Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing, held on Tuesday 5 June 1990 at 18.00 hrs in the University of Siegen

Those present: S. Hockey (chair), G. Engwall, H. Schanze, J. Roper, P. Fortier, N. Ide, C. Delcourt, G. Dixon, T. Corns (secretary), L. Burnard (member elect), and D. Brink (visitor).

1. Apologies were received from A. Zampolli and J. Hamesse.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously.

3. There were no matters arising from the minutes which were not addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

4. The Chairman reported that Lou Burnard had been elected to the Committee, to serve for a period of three years, starting after the AGM.

5. The Treasurer reported that a surplus of income over expenditure of £1000 had accrued over 1989, which represented a fall from 1988 which could be attributed to the payment of bursaries for attendance at the Toronto Conference and to the increased cost of travel of ALLC officers to that conference. He reported that Literary and Linguistic Computing continued to run at a deficit, though it was reducing from year to year and he had no indication from Oxford University Press that they were concerned about its performance. It was agreed that representatives be sent a package of flyers about LLC to distribute appropriately.

6. The Secretary reported on the continuing increase in membership, but remarked that expansion was now at a fairly slow rate. It was agreed that OUP be encouraged to promote LLC at the MLA conference. It was agreed that the Secretary approach the organisers of the European Society for the Study of English. It was agreed that the plan to promote the circulation of LLC in developing countries be suspended at least temporarily.

7. The following were elected officers of the Association: Chairman: S. Hockey (proposed G. Engwall, seconded J. Roper, elected unanimously); Treasurer: J. Roper (proposed S. Hockey, seconded H. Schanze, elected unanimously); Secretary: T. Corns (proposed S. Hockey, seconded G. Dixon, elected unanimously).

8. The Editor in Chief of LLC, G. Dixon, presented his report. He noted that William Jones had resigned as Reviews Editor, and it was agreed that a replacement be sought urgently. The Committee thanked G. Dixon for his work over the year. The editors of the conference papers, S. Hockey and N. Ide, circulated a list of the contents of the first in the series to be published by OUP and reported that the book was now in production. It was agreed that H. Schanze should contribute a short introduction to the next in the series. S. Hockey and N. Ide undertook to arrange a swifter
method of selection of papers for the Siegen volume, with a view
to publication by March 1991.

9. D. Brink presented further information about the next
conference to be held in conjunction with ACH, at Tempe, Arizona,
on 17-21 March 1991. It was agreed that Donald Ross should chair
the programme committee and that Daniel Brink should be the local
organiser of the conference. It was agreed that T. Corns would
undertake the mailing on of European correspondence about the
conference. It was agreed that the call for papers would include
promotional information about the American southwest, together
with a call for new members for ACH and ALLC. The format of the
call for papers was discussed and agreed. The establishment of a
database for reviewers to review abstracts and papers was
discussed and S. Hockey undertook to produce a questionnaire to
be widely distributed to establish areas of expertise. She
invited comment on the design of the questionnaire.
It was agreed that the 1992 conference should be held at Christ
Church, Oxford, on 5-9 April and that S. Hockey should, at least
 provisionally, be its organiser. No proposals had so far been
received for 1993.

10. N. Ide and L. Burnard presented a brief report on the
progress and current and future funding of the Text Encoding
Initiative. It was reported that the draft guidelines would
be published after 15 July 1990, and that phase 2 would be funded by
$418,000 from the NEH and $100,000 from the CEC.

11. The Committee passed a vote of thanks to Helmut Schanze for
his work as local organiser of the 1990 conference.

The meeting closed at about 19.20. The next meeting will be held
at Tempe around the time of the 1991 conference.

SM Hockey

19 March 1991