

LAGB Annual General Meeting
17 September 2015
University College London
Chair: Prof. Ad Neeleman (President)

1. Welcome and apologies

- Apologies from Sam Hellmuth and Christian Uffmann.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- Available online (<http://www.lagb.org.uk/agm-minutes>).
- The minutes were approved without changes.

3. Matters arising

- George Walkden was to make a list of institutions active in linguistics research, with UG and PG programmes, for the website. This has been done.

4. Reports from committee

a. President's report (Prof. Ad Neeleman)

- AN has been working to get more linguists on the ESRC peer review panel. This effort is ongoing.
- There has also been work to secure new members for the LAGB committee given the large number of members stepping down this year.

b. Honorary Secretary's report (Dr. Sam Hellmuth, absent; delivered by Ad Neeleman)

- SH has been attending meetings of the University Council for General and Applied Linguistics (UCGAL) and the Arts and Humanities Alliance (AHA) on behalf of the LAGB.
- UCGAL has a new chair. SH is also now serving as the web/communications officer for UCGAL and will be overseeing their new website. They hope to include a new self-registering system for linguists with ties to the UK.
- UCGAL held a review meeting to reflect on REF2014 and discuss REF2020.
- The AHA has been discussing the RCUK and HEFCE policies on Open Access, REF2014 and REF2020 (including evaluation and metrics for the REF and the planned weighting of impact for REF2020).
- In November 2014, we were asked to provide input to an AHRC Peer Review College event by the UCML representatives on AHA. The questions were circulated to members via the LAGB forums and a summary of the responses was sent to the AHRC event.

c. Membership Secretary's report (Dr. Laura Bailey)

- There are currently 498 active members. Membership is stable.
- There has been a steady increase in undergraduate and postgraduate student memberships.
- We would like to continue the trend of increasing student memberships, so members are requested to continue encouraging students to sign up for membership.

d. Treasurer's report (Dr. Yuni Kim)

- There was a loss last year of about £5.4k. This follows a large surplus the previous year of about £10k. Total assets stand at about £30k.
- The conference this year was at a slight loss. Next year, the venue is expected to cost less and we are keeping with fewer days; thus, a loss is not expected for next year's conference.
- Membership fees are the LAGB's only source of income. Part of the fluctuation is due to the new 3-year membership option, which will cause income to fluctuate from year to year.
- The LAGB supported many events this year across a variety of sub-disciplines, including grants for conferences, workshops, and plenary talks.
- We also supported several students through bursaries. Money spent on student bursaries remained constant from the previous year.
- We also spent money on a variety of outreach activities, including support for the LAGB Education Committee.
- Operating costs were a relatively minor portion of outgoing expenditures.

e. Meetings Secretary's report (Dr. Oliver Bond)

- The annual meeting will break about even.
- The conference was well attended overall.
- Attendance was relatively even across the days of the conference (an improvement from previous years); the new structure of the conference—fewer days with more concurrent sessions—may have contributed to this.
- Next year: the annual meeting will be held at York from 6–9 September, 2016. The summer school will be on the Tuesday (6 Sept.) and the main session will be held from Wednesday to Friday (7–9 Sept.).
- The venue for 2017 is currently under discussion.
- OB requests that members from universities that are in urban areas consider hosting the LAGB, especially members at universities where the LAGB meeting has not been held in a long time.

f. Assistant Secretary's report (Dr. Christian Uffmann, absent)

- Nothing to report.

g. External Relations Officer's report (Dr. George Walkden; formerly known as Webmaster)

- New bits have been added to the website – take a look. Some examples:
 - List of institutions in Great Britain with researchers in linguistics. (Please continue to notify us if you notice any errors or omissions.)
 - A 'Where can I study linguistics?' page.
 - A page with information on Open Access for UK linguistics, including information about the requirements for funding agencies and the REF.
- A goal is to increase the visibility of the webpage and to make people aware of the helpful information that can be found there.

h. Student Committee's report (Rebecca Woods)

- The student committee has funded several undergraduate and postgraduate conferences across a variety of events.
- The committee would especially like to encourage more undergraduate events, particularly at institutions that have not frequently taken advantage of the funding. Members are asked to encourage their undergraduate students to apply (application dates: 1st Oct. and 1st Feb.).
- The students are pleased with the quality of the summer school, though not particularly with the attendance at the current year's summer school.
- The student committee is losing 2 members who are being replaced:
 - Outgoing: Jonathan Kasstan, Rebecca Jackson.
 - Incoming: Laura Aldridge, Luke Rudge.
- We would like to thank the outgoing members for their service!

5. Report from Education Committee

- This year's LAGB Linguistics at School session focused on the educational implications of new research looking at bilingualism and cognition. Speakers included Antonella Sorace, Leah Roberts, Marisa Cordella and Hui Huang.
- Over the last year, members of the EC have spent time:
 - responding to government policy regarding school examination in small-entry languages.
 - meeting with members of the National Association for Teachers of English (NATE) and the Association for Language Learning to support cross-curricular work on knowledge about language in school curriculum.
 - presented at CPD events for teachers working on knowledge about language, including the NATE and ALL annual conferences.
 - Written articles in publications for schools about KAL topics.
- A report on the UK Linguistics Olympiad (UKLO): the UK team did very well, winning (in individual competition) 2 golds, 1 silver, and 1 bronze, as well as a first place finish in the team competition.
- BAAL has set up a new SIG about Language in Education, as a parallel to the Education Committee of LAGB; the EC hopes to collaborate with members of that group in the future.
- The Glossary of Grammatical Terminology is now available online (<http://lagb-education.org/grammatical-terminology-for-schools>) as a resource for schools. The EC welcomes comments on the content, or on ways to publicise the resource.
- The full report of the EC is available online (<http://lagb-education.org/annual-reports>).

6. Anna Siewierska prize

- This will be continued next year. Students are encouraged to apply.

7. Changes in the committee

- Dr. Laura Bailey is approved as the new Membership Secretary (Dr. Heike Pichler is stepping down).
- Dr. James White is approved as the new Assistant Secretary (Dr. Christian Ulffman is stepping down).

- Dr. Chris Cummins is approved as the new Treasurer (Dr. Yuni Kim is stepping down).
- Dr. Michelle Sheehan is approved as the new Meetings Secretary (Dr. Oliver Bond is stepping down).
- Prof. David Adger is approved as the new President (Prof. Ad Neeleman is stepping down).
- We would like to thank all of the outgoing committee members for their service!
- Given the change in committee membership, signatories on LAGB's account need to be changed.
 - A resolution was approved to remove Ad Neeleman and Yuni Kim as signatories of the RBS account, and to add David Adger and Chris Cummins as signatories of the RBS account.

8. Suggestions for nominations

- Speakers for the 2016 annual meeting have already been decided: Bernard Comrie and Paul Smolensky.
- The following people were nominated as potential speakers for the 2017 annual meeting: Caroline Féry, Jane Grimshaw, John Kingston, Lisa Matthewson, Lisa Selkirk, Stavros Skopeteas, Charles Yang, Malte Zimmermann.
- A vote will be initiated to choose from amongst the nominations.

9. Future venues for LAGB meeting

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10. AOBs

- None.

James White, Assistant Secretary
(End of minutes)