



2021 Virtual General Business Meeting
Zoom
Monday, March 22, 2021 | 11:30 -12:30 p.m. ET

President Kendall King, Presiding | Secretary Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala, Parliamentarian

1. Call to order

Once quorum was confirmed (114 participants), the President called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

2. Review of Rules of Order

The Secretary proceeded to review the Rules of Order.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved and adopted following the completion of an e-poll.

4. Approval of the March 2020 Minutes

The minutes, previously disseminated electronically, were also both approved and adopted following the completion of an e-poll.

5. President's Report

The President delivered an oral report on the state of the association, including a report on key activities. (See Appendix A.)

6. Report of the Secretary

The Secretary delivered an oral report on AAAL's diversity, equity, inclusion, and access (DEIA) initiatives. (See Appendix B.)

7. Report from the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee (NC) Chair, Andrea Revesz, delivered her report by conveying her thanks to all the members of the NC. These members included:

- Laura Collins, Concordia University (ex officio, Immediate Past President)
- Andy Gao, University of New South Wales
- Angel Lin, Simon Fraser University
- Junko Mori, University of Wisconsin at Madison
- Manka Varghese, University of Washington

The Nominating Co. Chair then proceeded to present the slate as follows:

- 2nd Vice President: Ryuko Kubota, University of British Columbia
- Member at Large: Yasuko Kanno, Boston University
- FFAL Trustee: Linda Harklau, University of Georgia
- Nominating Committee Candidates, 2021-2022:
 - Mari Haneda, The Pennsylvania State University
 - Hayriye Kayi-Aydar, University of Arizona
 - Usree Bhattacharya, University of Georgia
 - Suhad Sonbul, Umm Al-Qura University
 - Ena Lee, Simon Fraser University
 - Netta Avineri, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterrey
 - Eve Haque, Glendon College, York University
 - Steve Thorne, Portland State University
- Book Award Committee:
 - Miguel Perez Milans, University College London
 - Bal Sharma, University of Idaho
 - Nihat Polat, Texas State University
 - Hyunjung Shin, University of Saskatchewan
- Research Article Award Committee:
 - Christine Tardy, University of Arizona
 - Luke Plonsky, Northern Arizona University
 - Zhang Dongbo, University of Exeter
 - Gloria Park, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

8. Call for Questions on Written Reports

The President proceeded to cover the section on written reports. Written reports had been provided to the membership in advance. They were as listed here:

- a. Report of the First Vice President (Patsy Duff)
- b. Report of the Second Vice President (Lourdes Ortega)
- c. Report of the Treasurer (Glenn Martinez)
 - i. Financial report
 - ii. Membership report
- d. Report of the Graduate Student Council (Haoshan [Sally] Ren)
- e. Report of the Public Affairs and Engagement Committee (Netta Avineri)
- f. Report of the Committee on Online Education and Outreach (Carolyn Fuchs)
- g. Report of the Committee for Conference Connections (Bethany Gray)

The President noted that a link to submit questions had been provided in advance. She reported that no questions had been received. However, she acknowledged that there were questions in the chat. Those questions were noted and verbally addressed by both the President and the Secretary as appropriate, and they included:

- 1) How are members consulted in decisions related to governance?
- 2) Will AAAL make a statement regarding the anti-Asian racism statement?
- 3) What structural concerns have been raised (in relation to DEIA)?
- 4) What are the year-to-year mechanisms to assess change (e.g., DEIA efforts)?
- 5) What is the mechanism to volunteer?
- 6) What will happen with virtual conferences (i.e., will future AAAL conferences be virtual)?

The President invited the membership to put any additional questions in the chat space.

The President then turned to the Secretary and asked her to explain the differences between motions and resolutions. The Secretary explained that motions are basically actions introduced at meetings [which, if seconded, can be discussed and voted on (or tabled, withdrawn). Resolutions are statements that required more extensive work and, once adopted, represent commitments from the organization to address a particular concern.

