5
YT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
SUBTT L	131	159	12	1	3	35	0	1	342	353	249	398	344	313
USA	11	16	0	0	0	12 6	2	1	156	145	115	219	205	222
OTHER	12	3	1	0	2	84	1	3	106	96	52	133	119	119
TOTAL	154	178	13	1	5	24 5	3	5	604					
2008	161	180	14		7	22 8		4		594				
2007	128	107	14		6	16 1		0			416			
2006	183	197	15		9	34 6		0				750		
2005	169	151	15		3	33 0		0					668	
2004	167	123	14		5	34 4		0						654

Summary

- Most institutional subscriptions are in US
- Canadian subscriptions are about 38% regular members, 46% student members
- Regionally, about 41% in Ontario, 20% in Quebec, 18% in BC, 9% in Alberta
- “Comp” = complimentary copies, “Exch” = exchange, “Abs” = abstracting

Comparison with 2008 levels

- Small increase (2%) overall
- 7% increase in institutional subscriptions – perhaps due to journal schedule
- Institutional subscriptions remain below 2007 level, possibly because of e-accessibility
- Project Muse revenue 2007: \$6765.27; 2008: \$19,128.77

Thanks to Adele D'Ambrosio at University of Toronto Press for the numbers

UTPress Liaison Report

As some of you probably recall from last year, there were significant problems with membership renewals. In July 2008, Ruth King and I met with Anne Marie Corrigan to discuss this problem and other issues about the journal. The issue with the membership list appears to have been resolved, but Anne Marie took the opportunity to strongly encourage us to change our model of journal editorship. Teams, rather than a single person now run most scholarly journals. It would therefore be beneficial to the journal's profile to adopt a team model (see below for more discussion). Anne Marie also suggested raising subscription rates, and to consider raising institutional rates every year by a fixed amount (e.g. 5%). Based on her suggestions, we raised all rates for 2009: institutional \$75, student \$25, member \$65. And we should discuss regular yearly increases, now that the journal's production schedule has stabilized. However, given the current economic situation, we may choose to keep subscription rates the same for a year, or perhaps make small (2-3%) increases.

In 2006, we held a vote to change the governance model of the CJL, but it was rejected by a vote of 17 in favour and 17 against. I think this result is because of a lack of understanding by the membership of the motivation behind the proposed changes. The CLA executive committee needs to better inform the membership ahead of any future votes on this matter.

Reviewing the rationale behind the changes: continuity of production, relevance and inclusiveness of scholarship, smooth transition of editorial direction. We originally proposed reducing the editor's term to three years (from five) and having the associate editor serve a term of three years and then succeed the editor, for a total commitment of six years. The editor's term is not renewable, but nothing prevents an editor from being named to associate editor. This kind of editorial structure is what Anne Marie Corrigan suggests we adopt.

There were also concerns about confidentiality expressed at the time of the vote. These should be addressed before any future votes.

– Submitted by Ileana Paul, Secretary

Canadian Journal of Linguistics / Revue canadienne de linguistique
Statement of revenue and expenses / État des résultats
Fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 / Exercice clos le 31 mars 2009

EXPENDITURES / DÉPENSES

CJL Salaries / Rémunération RCL Assistant / Assistante UBC		11,575.00
CPC Typesetting / Composition		
53: 1	2,508.49	
53: 2/3	<u>4,643.70</u>	7,152.19
UTP Printing / Impression		
53: 1	2,426.80	
53: 2/3	<u>3,372.65</u>	5,799.45
UTP Mailing / Envois		
53: 1	1,812.21	
53: 2/3	<u>2,056.00</u>	3,868.21
UTP Subscription management / Gestion abonnements	6,544.11	
UTP Journal management /Gestion revue	5,550.00	
UTP Promotion	459.98	
UTP Miscellaneous / Varia	2,123.88	
Subtotal UTP Management /Gestion		14,677.97
“Printing & copying” /«Impression & reprographie»		16,398.35
Other expenses / Autres dépenses		
-CLA registration / inscription ACL	230.00	
-Technical services / Services techniques	96.36	
-Courier and postage / Poste et messagerie	159.78	
-Supplies / Fournitures	3.31	
Subtotal other expenses / Total partiel – autres dépenses		489.45
Total –expenditures / Total - dépenses		59,960.62
Balance / Solde		-13,955.91

