Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing

Annual General Meeting, 24 July 2000

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing, held in Glasgow, on Monday, July 24th at 13.20

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Espen Ore, Thomas Rommel, Stuart Lee and Elizabeth Burr. The meeting wishes to send it congratulations to Espen Ore on his marriage.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Officers' Reports

Chair: The Chair noted that some of the initiatives that have previously been discussed have now been pursued and will be reported on. He thanked Marilyn Deegan and Stuart Lee for their efforts towards the journal. The Chair then thanked the Programme Committee for the fine academic programme of the conference and wished the Programme Committee Chair, Paul Fortier, continuing recovery. With regard to the association website, the Chair reported that OUP have agreed to include a space for email addresses on the journal subscription form and thus it would be possible at least in theory to keep a list of members and their email addresses. The Chair reported that an archive is being set up at King's. Material has arrived from Cambridge and others have offered to send material. Members are encouraged to get in touch with the Chair if they have anything that could be incorporated. The Chair noted that the mid-term Committee meeting was very fruitful and that the Committee intends to continue meeting once between the conferences. The Chair wished to record his thanks to the Officers and Committee for their time and effort.

Treasurer: The treasurer was pleased to inform the meeting that the finances of the Association are very healthy. She presented the income and expenditure along with the balance sheet. One of the special costs this past year arose from the moval of the Association Archive. The Treasurer reported that she will be
taking advice from an accountant to maximize the profits of the Association.

Secretary: The Secretary reported that the Association website has been updated and she is continuing to do so. Members are encouraged to express opinions on what information they would like to see on the website. She also reported on the workshop organised in Thessaloniki, Greece, the first in the Association's workshop programme.

5. Publications

The Editor, Marilyn Deegan, reported that the Journal is receiving a larger volume of unsolicited papers. Since the range of papers has also broadened, the Editors are constantly looking for referees. The Table of Contents and the abstracts of all issues are now available on-line and they are searchable. The Editor also reported that a full electronic journal will be produced in the near future. Fiona Tweedie is resigning as Book Reviews Editor and the Meeting wished to record its thanks to her for an excellent job. The Editors are now looking for a new person to fill that position.

6. Conference arrangements

It was decided to deal with this item since Lorna Hughes was waiting to provide us with details of the 2001 conference. Lorna Hughes presented the conference to be held at New York University in June 2001. She presented the conference website and the conference arrangements to date. The Chair and the meeting then wished to thank Jean Anderson and Fiona Tweedie for all the effort they had put into the present conference. The Chair reported that the ALLC Committee had accepted the offer of Tübingen to host the conference in 2002. It will be organized by Wilhelm Ott.

7. TEI Update

The Chair reported that the Consortium will begin as soon as possible in the US and thereafter in Europe. The Meeting recorded its thanks to Antonio Zampolli for being the Association representative on the transition team.

8. Association Initiatives

All five bursaries have been awarded this year. The first workshop was held in Thessaloniki, Greece. Rules for the postgraduate competition are being drafted, as are those for the special projects fund. There was a proposal that we should be promoting awareness of significant advances in our field, which met with agreement.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 13.55.