

Minutes of the annual SLS business meeting
SLS-20, Verona, Italy
Thursday, September 11th, 2025
Aula Magna, Silos di Ponente, University of Verona (in person) / Zoom (virtual)

The Chair, Jelena Živojinović, and the treasurer, Catherine Rudin, declared the meeting open at 17:30 local time (UTC+2).

The following points were addressed:

1. The Chair opened the meeting by emphasizing how pleased the Board was to see such a large number of presentations this year, noting the high quality of the program, the engaging nature of the conference, and the successful inclusion of two excellent workshops.
2. On the board's behalf, Jelena announced the CET award recipient, Luca Molinari (University of Wrocław) in recognition of the outstanding quality of his previous SLS talks, such as *'One' numeral, many functions. The case of едишь in Old Church Slavonic* (SLS-19, 2024), *The 'free not-so-free' ordering of adjectives in Slavic* (joint talk with Giuliana Giusti, SLS-18, 2023, honorable mention for CET award in 2024), *New syntactic insights on Bulgarian TAKE constructions* (joint talk with Vincenzo Nicolò di Caro, SLS-17, 2022). The CET Award 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, and consists of a lifetime membership to the SLS and a subscription to the Journal of Slavic Linguistics.
Given the high number of impressive submissions that characterized last year's SLS meeting, the board unanimously decided to confer three honorable mentions to the following young scholars congratulated this year's student travel award recipients, that included Minsong He, Hanae Matsuyama and Angelina Rubina. As recipients of an honorable mention, all these young scholars were granted a 1-year membership to the Slavic Linguistics Society.
3. Jelena also congratulated this year's travel award recipients, Martin Alldrick (University of Surrey; recipient of the travel award in 2024 as well); Miljana Čopa (Institute for the Serbian Language of SASA); Mihaela Chirpanlieva (Humboldt University of Berlin); Antonina Mocniak (Jagiellonian University); Haneul Choi (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign); Eleanor Sand (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign). She noted that the Society is very pleased to be able to support young researchers in this way, as encouraging their work remains one of its central priorities. Awardees traveling from overseas were granted a contribution of 1,000 USD, while those traveling from Europe were granted 500 USD. In addition, two further travel awards had been assigned, but the participants in question had to cancel their attendance.

4. Catherine delivered the Treasurer's report, noting that this year's income and expenses are largely balanced. Main costs included monetary support for SLS meetings and student travel grants.
5. On behalf of JSL, the co-editor-in-chief Rok Žaucer reported on the current status. Recently, two issues have appeared, one related to 2024 and a FASL 32 Proceedings issue. In addition, Rok mentioned a forthcoming Special Issue for the 25th anniversary of Franks & King (2000), edited by Irenäus Kulik and Uwe Junghanns.
6. Board elections were held to replace outgoing members Jadranka Gvozdanović and Andrei Antonenko. The newly unanimously elected members are:
 - Tania Ionin (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
 - Daniel Bunčić (University of Cologne)Tania expressed her interest in potentially assuming the role of Treasurer after serving as a Board member for some time. The Board warmly thanked the outgoing members for their dedicated service and valuable contributions to the Society.
7. As part of Board announcements, it was noted that Martin Alldrick (University of Surrey) has been appointed as the Society's new Social Media Manager. The Board expressed enthusiasm for this new role and its contribution to enhancing SLS's outreach.
8. Jelena announced that the next meeting, SLS-21, will take place at Seoul National University (South Korea), with Hakyung Jung serving as the local host. Hakyung took the floor to introduce the upcoming meeting and provide some initial remarks about its organization. Jelena further noted that bids to organize the meetings in 2027 and 2028 are welcome, ideally maintaining the usual alternation between one meeting in North America and one overseas (Europe, Asia, or elsewhere). In this regard, there are ongoing discussions for a possible meeting to be hosted in Skopje in either 2027 or 2028.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:20 local time.

Graz, Austria
September 23, 2025.

Jelena Živojinović
Chair of the SLS Board

