

SLS-15 Business Meeting
Saturday, September 5, 2020
10:00-10:45 EDT

The meeting was opened with thanks to the organizers of SLS-15 at Indiana University for their outstanding work in conducting the conference virtually for the first time. SLS Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Rudin then gave a tribute to Steve Franks, on his retirement, for all his work for the SLS over his career, including establishing the SLS and the tradition of annual SLS Meetings, and establishing the *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, of which he served as editor for many years.

Outgoing Board members Gabriela Múcsková and Cynthia Vakareliyska were thanked for their service, and nominations were held for the two vacant Board seats. Hakyung Jung and Marek Mejer were nominated, and were both elected by acclamation.

Marco Biasio of the University of Padua and the University of Novi Sad was announced as the winner of the 2019 Charles E. Townsend graduate student award, consisting of free life membership in the SLS, which is given each year to a graduate student presenting at either of the two preceding SLS meetings, who has demonstrated the strongest long-term high-quality dedication and contribution to the field of Slavic linguistics.

Graduate students and recent Ph.D.'s were invited to attend the new Early Career Linguists Social Hour, hosted by Board members Vrinda Chidambaram and Hagen Pitsch. Vrinda said a few words about the social hour.


Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Rudin gave the Treasurer's report, in which she reported that the SLS is in excellent shape financially, with over \$22,000 in its account at present. In part, this is due to cost savings associated with holding the 2020 meeting online instead of at a physical location. There are currently 171 paid members of SLS, including 32 students and 24 life members.

JSL co-editors Lanko Marušič and Rok Žaucer, reported on activities and issues over the past year, in particular the postal problems that had prevented SLS members outside North America from receiving the past two *JSL* issues. Lanko and Rok reported that all SLS members outside North America would receive those issues by e-mail in *JSL* form. George Fowler, editor of Slavica Publishers, agreed that SLS members could have the option of receiving *JSL* as either a hard-copy or PDF version in the future.

It was announced that the SLS-16 will be held in Sapporo, Japan in 2021, organized by Motoki Nomachi, followed in 2022 by SLS-17 in Bratislava, Slovakia, organized by Gabriela Múcsková. This was followed by suggestions from SLS members for future venues, including, for SLS-18 (2023) in the US, UC-Riverside/USC (Vrinda Chidambaram) and U. Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Aida Talić) and, for SLS-19 and beyond, Seoul (Eun-Ji Song), Cambridge (Ksenia Zanon), and Cologne (Daniel Bunčić). Members seriously interested in hosting are invited to present a proposal by email to the incoming SLS Chair – Vrinda Chidambaram.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia M. Vakareliyska
outgoing chair, SLS Board