1. Officers
Current Officers
President: Joel Kuipers
Secretary-Treasurer: Angela Reyes
Members at large: Paul Kroskrity and Janina Fenigsen
Editors of SLA column: James Stanlaw and Mark Peterson
Nominating committee: chair: Misty Jaffe
Program chair: Kira Hall
JLA editor: Asif Agha
President Elect: Joseph Errington
Incoming JLA editor: Paul Manning

2. The Year's activities

A. Membership and Budget
The SLA Treasurer, Angela Reyes, submitted her financial report.

- Net assets at beginning of year were around $25,000. The year ended with a surplus of a few thousand dollars, bringing us closer to $30,000 in net assets.
- Most of our income was from membership ($15,000), and most of our expenses were from publishing JLA ($10,000)
- One big change that will most likely affect the SLA budget in future years is that JLA will no longer be published by UC Press. AAA signed a five-year contract to have all of its publications done by Wiley-Blackwell beginning next year. They project that our journal will no longer be an expense, but a source of income. We have decided to adopt a wait and see approach before planning any expensive new initiatives.
- As the use of Anthrosource versions of JLA articles benefits the bottom line of the SLA, we encourage students to use Anthrosource, and download PDFs of JLA articles directly from it. The more hits we get, the more income we receive.

B. Journal of Linguistic Anthropology

The editor is outgoing editor is Asif Agha. The new editor, assuming the role with the December issue, is Paul Manning. Paul was selected a committee consisting of Joe Errington, Joel Kuipers, and Sue Gal.

The report for 2007 and volume 17 of JLA is as follows:

- Total Number of Pages Printed:
  - JLA 17.1 (June 2007): 159 pgs.
  - JLA 17.2 (December 2007): 158 pgs.
- Total Number of Issues Printed: 2
- Publication Timeliness:
• JLA 17.1: Published in June, 2007. On time.
• JLA 17.2: Published in December, 2007. On time.

• Total Number of Manuscripts Submitted: 24
• Number of Manuscripts Accepted: 6
• Number of Manuscripts Rejected: 10
• Number of Manuscripts Requested for Revision and Resubmission: 4
• Number of Manuscripts Under Review on August 15, 2007: 4
• Average time from submission to acceptance: 2.5 months
• Plans for 2008:
  • Special Issues: None
  • Website: The journal will have a new website, linked to the new SLA website.
  • Publisher: The journal will have a new publisher, Wiley-Blackwell.
• Anticipated changes in editorial staffing in 2008:
  • Dr. Paul Manning of Trent University is the incoming editor. He will be appointing a new editorial staff for the next 3-year editorial cycle. (Transition: New article submissions from July onwards were forwarded to the new editorial office. All remaining items (electronic files, databases, paper records, and books for review) were forwarded end of August.)
• General Comments:
  • Turnaround time: Decreased slightly (from 2.7 months to 2.5 months)
  • Submissions: 24 articles were received before June 20, 2007.
  • Accept rate: 6 out of 24 articles were accepted for publication. (Accept rate = 25%)

• Total Number of Books Received for Review: 23
• Total Number of Books Assigned for Review: 14

• This year we nominated/selected people for Member at Large: Laura Ahearn was selected for this position.
• Coming up: solicit nominations for president-elect, and another member-at-large to replace Paul K. Bring suggestions to Misty or Joe
  • Nominations chair is an appointed position. If you would like to serve as nominations chair, please let Misty or Joe know. Misty will help with transition.

C. Anthropology News SLA column
The Contributing Editors for the SLA column in Anthropology News are James Stanlaw and Mark Peterson. They have continued to do excellent columns for the SLA and actually constituted more column inches than any other contributor.

D. Prizes
A committee made up of Paul Kroskrrity and Janina Fenigsen and Joel Kuipers was convened to revitalize the SLA student prize competition.

- The committee clarify guidelines, promoted submissions through advertising, and recruited book publishers to provide incentives, book coupons as prizes.
- Two dozen applications came in. Previous years submissions were in low single digits
- Not only numbers were encouraging, but quality too.
- Winner for graduate: Isaac Gagne (Yale University)
- Honorary mention for undergraduate: Lauren Knapp (Grinnell College)

E. Program

- AAA accepted more this year than any other time in its history. As a result this year there were some awkward scheduling overlaps.
- Kira Hall convened a program committee consisting of Laura Ahearn, Elizabeth Keating, Joel Kuipers, Galey Modan, Barbara Meek
- 11 submissions for invited, 2 selected
- Total of 30 sessions, 6 were double panels
- Of 26 individual submissions, 12 were put into panels. Encouraged people to submit as a panel.
- Theme next year is: Inclusion, Collaboration, and Engagement
- Invited submissions will be due one month before regular submissions are due
- Presidential sessions are independent of this committee; they need to be submitted to AAA executive program committee
- In addition, there was an informal roundtable discussion about methods held on November 29th at 12.00 to 1.30 about linguistic anthropology laboratories, held by Joel Kuipers, John Haviland, John DuBois, Charles Goodwin and others.

F. SLA Executive Board and Business meetings

The SLA held its executive board meeting from 6 to 8:45 p.m. on November 29 at the AAA meetings, and the various reports summarized in this report were presented there. The Business Meeting was held 6:15-7:55 p.m. on November 30th, 2007. After the meeting was adjourned, an informal reception and discussion continued during which the members discussed future roundtables and the future of the SLA website.

G. Nominations

- This year we nominated a slate for Member at Large. The person selected was Laura Ahearn.
- We also proposed nominees for AAA-wide committees: LRPC, executive board, nominations
- We encouraged membership to nominate others or themselves for non-designated seats
- We have begun to solicit nominations for president-elect, and another member-at-large to replace Paul K. Bring suggestions to Misty or Joe
- We are also soliciting nominations for the nominations chair. It is, however, an appointed position. If you would like to serve as nominations chair, please let Misty or Joe know. Misty will help with transition.

H. SLA Website

- Last year we discussed developing website to add value to membership; in response, an ad hoc committee formed based on response to the call for participation.
The committee discussed how to make the website to be more interactive, increase its size, and concluded that we needed to set up a mirror site.

- Formed committee: Joe, Joel and Kerim Friedman
- New website launched: linguisticanthropology.org. 1 GB of storage. Cost was $78 per year for two years for both domain name and site hosting with bluehost.com.
- We can now host blogs, syllabi, video (IRB issues?), formation of SLA sessions, bulletin boards
- We are entertaining proposals for what to do with the website so please email ideas to Kerim Friedman who is the webmaster, appointed by the president
- The executive committee approved the allocation of $1000/year for web assistant, who will be the person to maintain the website. If you know anyone interested, please email Kerim

Respectfully submitted by
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