

ALLC Committee meeting, Stanford June 18 2011

Espen S. Ore

9:00 - 17:45

1. Attendance and agenda

Chair: Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen (LLOH)
Acting Secretary: Espen S. Ore (ESO)
Treasurer: Paul Spence (PS)
Committee: David Beavan (DaB)
Dino Buzzetti (DiB)
Øyvind Eide (ØE)
Jan-Christoph Meister (JCM)
John Nerbonne (JN)
Jan Rybicki (JR)
Tomoji Tabata (TT)
Edward Vanhoutte (EV)

Guests at certain times:

Ray Siemens (RS)
Katherine Walter (KW)

Apologies: Alejandro Bia
Arianna Ciula
Melissa Terras

9:00am The Chair welcomes everyone to the meeting.

The agenda was accepted. The committee wished to express its sympathy and best wishes to Alejandro Bia and his family.

2. Minutes and matters arising

JCM suggested and TT seconded, none against that the minutes from the Committee meeting in Krakow should be accepted as a true record.

3. Chair's overview

The Chair reported that she plans to write a "Chair's year", a general schedule for things that have to be done by the Chair and plans this to be a working document that can be handed on to the next Chair.

David Robey/Marilyn Deegan

The Committee should show it's gratitude for the work done for the community over the years by David Robey and Marilyn Deegan.

ESO suggested, JN seconded, none against; they are to receive honorary memberships.

EV informed the committee that he has asked them to become members of the editorial board for LLC. The committee noted this with appreciation.

4. Elections

For some members there were problems in getting registered for voting for the election of members of the ALLC Committee. OUP had been very responsive about the issues. The results of the Committee elections showed that Arianna Ciula and Øyvind Eide were re-elected and Karina van Dalen-Oskam elected, all for three years.

LLOH suggested that some of the people who were not elected might be co-opted as members for a year.

Marjorie Burghart co-opted as Committee member for one year

JCM suggested ØE seconded, None against

David Beavan co-opted as Committee member for one year

JCM suggested, ESO seconded, none against.

PC-members for 2012: LLOH suggested, JR seconded, none against: ~~Dino Buzzetti, John Nerbonne~~, Tomoji Tabata Arianna Ciula, Jan Rybicki

PC2013: Paul Spence, Tomoji Tabata, and John Bradley.

~~(NB! Something may be missing here. Mea culpa, ESO)~~

~~Possibly missing PC-members for 2013 conference?~~

Election committee for 2012 elections:

JCM suggested ØE seconded, none against

John Nerbonne, Jan Rybicki

And in addition the Chair is an ex officio member of the election committee.

Election of Treasurer

LLOH suggested, JCM seconded, none against: Paul Spence is re-elected as treasurer for three years,

5. Treasurer's report

PS showed an overview of the economic status. He has prepared the accounts that shall be sent to the Charities' Board. The accounts show that the Association spent quite a lot of money in 2010. This was based on the recommendation that as a registered Charity we should not acquire a large surplus. We used quite a lot before the end of 2010 which means that there is less money to spend in

2011.

There was some discussion about the ADHO top-slicing of the income - formerly it has been set at a maximum of 60% but this year more seemed to be needed.

DiB suggested, ESO seconded 1 against, 10 in favour: historically ADHO has aimed to keep the joint activities below 60% of the total income. This year, the Committee accepts that the planned top slicing of the annual income may be slightly higher (the draft percentage presented was 66%), but requests that it be kept as close to 60% as possible.

After a visit by RS where matters belonging to item 6 on the agenda, the discussion went back to item 5.

PS suggested, JCM seconded, none against: we will stay with the bank we are using now.

PS suggested, ØE seconded, none against: the committee accepts the formal economic report.

PS suggested, JCM seconded, none against: we will continue to use the external examiners we have used for the last few years.

Trustees

PS informed the meeting that the majority of the Trustees have to be residents of England or Wales.

ESO suggested, PS seconded, none against: the Officers of the ALLC remain Trustees in 2011. The Chair looks for candidates for the role of trustees for 2012 outside the group of officers.

The committee wished to express its gratitude to Paul Spence for the good work he has been doing as Treasurer and the pedagogical way he has used to present the reports and budgets.

