

2022 General Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022 | 12:30 -1:45 p.m. ET
William Penn Omni Hotel, Pittsburgh

President Patsy Duff, Presiding | Secretary Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala, Parliamentarian

1. Call to order and Land Acknowledgement

Once quorum was confirmed, the President called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. and acknowledged that Pittsburgh occupies the ancestral lands of the Adena culture, Hopewell culture, and Monongahela peoples, who were later joined by refugees of other tribes (including the Delaware, Shawnee, and Haudenosaunee), driven here from their homelands by colonizers. We honor the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of this place and respect their historic, unique, and enduring relationship with, and stewardship of, this land. AAAL is grateful to be guests on these traditional lands for this conference.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the meeting agenda be approved. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the March 2021 Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the March 2021 Minutes be approved. The motion carried.

4. Report of the President - Patsy Duff

4.1. The President began by sharing with the membership the AAAL Statement on War in Ukraine, which reads: The American Association for Applied Linguistics is deeply concerned about the escalating humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and surrounding countries. We express our solidarity with those people and communities who have been displaced, injured, or killed in this war. Beyond solidarity, actions are important. AAAL members wishing to make donations will

find links to organizations (NGOs) on our website. AAAL stands firm in its commitment to the peaceful and just resolution of world conflicts, wherever they may be.

4.2. The President then thanked the following for their hard work and incredible contribution to this year's annual conference as well as to AAAL in general: Conference Organizing Team, Executive Committee, AAAL Office (NCG) Team, all AAAL members (who are leaders, reviewers, committee chairs and members, presenters, audience members, researchers and scholars, communicators and advocates, mentors and mentees, volunteers (over 800)) and PAEC, OEOC, GSC, Awards Committees, as well as the Omni William Penn hotel staff .

4.3. State of the Association. The President commented on the challenges AAAL has been facing, particular with respect to the annual conferences, noting the cancellation of the 2020 conference (prepared by Kendall King and her team), the virtual conference in 2021 (chaired by Patsy Duff), and the dedicated and successful efforts made by Lourdes Ortega and her team which led to the return to the in-person conference in 2022. The President noted that, throughout the pandemic, AAAL has been learning to operate differently and innovatively. With regard to the current state of the Association, our membership remains large and steady (currently about 2100 members from 68 countries), our financial status is stable, the FFAL is encouraging new donations, and we have made significant progress in the areas of DEIA partly through the work of the Public Affairs and Engagement Committee and the Committee on Online Education and Outreach (and its many subcommittees). The President also encouraged the membership to self-nominate for leadership positions to further enhance diversity and inclusion.

4.4. Strategic planning. The President appointed 2 new Task Forces: (1) Task Force on Early Career Scholars in AAAL and (2) Task Force on Advancing DEIA in AAAL. The members of these task forces are to be finalized. In terms of strategic directions, the President highlighted three areas of priority: conference planning, research and scholarship, and professional development. While plans have been made for AAAL annual conferences in the next couple of years, we need to discuss and explore long-term plans in terms of modality (in person, virtual, hybrid or alternating).

5. Report of the 1st Vice President - Lourdes Ortega

The 1st VP thanked the following for their contribution to the 2022 Conference --
Georgetown Team: Şeima Toker, Malik Stevenson, Jason D'Angelo, Rima Elabdali, Nishita Grace Isaac, Saurav Goswami, Negar Siyar, Hina Ashraf;
The AAAL Office Team: Terry Dougherty, Sherry Battle, Andi Edwards, Hannah Queen;
The Sponsors: Duolingo English Test, Multilingual Matters, habilnet, John Benjamins, US Department of State English Language Programs.

The 1st VP noted the difficulties and challenges facing many attendees in terms of health and travel restrictions and the many different scheduling needs of (and accommodations for) the conference participants this year. In spite of all challenges, this year's conference has 23 strands, including a new strand ADIST (Antiracism, Decolonization, and Intersectionality for Systematic Transformation). The 1st VP encouraged the membership to provide feedback by taking part in the post-conference survey, particularly on how conference participants feel about (1) scheduling DEIA events alongside regular academic events (rather than taking up lunch, socializing time) and (2) setting no specific topic or agenda for affinity group meetings.

6. Report of the 2nd Vice President - Peter De Costa

The 2nd VP expressed sincerest thanks to Lourdes Ortega and her team for putting together a successful 2022 conference and to the many scholars who are serving as mentors for the 2022 Conference Connections program.

