

AMERICAN DIALECT SOCIETY

2006 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

By Allan Metcalf, ADS Executive Secretary

The Council held its 2006 meeting on Friday, January 6, starting at 8:30 a.m. in Board N of the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. Council members present were President Hall, presiding; President Elect Kretzschmar, Vice President for Communications and Technology Barrett, Executive Secretary Metcalf, ACLS Delegate Curzan, and Council members Lucas, Bayley, and Cukor-Avila. Fifteen other ADS members attended and participated in the open meeting.

The Council took these actions:

1. Heard reports from editors. **Connie Eble**, outgoing editor of *American Speech*, said that her report is in the last 2005 issue of that journal. **Michael Adams**, the new editor, announced that **Michael Montgomery** will remain as associate editor, **Wayne Glowka** will continue "Among the New Words," and **Allison Burkette** will be the new book review editor. **Charles Carson** reported that submissions for *American Speech* are up. **Ronald Butters** reported that *PADS* is on schedule. The editorship of *PADS* has passed to **Robert Bayley**. Butters plans to retire in September 2007.

MOTION: The Council voted to continue Butters in his position as General Editor of ADS Publications until then.

MOTION: The council approved of these appointments to the *American Speech* Editorial Advisory Board for the years 2006–2008, as recommended by Adams: **Edwin Battistella**, Southern Oregon University; **Laurence Horn**, Yale University; **Lisa Minnick**, Western Michigan University; **Natalie Schilling-Estes**, Georgetown University.

2. Heard a report from **Cason Lynley**, Assistant Manager, Journals Marketing, on behalf of our publisher, Duke University Press. She distributed folders with marketing reports and copies of recent marketing materials. The electronic version of *American Speech* and other Duke UP journals has now been moved to HighWire Press, which promises better service, better control, better access, and better revenue than the previous association with Project Muse. Back issues will continue to be available on J-STOR.

MOTION: The Council approved dues for 2007 at the same level as in 2006: regular members \$50, students \$25, plus \$10 outside U.S.

3. Heard a financial report from Executive Secretary Metcalf. This is the record of our net income from Duke University Press:

2005: \$25,276.67

2004: \$22,667.01

2003: \$20,506.02

2002: \$11,850.54 (lower because of PADS expenses \$8,498.74)

2001: \$19,246.90

2000: \$5,296.41 (lower because of PADS expenses \$9,195.49)

1999: \$10,720.20

In 2005, these were the major expenses:

Executive Secretary office expenses, auditing, travel etc.: \$5,000

Annual Meeting, Oakland, January: (net) \$2,400

NADS: \$1,300

ACLS and NHA dues: \$990

Grants:

\$500: Dictionary Society of North America, Boston, June

\$500: Methods XIII, Moncton, New Brunswick, August

\$1000: NWAV, New York Univ.

\$500: SHEL IV, Northern Arizona Univ.

MOTION: The Council approved free luncheon at the 2007 meeting in Anaheim for any student who is an ADS member. There will be a November or December deadline for students to sign up. This free lunch will be announced well in advance as an inducement to membership.

MOTION: The Council voted to continue this year's practice of awarding four \$500 grants for four papers presented by students at the annual meeting.

MOTION: The Council approved \$3000 for an ADS professorship at the 2011 Linguistic Institute in Toronto. This follows on the previously approved \$3000 each for the 2007 Institute at Stanford and the 2009 Institute at Berkeley. **Dennis Preston** is our liaison with the Linguistic Institute planners. He lobbies to make sure that the ADS professorship is appropriately grounded in our field.

MOTION: The Council approved \$1000 in support of NWAV 2006.

MOTION: The Council approved \$500 in support of the next SHEL conference, in Athens in 2007.

4. Heard **Joan Hall's** report on the archives at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. The archivist there has agreed to the transfer of these archives to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Massachusetts will keep the materials of the *Linguistic Atlas of New England*, but everything else will go to Columbia. Back files from Allan Metcalf's office in Jacksonville, Illinois will also go to the WHMC.

5. Heard a report from our new Vice President for Communications and Technology, **Grant Barrett**. He reported growing traffic on the website and along with Metcalf argued the value of having a paper Newsletter as well as an online one.

6. Heard **Michael Adams's** report on ADS-sponsored sessions at MLA.

The ADS session at the recent MLA meeting was well attended, **Anne Curzan** reported, and generated good discussion, but there are other forums at MLA for linguistic research and discussion, such as sessions sponsored by the Division on Language Change, the Division on Language Theory, the Division on Language and Society, and the Lexicography Discussion Group.

MOTION: ADS will discontinue sponsoring sessions at future MLA conventions, but will renew our official affiliation as an Allied Organization in case we want to resume sessions.

7. Approved Regional Secretary reappointments for the two-year term 2007–2008: Midwest, **Kathryn Remlinger** (Grand Valley State U.); South Central, **Michael R. Dressman** (U. of Houston-Downtown); South Atlantic: **Michael Picone** (U. of Alabama).

8. Approved the reappointment of **Ellen Johnson** (Berry C.) for a three-year term 2006-08 as trustee of the Hans Kurath Fund for the Linguistic Atlas, as recommended by Editor William A. Kretzschmar, Jr. The other two trustees are **Lee Pederson** (Emory U., term ending 2006), and **Michael Linn** (U. of Minnesota, Duluth), term ending 2007.

2006 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Most of the decisions of the Society are made in the Executive Council meeting, to

which all members are invited. But there is always a subsequent official Annual Business Meeting. This year it took place the next morning, Saturday, January 7, with a handful of members in attendance. There was one item of business: the election by acclamation of **Charles Boberg** (McGill University) to a four-year term 2006-09 on the Executive Council, as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

A new topic of discussion was then introduced by Program Chair **William Kretzschmar**: the schedule of sessions at the Annual Meeting. The Linguistic Society, for reasons that are not entirely clear, wants our program sessions to begin no earlier than 4 p.m. Thursday. That concern led to reconsideration of the entire schedule, followed by e-mail discussion among the Executive Council during January, resulting in the revised schedule announced in the call for papers for 2007. The new schedule will be an experiment, subject to further revision after testing at the 2007 meeting.