6. ADHO Business report

ADHO report from the ADHO Chair

The meeting discussed parts of agenda item 6 matters before concluding item 5 matters as RS visited the meeting. He informed about the possible new constituent organizations: CenterNet, Japan and Australia. In addition there were questions regarding the role of the Consortium as possible part of the ADHO. JN and JCM raised questions about possible problems with for instance multiple representation in the ADHO if organizations such as CenterNet or the TEI become members. RS pointed to a memorandum written by Harold Short regarding this kind of matters.

Other business

ESO suggested, PS seconded, none against: the Committee accepted the suggested new wording of the ADHO Conference Protocol. All the ADHO Conference documents are to be discussed at the midyear meeting.

ADHO appointments to be made

LLOH suggested, ESO seconded, none against: Øyvind Eide is nominated as a candidate for chairing the ADHO Awards Committee. If he is elected the ALLC Committee will select a new member for the ADHO Awards committee via e-mail.

PS will contact Marjorie Burghart and ask if she might be willing to be an ALLC member of the ADHO Publications Committee.

LLOH suggested, JR seconded, none against: ESO is re-elected for three years as ALLC-member on the ADHO Standing Committee on Multi-Lingualism and Multi-Culturalism.

7. Publications

EV was happy to say that the number of LLC subscribers is rising and the the journal is now indexed in the Social Sciences Citation Index. Copy is coming in, a new type of paper (also peer reviewed) has been established: the short paper (2500-3000 words). The LLC website will be reviewed. And EV asked the meeting to keep on remembering that the Journal now has a subtitle: The Journal of Digital Scholarship in the Humanities.

The Committee thanked the journal editor for doing a good job.

8. Website

The Committee thanked Jan Christoph Meister for the job done on the new website.

PS mentioned that we should now remove empty pages and fill in the missing information on the remaining pages.

9. Conferences

Katherine Walter presented the plans for the DH2013 conference at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The local organizers for the 2011 Stanford conference visited the meeting and gave some updated numbers for this year's conference: 225 ordinary participants and about 60 student participants.

For 2014 the suggested place is Amsterdam.

The main schedule for the 2012 conference was now in place: June 14 - 20 Pre-conference meetings and the conference proper, June 21 and 22 excursions.

10. Association initiatives

Given the fact that there is not as much money available for 2011 as there was for 2010, the budget has to be proportionally reduced.

There will not be enough money for a face-to-face midyear meeting, Instead we will look into web-based virtual meetings.

EV suggested, PS seconded, 8 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstained: the TEI conference 2011 will receive a funding of Euro 500.

ESO suggested, PS seconded, none against: The committee will come back to the application for funding for a summer school in Leipzig in 2012 at a later meeting.

PS suggested, JR seconded, none against: up to three editors of the LLC will be funded with £450 each for their participation at the AGM 2012.

The following decisions were made by the committee (as provided by Espen Ore on 10/12/2011)

Workshop in Japan

£4,200.00

4Humanities.net

£2,000.00

Helsinki bursary

£500.00

TEI sponsorship

£320.00

2012:

General CfS

£5,000.00

11. Discussion on the name of the Association and other digital humanities initiatives

Dino Buzzetti reported on the newly established Italian Association. He also discussed the role of the ALLC in Europe: there are other groups who may wish to establish European discipline based organizations such as medievalists. The ALLC has to be meaningful for some of the people who now do not feel that they belong there as members. The Association might for instance concentrate on securing European funding for projects - and DiB pointed to work done by Antonio Zampolli.

JN said that national organizations should be encouraged. EV said that national organizations will appear in the Flanders as well. If people want to make their own organizations, let them do so. And if they succeed, the ALLC has failed.

PS: EU-funding is a natural aim for ALLC work. And there should be some conversation with the Italian organization.

ØE: Could we see a three layered organization:

Top level: ADHO

Second level: ACH - ALLC etc.

Third level: National organizations

JCM: This discussion should continue at the next meeting.

12. Review of decisions, appointments and responsibilities

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- possible co-options

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13, Any other business

No matters were raised.

The meeting ended at 17:45.