

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing, held at the University of California Santa Barbara, on Thursday 13 July 1995 at 18.00 hours.

1. Apologies were received from Professors Zampolli and Gabler. Fourteen members were present.
2. The Minutes of the 1994 AGM were approved.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
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 - i) **Chairman's Report** Mrs Hockey announced the re-election to the Committee of the Association of Paul Fortier and Christian Delcourt and the election of Nancy Ide and Lisa Lena Opas as new members. She reported that, ideally, three members of the Committee should be up for re-election each year and to move towards the achievement of this goal one of this year's four elected members should only serve a two year term. The Constitution of the Association would need to be amended in this respect and an Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee would be held immediately following the AGM. Mrs Hockey announced that both John Roper and Tom Corns were to be given Honorary Membership of the ALLC in recognition of their service.
 - ii) **Treasurer's Report** Mr Short presented a balance sheet and remarked on the healthy financial situation of the Association, with funds standing at approximately £26,000. More monies were also due given that the Association's financial year differed from that of Oxford University Press. He reported that the Association had opened a new bank account with the Bank of Scotland. Two main strategies had been agreed by the Committee concerning the most productive way in which to spend surplus monies in order to maximise the benefit to the Association:
 - a) Support for young people (under 30 years of age) to attend the annual conference was to be provided by offering up to five bursaries, each up to £500 each year. Notice of these bursaries would be put into the 'call for papers' and they would be competitive. Papers would be submitted to the Program Committee in the normal way but candidates would need to state that they were entering the competition. A delegation of ALLC representatives on the Program Committee would then judge the papers for the awards.
 - b) Funding was to be provided for a guest speaker to present an 'Award Lecture'. Discussions were taking place with the ACH on whether to make this lecture an annual feature at the joint conferences.
 - iii) **Secretary's Report** Dr Holmes drew attention to the membership figures for the past three years and the need to promote the Association in order to arrest the small but steady decline in membership. He also highlighted the problem of the size of the Committee and the desirability of moving as quickly as possible to the position where, each year, three members become eligible for re-election.

5. Publications

i) **Report of the Editor, Literary and Linguistic Computing** Mr Dixon presented a full report in which he commented on the excellent relationship existing between the ALLC and OUP. He had visited OUP during the year to discuss editorial and production matters and the discussions had led to an agreement that a major push would be undertaken in the next 12 months to boost subscriptions. A small increase in subscriber prices was necessary for next year. Three vacancies had now arisen, namely the posts of Book Reviews Editor, Bibliographer and the representative for English Texts for Language Research.

ii) **Report of the Editors, Research in Humanities Computing** Professor Ide reported that Volume IV was in-press and that Volume V would cover the Georgetown and Paris Conferences, with Volume VI covering the present conference.

6. **Conference Arrangements** Espen Ore announced that arrangements were well advanced for the 1996 Bergen Conference to be held from June 25th to 29th, and gave details of costs. A World Wide Web page had been established for information. Mrs Hockey reported on the decision to host the 1997 conference at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario and added that the ALLC will be choosing the 1998 venue whilst at Bergen. An informal bid had been received from Cambridge for the 2000 conference.

7. **Test Encoding Initiative** Mr Sperberg-McQueen reported that TEI 'Guidelines' were published in May 1994 and that sales have exceeded expectations with many projects expressing interest in adopting the guidelines. The book has successfully raised the profile of the ALLC and there were prospects for European funding.

8. **Any Other Business** The Chair announced that production of the 'Humanist' has been moved to Princeton and that the newsletter will re-appear as a new version with Willard McCarty acting as its mouthpiece. The Chair thanked the organisers of the Santa Barbara Conference, especially Eric Dahlin and the Program Committee.

The meeting closed at 18.45 hours.

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