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REVENUE / REVENU

<i>Canadian Linguistics Association / Association canadienne de linguistique</i>			
-annual transfer / transfert annuel		20,000.00	
-payment / paiement UTPress	53:1	14,501.48	
-payment / paiement CPC (typesetting / composition)	53: 2/3	4,643.70	
-payment Assistant / paiement Assistante	sep 08- mar 09	6,575.00	
Subtotal CLA / Total partiel ACL			45,720.18
Exchange \$US subscriptions / Change abonnements \$US	53:1		
	53: 2/3	2,633.33	
Subtotal subscription revenue / Total partiel - revenu d'abonnements			2,633.33
Single copies / Exemplaires à l'unité	53:1	52.50	
	53:2/3	392.88	
Royalties / Redevances	53:1	2,671.01	
	53: 2/3	3963.57	
Subtotal - other revenue / Total partiel - autre revenu			7079.96
Previous balance / Solde reporté			-9,428.76
Total revenue / Total - revenu			46,004.71

	UTP costs	Typesetting	Assistant	Other	Total
2006	28,396.15	8,189.42	14,325	2,408.00	53,318.57
2007	29,876.38	8,210.83	12,325	1,687.66	52,099.87
2008	29,116.48	11,841.77	10,750	1,218.61	52,926.86
2009	24,345.70	7,152.19	11,575	489.45	43,562.34
av.	27,933.68	8,848.55	12,243.75	1,450.93	50,476.91

	Income	SSHRC		Deficit
2006	22,546.93	12,322.00	34,868.93	18,449.07
2007	35,337.90	13,596.00	48,933.90	3,165.97
2008	30,789.20	13,596.00	44,385.20	8,541.66
2009	29,713.29		29,713.29	13,848.98
av.	29,596.83	13,171.33	39,475.33	44,005.68

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REVENUE / REVENU

CLA transfer May-Aug/ transfert ACL mai-ao�t	5,000.00	
Exchange \$US subscriptions / Change abonnements \$US	2,500.00	
Single copies / Exemplaires � l'unit�	300.00	
Royalties / Redevances	23,000.00	
SSHRC grant / Subvention CRSH	21,050.00	
Previous balance / Solde report�	-13,955.91	
Total revenue / Total - revenu		37,894.09

EXPENDITURES / D EPENSES

CJL Salaries / R�mun�ration RCL		
-Assistant / Assistante UBC Apr-May/ avril-mai	500.00	
-Assistant Laval May-Mar / mai-mars	6633.83	
Subtotal Salaries / Total partiel – R�mun�ration		7133.83
CPC Typesetting / Composition		10,000.00
UTPress invoice 53:2/3		130.93
UTP Printing / Impression	8,000.00	
UTP Mailing / Envois	4,000.00	
UTP Subscription management / Gestion abonnements	6,574.82	
UTP Journal management / Gestion revue	5,550.00	
UTP Promotion	500.00	
UTP Miscellaneous / Varia	2,200.00	
Subtotal / Total partiel UTP vol. 54		26,824.82
Other expenses / Autres d�penses		1000.00
Total – expenditures / Total - d�penses		45,089.58
Balance / Solde		-7195.49

Canadian Linguistic Association Nominating Committee Report 2008/2009

1. Composition of the Committee

The members of the Nominations Committee were Lisa Travis, Yvan Rose and Yves Roberge (Chair).

2. Thanks to Outgoing Members

- *Mireille Tremblay*, Chair, Program Committee
- *Jeffrey Steele*, Program Committee
- *Julie Auger*, Member-at-large
- *Lisa Travis*, Nominating Committee

3. Nominations

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

- Vice-President (2009-2011): *France Martineau*, Université d'Ottawa
- Member-at-large (2009-2011): *Lucie Ménard*, Université du Québec à Montréal
- Nominating Committee (2009-2011): *Jila Ghomeshi*, University of Manitoba
- Program Committee
 - Chair (2009-2013): *Gerard Van Herk*, Memorial University
 - Membre (2009-2013): *Luc Baronian*, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi

4. Canadian Journal of Linguistics

Since the transition in the editorship of the journal took place in January 2009, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome *Sarah Cummins* (Université Laval) in her new functions as Editor and to thank *Rose Marie Déchaine* (UBC) for her years of service in this post.

