

Minutes – SLS Business meeting Sept 22, 2017

Chair Joseph Schallert presided.

1. The following planned future meeting locations and organizers were announced: 2018 Eugene, Oregon (Cynthia Vakareliyska); 2019 Potsdam, Germany (Peter Kosta); 2020 probably Bloomington, Indiana (Steve Franks). Steve expressed willingness to defer to other hosts if there are volunteers.
2. 2017 student travel awardees were announced and applauded: Nermina Čordalija, Virgilio Partida-Peñalva, and Dušan Ptáček. Ptáček was unfortunately not able to attend at the last minute. These awards are for the best graduate student abstracts at the current year's meeting.
3. This year's Charles E. Townsend awardee was announced: Vesela Simeonova, University of Ottawa. The Townsend award is given to one student presenter from the previous two year's meetings and consists of a Lifetime SLS membership (\$600).
4. New JSL editors Rok Žaucer and Lanko Franc Marušič were introduced and briefly discussed their plans for the journal. Editorial policies will remain similar to what they have been, but open access and other changes will be considered. Everyone is encouraged to submit to the journal. JSL book editor Wayles Brown will continue in that position and invited members to suggest books to be reviewed.
5. Treasurer Catherine Rudin summarized the budget and financial status of SLS. Income from membership dues and life memberships this year will come out to about \$8000. Largest expenses are the journal (about \$3700; half of the membership dues), conference support (\$2000), and student travel grants (\$1500 planned; \$1000 actually paid out). With other smaller expenses we'll end the year with a small profit.
6. New board members were nominated and elected: Cynthia Vakareliyska and Gabriela Múcsková will serve through the 2020 meeting. Past members rotating off the board this year are Jadranka Gvozdanovic and Krzysztof Borowski.
7. Rosemarie Connolly is unable to complete her term on the board: she will be replaced by Steven Franks, who will thus serve a two year term through 2019.
8. This year's organizers, Matej Šekli, Marko Snoj, and their team, were warmly thanked for their work and for a great meeting – we'll toast them at tomorrow's conference dinner.