

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SLAVIC LINGUISTICS SOCIETY**  
**Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Dear SLS members:

The following is a report of the business meeting which was held at the recent SLS meeting. The report was compiled by Wayles Browne, with assistance from various members present at the meeting and involved in its organization.

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During the First Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society, 8-10 September 2006 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, U.S.A., a Business Meeting was held on 9 September. Steven Franks called it to order at approximately 3:25 p.m. More than 100 persons were present.

1. Should the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS) be established as a continuing organization, and should it hold annual meetings for the presentation of papers in Slavic linguistics? Adopted by acclamation.

2. Discussion of places for upcoming meetings. Bos<sup>^</sup>tjan Dvor<sup>^</sup>a'k of ZAS (Zentrum fu'r Sprachwissenschaft, Typologie und Universalienforschung, Berlin) offered to organize the 2007 meeting in Berlin, probably in early September. This offer was accepted with applause. Daniel Collins of The Slavic Department at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio is interested in organizing the 2008 meeting at his University. Those present also greeted his proposal with applause. The University of Washington in Seattle, Washington state, is considering holding the 2009 meeting there. The University of Chicago is considering organizing the 2010 meeting.

S. Franks: it is desirable to know the meeting places two years in advance; we can consider the 2009 and subsequent meetings next year.

3. S. Franks has consulted with Slavica Publishers and proposes the following organizational arrangements: the existing Journal of Slavic Linguistics will become the journal of the SLS. (Suggestion from the audience: it could change its name to *Journal of the Slavic Linguistics Society*. However W. Browne advocated not changing its name because of the danger that confusion might result among librarians, and the consensus seemed to be for keeping *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* as the main title but adding "Journal of the Slavic Linguistics Society" as a subtitle.)

S. Franks: Slavica would collect subscription/membership fees for JSL/SLS at the rate of \$40/year for faculty members, \$30/year for unemployed or retired people (also for those with limited incomes or living in formerly socialist countries) and \$20/year for students. A fraction of this (\$10, \$5 and \$2, respectively) would be available to SLS as seed money for holding annual meetings, and for other purposes. Members will thus receive JSL and other benefits typical of any professional organization, such as reduced registration fees at conferences and access to SLS membership data bases and other services, as the organization evolves.

G. Fowler: Currently, international subscribers who wish to receive JSL by airmail pay an additional \$12. As the journal of an international organization, Slavica intends to mail JSL to all SLS members at no additional cost. The new plan thus eliminates this additional charge for non-domestic members/subscribers.

JSL is gradually getting to be up to date in its publication schedule. (Volumes 12 and 13.1 are now out, 13.2 is going to press by the end of September.) Exact financial arrangements between SLS and Slavica should be reviewed occasionally periodically and adjusted as circumstances dictate. A sum of \$60 was mentioned for library subscriptions to JSL. As an incentive to subscribe and join, payments of \$40 (similarly \$30 or \$20, for the other categories) received for 2006 would also cover subscriptions and membership in SLS for the first 2 years: 2006 and 2007. There is the possibility of making contributions to the Slavica Fund at the IU Foundation, which would mean they will be tax-deductible in the U.S.

There was some discussion of collecting money to provide gratis membership to those for whom the fees would be a burden. No definite decision was made (not clear who would vet such applications) but Slavica would certainly accept gift subscriptions/memberships for individuals from whoever wanted to give them. Individuals who currently receive free subscriptions to JSL by virtue of reasons unconnected with SLS (editors, service on editorial board, etc.) should arrange to pay full paid membership in SLS.

There was mention of the possibility that a paid membership in SLS should be required in order to present a paper at the annual meeting and to publish in JSL, and this did not appear to meet with opposition, but this proposal was not voted upon. It was made clear that participation in other SLS activities (attendance of SLS meetings, access to open portions of the web site, subscription to existing email discussion forum, etc.) would not be restricted to paid "full" memberships.

4. S. Franks as well as G. Fowler (Slavica Publishers) expressed a hope for other people than themselves to take over leadership roles in SLS (and JSL).

5. The attendees expressed appreciation for the work of Franks, Fowler, the Slavic graduate students at Indiana University, and all others who helped to organize the present meeting.

6. The meeting adjourned at about 4:00 p.m.