Submitted by,

Yves Roberge
Chair, Nominating Committee
May 2009

Report on the Student Competition (Oral Presentations)
2008 Meeting of the CLA, Vancouver
Julie Auger
Indiana University
Member-at-large

1. This year's competition:
 - 34 student presentations; no last minute withdrawals
 - 3 evaluations per talk
 - 16 evaluators
 - 5-7 papers/evaluator
 - The Program committee provided a list of conference participants who were willing to evaluate papers
 - Final recommendation of the committee (excerpted from letter to Prof. Libben)

This year, two student presentations share the Best Student Paper Award. Ms. Heather Bliss's paper entitled "Structuring information in Blackfoot: Against an A'-agreement analysis of cross-clausal agreement" and Ms. Isabelle Charneval's paper entitled "L'alternance *avoir été/être eu* dans les auxiliaires du passé surcomposé en français: un nouvel argument pour le caractère syntaxique du morphème *se*" both received unanimous votes from the committee members. Both students exhibited outstanding presentation and organizational skills and showed great poise during the discussion periods. Furthermore, each presentation provided an excellent illustration of a characteristic very highly valued by the committee: Ms. Bliss presented an original analysis that builds on very solid fieldwork, while Ms. Charneval presented an insightful and convincing analysis of an aspect of a structure which, to our knowledge, had never attracted any attention on the part of linguists.

Cette année, deux étudiantes partagent le Prix de la meilleure communication étudiante. Mme Heather Bliss, dont la présentation était intitulée "Structuring information in Blackfoot: Against an A'-agreement analysis of cross-clausal agreement" et Mme Isabelle Charneval, qui a présenté une communication intitulée "L'alternance *avoir été/être eu* dans les auxiliaires du passé surcomposé en français: un nouvel argument pour le caractère syntaxique du morphème *se*" ont toutes deux reçu un vote unanime de la part des membres du comité. Dans les deux cas, les présentatrices ont exposé des analyses très bien développées, ont fait preuve d'excellents talents de présentation et ont répondu aux questions qui leur étaient adressées avec confiance et prudence. De plus, les deux communications ont, chacune à leur façon, mis en valeur une qualité très importante aux yeux des membres du comité. Mme Bliss a présenté une analyse théorique originale basée sur un travail de terrain très solide. Pour sa part, Mme Charneval a décrit un aspect d'une structure qui, à notre connaissance, n'avait été étudié par personne et en a présenté une analyse perspicace et convaincante.

2. One problem arose concerning a student who had indicated in his abstract submission that he was a student and that he wished to take part in the competition for best student paper. For some reason, this information did not reach David Heap, the head of the program committee. As a consequence, I was not aware that he was a student and did not assign any evaluators to his paper. Fortunately, Lisa Travis informed us of this error, and

I was able to get last-minute reviewers to attend his presentation and rate it. It must be hoped that the glitch that caused this error will be fixed in time for next year's meeting.

3. This year, I did not have any difficulty finding enough volunteers to have three evaluators per paper. In addition to the conference participants who had indicated that they would be willing to serve on the committee, I targeted all the Vancouver-based linguists I could identify. I established the schedule approximately three weeks before the meeting and shared it with the evaluators, asking them to identify any conflicts that would prevent them from evaluating a paper they had been assigned. Maybe because of this, and in spite of a few last-minute changes in the conference program, no committee member requested any changes to their schedule during the meeting.
4. Following the results of the discussion at the executive committee and given the relative ease with which I was able to recruit the colleagues needed to evaluate all the oral student presentations, I propose that we don't discuss or implement any changes in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Auger

Dear Prof. Libben,

In my role of member at large of the CLA executive committee, it is my pleasure to report on the results of the Student Poster Competition of the 2008 meeting of the CLA. On behalf of the Poster Selection Committee, composed of Parth Bhatt, Judith Gervain, Elaine Gold, Daniel Hall, Diane Massam, Jeff Mielke, Mary O'Brien, Yves Roberge, and myself, I am pleased to report to the Executive of the CLA that the poster event was considered a success: we agreed that the overall quality of the posters was excellent, and we were impressed at the original ways in which the various participants used visual means to convey their research, and at the level of enthusiastic discussion we witnessed at both sessions.

The committee acknowledges the difficulty in making a selection among such excellent choices, but after deliberation, we recommend that J.R.S. Glougie receive this year's award for her poster "On future expressions in St'at'imcets: Modality vs. Aspect". The committee agrees the visual clarity and simplicity of the poster itself, the compelling, enthusiastic accompanying presentation, and the original data and well-argued proposal that it contained made this poster stand out.

The committee also requests that two other posters, one by H.Bliss & D.R. Storoshenko "Passivization and A'-movement in Shona", and the other by B. MacLeod "The hierarchy of velar weakening in Buenos Aires Spanish", be also recommended for honorable mention.

With sincere regards,

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