Then, the President acknowledged that there were several motions from Ari Sherris introduced in the chat. These included:

- The creation of a task force to explore and discuss whether AAAL should be constituted as a cooperative rather an association.

- That a AAAL task force be created to study and discuss support for the BDS movement.
- That AAAL support the formation and continuation of regional, state, and nation-state movements of Black Lives Matter in Higher Education.

The President reminded the membership that an important rule of parliamentary procedure was to consider one motion at a time. She sought advice from the Secretary on how to proceed, and then the President proceeded to tackle the first motion on the table. After a second was secured, the maker of the motion spoke to it. There were no further aural contributions/comments. The Secretary, following the chat, noted that several members were concerned about not having enough information nor time to properly consider it. Given concerns expressed from members on the floor via chat and time constraints, the maker of motion withdrew the motion with the understanding that the EC would further consider it during the incoming President's term.

The President reminded attendees that the question under consideration was on the written reports. The President did not recognize any further motions at this time, but she indicated that the EC would review the chat record and address pending new business.

9. Call for Old Business

The President then proceeded to issue a call for Old Business. Nothing was noted.

10. Recognition of the Outgoing Executive Committee Members & Transfer of Presidency.

The President thanked the outgoing members of the EC. She offered remarks for each of them:

- Glenn Martinez, Treasurer
- Charlene Polio, Member at Large
- Sally Ren, GSC Representative
- Laura Collins, Past President

Then, the President proceeded to engage in the transfer of presidency. In doing so, she praised the incoming President for all the work in leading the organization of a great *Virtual Conference* despite many challenges.

11. Recognition of the Incoming Executive Committee

The incoming President, Patsy Duff, thanked the outgoing President for her leadership as well as the members supporting the conference and those present at this general business meeting. She then introduced the new members of the EC:

- Peter De Costa, Michigan State University, 2nd Vice President
- Scott Jarvis, University of Utah, Treasurer
- Julie Sykes, University of Oregon, Member at Large
- Laxmi Ojha, Michigan State University, Graduate Student Council Co-Chair
- Dudley Reynolds, Carnegie Mellon University Qatar, FFAL Trustee

She thanked all of them for their willingness to serve AAAL.

12. Call for New Business

The incoming President circled back to the motion that had been previously withdrawn. It was agreed that she would follow-up on this matter with the maker of the motion (Ari Sherris).

She invited members to stay in touch with the EC and reminded them of the PAEC meeting on Tuesday [March 23]. Next, she invited the 1st VP to deliver her report.

13. Message from the 1st VP/Conference Chair

1st VP/Conference Chair, Lourdes Ortega, encouraged the membership to provide feedback on the current conference to be considered in the planning and final decision making for AAAL 2022. She proceeded to note that AAAL 2022 is scheduled to take place in downtown Pittsburgh, PA. She has already put together her team from Georgetown. She announced the conference's theme: "***Applied Linguistics in Times of Reckoning and Change.***" She also introduced a new strand for AAAL 2022: "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Access in Applied Linguistics."

Plenary speakers for AAAL 2022 include:

- Keiko Koda, Carnegie Mellon University
- Glenn Martinez, Ohio State University
- Uju Anya, The Pennsylvania State University
- Rodrigo Borba, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
- Tiffany S. Lee, University of New Mexico (Navajo Nation)
- Hossein Nassaji, University of Victoria

Confirmed invited colloquia include:

- Mary Jane Curry (Rochester University) & Theresa Lillis (Open University)
- Christian Chun (University of Massachusetts, Boston)
- Sangeeta Bagga-Gupta (Jönköping University)

The 1st VP acknowledged the fact that she is fully aware that the membership is wondering about the conference format in 2022. She indicated that this decision regarding a hotel-based vs. virtual (or hybrid) conference would soon be finalized and announced.

14. Adjournment

The President thanked the 1st VP and wished the new conference team well. She encouraged everyone to enjoy the rest of the 2021 conference and thanked everyone for attending this business meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. EDT

Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala, Secretary