

ALLC Annual General Meeting

Sorbonne, Paris, France

7 July 2006

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing

The Sorbonne, Paris, 7 July 2006

The Chair called the meeting to order at 13.10.

1. Attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Thomas Rommel, Michael Sperberg-McQueen, and Liliane Gallet-Blanchard.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the 2005 AGM, held in Victoria, Canada, were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair wished to highlight some items from his report.

Our longstanding member Paul Fortier had passed away in the fall. The Association have expressed their condolences to Penny and the family, remembering his many contributions to the Association over the years. Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen and Thomas Rommel will be compiling a volume in his memory and the

student prize will be renamed the Fortier prize, in recognition of all the encouragement he gave to graduate students.

With respect to our umbrella organization, ADHO, the governance protocol has been formally ratified. Discussions are under way with the Canadian organisation regarding an alliance; looser types of affiliations are also being looked into.

A new development is DHQ, our new online journal. The CHair also wished to remind members of the ADHO website at www.digitalhumanities.org

The Chair asked the meeting to join him in expressing our appreciation to MARilyn Deegan and her team for their good work on the journal.

The meeting also wished to thank Marie-Madeleine Martinet and Liliane Gallet-Blanchard for their efforts regarding the present conference. Finally, the meeting thanked Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen and the Programme Committee for all their work.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that she had spent most of the year dealing with the matters arising from being Programme Chair for this conference. She wished to extend her thanks to Melissa Terras, who had assumed secretarial duties in the interim.

5. Treasurer's Report

The income last year was £25,000 and this year it will be £37,000. The accounts are as of December 2005 and are based on the income from 2004. The payment of ACH was about £10,000.

5 bursaries were awarded at this year's conference and 2 bursaries were awarded at the Methods Conference.

The Chair noted that the basis for the revenue sharing is on individual membership of ALLC, ACH or both; institutional membership is divided geographically for revenue sharing purposes. The income has nearly doubled.

John Unsworth noted that MLA is an obvious conference where we should promote the journal and thus our organisations.

6. Report of Elections

The Committee members elected for the period 2006-2009 were Melissa Terras and John Nerbonne. A third member is still to be elected, as are two co-opted members.

Our representatives on the ADHO Steering Committee are Espen Ore, Elisabeth Burr and Harold Short. Espen Ore is also our representative on the Conference Coordinating Committee, Elisabeth Burr is the Chair of the committee on multilingual and multicultural matters and our other representative on this committee is Concha Sanz-Miguel.

7. Constitution

The Chair noted that some things in the Constitution need attention. It reads very much like a document of its time, i.e. the '70s. The Committee election procedures need reviewing; the new role of membership coordinator needs to be worked in.

The Chair proposed that the way forward might be for the committee charged with looking at this to have the proposed changes by the end of September and send them to all members for comments. The Committee should then discuss it at their mid-year meeting.

8. Communications

Marilyn Deegan, the Editor of LLC, presented the publisher's report. She noted that the entire back archive of the journal is available to members. She also noted that the journal has now gone live with the online manuscript submission and reviewing system. What they now need is more people signing up as reviewers. The journal is very healthy, with a large number of submissions coming in. LLC is now working closely with DHQ, looking at their similarities and differences.

Julia Flanders, the Editor of DHQ, noted that an editorial team has now been assembled to run DHQ. A reviewing team has been recruited and the first issue is due to come out in the fall of 2006. This is an open access journal and all feedback is welcome. More reviewers would be welcome.

It was noted that Humanist continues to thrive and the Association should think of ways to support it.

9. ADHO

This item has already been discussed in conjunction with the Chair's report.

10. Conferences

The meeting wished to record its thanks to Liliane Gallet-Blanchard and Marie-Madeleine Martinet for organizing this conference.

The DH2007 conference will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The DH2008 conference will be held at the University of Oulu, Finland.

11. Memorials

The Association's new website is being launched. It will contain memorials for Antonio Zampolli and Paul Fortier and contributions are invited.

12. Initiatives

The Chair noted that TEI continues to thrive.

The next Busa Award will be given at the 2007 conference at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

The Association continues to promote its workshop scheme and there will be a workshop held in India.

The Association continues to support young scholars through the bursary scheme.

The Association is considering commissioning tools development.

13. Any Other Buiness

There was no other business.

The Chair closed the meeting at 13.53.