

The 7th annual meeting of SLS took place in Lawrence, Kansas, August 25-27. It was great seeing many of you there. Those of you who weren't there missed a fine time: the weekend offered lots of interesting linguistic panels, warm Kansas hospitality, and even a little rain in the midst of this year's terrible drought. Here are the minutes of the business meeting:

SLS Business Meeting 2012 Minutes

1. Update on SLS activities of past year

- First and foremost -- a very successful meeting in Lawrence. The organizers, Steven Dickey, Marc Greenberg, and Renee Perelmutter, were thanked with an enthusiastic round of applause.
- 4-day workshop on Slavic linguistics at Indiana University in May
- New website, including stunning new logo, ability to accept money through Paypal and thus process membership, conference registration, and donations online, etc. Andrea Sims was thanked for her work setting up and maintaining the website. Steve Franks and George Fowler (Slavica) were thanked for handling the society's financial affairs before the new website came online.
- New agreement with AATSEEL allows SLS members to attend and present at AATSEEL annual meetings. The arrangement is intended primarily for scholars not employed by Slavic departments, to increase participation in AATSEEL by general linguists working on Slavic languages, a description which fits many SLS members. The arrangement benefits both societies. Jim Levine was thanked for his role in setting it up.

2. Treasurer's report (Andrea Sims, acting treasurer):

As of August 22, the SLS had 73 members and 46 people had registered for the Lawrence conference through the website. The SLS has taken in about \$3700 since the website launched in February, of which \$1885 was conference registration money collected on behalf of the U. of Kansas. About \$900 has been given or is owed to Slavica Publishers to subsidize publication of the Journal of Slavic Linguistics. In addition to this, the SLS currently has about \$900 in cash on hand to help subsidize the 2013 meeting and for other activities.

3. Needs/Plans

- The SLS board intends to apply for 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit organization this year, allowing us to open a bank account (not just Paypal) and making donations to the society tax-deductible.
- For continuity in financial matters we hope to appoint a longer-term treasurer. SLS members willing to serve in this capacity are invited to contact the board.
- Bylaws will be needed for 501(c)(3) status (and to regularize procedures, another goal).

4. Future meetings

- 2013 Szczecin, Poland. Organizer Sylwester Jaworski presented an official invitation letter from the rector of Uniwersytet Szczecinski and a view-book of the university, which were accepted with thanks. The SLS 8 meeting date will be in October 2013.
- 2014 Seattle, Washington. Organizer Katarzyna Dziwirek confirmed that the University of Washington will host SLS 9. The organizing committee and some funding are already in place.
- 2015: Heidelberg, Germany. A proposal from Jadranka Gvozdanovic to host SLS 10 at University of Heidelberg was presented at the business meeting, and was confirmed by vote of the board following the meeting.
- 2016 and beyond: We expect to continue the practice of scheduling odd-numbered years in Europe, even-numbered years in North America, with decisions on specific sites to be made ideally three years in advance. Proposals are invited during the next year from North American institutions for 2016.

5. Executive Board rotation and nominations

A proposal was made and accepted by unanimous voice vote of those present to expand the board to six members, 3-year terms, 2 rotating off each year. The one person leaving the board this year (Lenore Grenoble) will thus be replaced by two new members; the board for 2012-13 will consist of the following:

Catherine Rudin (chair), Andrea Sims (terms ending 2013)
Marc Greenberg, Vladimir Plungian (terms ending 2014)
_____, _____ (terms ending 2015)

The following were nominated from the floor:

Anton Zimmerling
Sylwester Jaworski
Laura Janda

Nominations will be continued online for a brief period, followed by voting through the web site. All paid-up SLS members are eligible to vote and will be receive e-mail notification of the nomination and voting procedures.