The 2023 Conference will take place in Portland, OR; the Conference Theme will be: *Collaborating and Mentoring in Applied Linguistics*.

Plenary Speakers include:

- Sender Dovchin, Curtin University, Australia, “Beyond “Trans-” Playfulness: “Trans-” Lingual Precarity”
- Mario Lopez-Gopar, Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca, Mexico, “Collaborating with the Colonial Other: Insights from Ontologías y Epistemologías del Sur”
- Deborah Palmer, University of Colorado Boulder, “A Collaborative Praxis to Counter Gentrification in Dual Language Bilingual Education”
- Luke Plonsky, Northern Arizona University, “Quality in Quantity: Methodological Reform as an Intellectual and Ethical Imperative”
- Masatoshi Sato, Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile, “Navigating the Research-Practice Relationship: Professional Goals and Constraints”
- Paula Winke, Michigan State University, “Opening Language Testing and Our Minds to Fuller Transparency”

Invited Colloquia include:

- Wilga Rivers Language Pedagogy Colloquium: “Codeswitching, Translanguaging, and Language Naming: The Psychological Reality and Social Significance of Multilingualism” Organizers: Jeff MacSwan, & Christian J. Faltis
- TBLT at AAAL Colloquium: “Interdisciplinarity and Collaboration in Task-based Language Teaching Research: Advances and Challenges”; Organizers: Andrea Révész & Youjin Kim
- “The Politics and Practice of Allyship in Queer Applied Linguistics and Language Education”; Organizers: Ashley Moore & James Coda

- “Broadening the Base and Charting New Courses in Second Language Speech Comprehensibility Research”; Organizers: Dan Isbell and Dustin Crowther
- “Researching Multilingually to Rethink EMI policy and practices”; Organizers: Andy Gao & Yongyan Zheng
- “Positive Mentoring: Thriving Not Merely Surviving” Organizer: Tammy Gregerson
- “Conceptual and Methodological Innovations in L2 Literacy Development: Learning from Multilingual Immigrant and Refugee Background Students and Communities”; Organizers: Amanda Kibler & Fares Karam
- “Methodological Innovation in Applied Linguistics Research: Perspectives, Strategies, and Trends”; Organizers: Shaofeng Li & Matthew T. Prior
- “Negotiating Identity in an Unequal Digital World” ; Organizers: Ron Darvin & Bonny Norton
- ”Expanding Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Data-driven Learning: Moving Forward with Research and Pedagogy”; Organizers: Sandra C. Deshors & Charlene Polio

Pre-Conference Workshops:

Workshop 1:

Doing Applied Linguistics through Southern Epistemologies: Affordances and Challenges
Facilitators: Sinfree Makoni (Pennsylvania State University) and Alissa Hartig (Portland State University)

Workshop 2:

Researching L2 Pragmatics Across Contexts
Facilitators: Veronika Timpe-Laughlin (Educational Testing Service), Judit Dombi (University of Pécs, Hungary), and Tetyana Sydorenko (Portland State University)

Two new strands will be added for the 2023 AAAL Conference

- Language and the Law
- Language, Gender, and Sexuality

The 2nd VP also introduced the Michigan State University Conference Team and informed the membership that the Call for Proposals will be coming soon.

7. Report of the Secretary - Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala

The Secretary reminded the membership of her duty of overseeing diversity for AAAL, ensuring that a diversity segment will be a compulsory item on every in-person EC meeting agenda and included in each issue of the newsletter, and monitors to ensure that diversity and equity are implemented in all aspects of AAAL activities.

The Secretary stated that 'diversity' is a shared responsibility and highlighted 4 areas of DEIA work in AAAL since March 2021 --

- Conference. Thanks to Lourdes Ortega's leadership, the 2022 conference exhibited great diversity in the speakers who presented plenaries and invited colloquia, added a new strand ADIST (Antiracism, Decolonization, and Intersectionality for Systematic Transformation), provided resources and support for participants who bring families to the conference, took measures (e.g., pronoun tags, all-gender bathrooms) to support LGBTQ+ members, and presented ample networking opportunities for affinity groups.
- Professional development. Thanks to the efforts by the OEOC (led by Carolin Fuchs), a number of virtual events were designed and delivered to the membership, enabling broad participation which would otherwise have been impossible. These events include:

“Dialogue on Complex Dynamic Systems Theory Approaches and Second Language Development”

“AAAL Webinar Collaborating and Communicating with Publics: Engagement for Social Impact”

“Transnational Identities as Pedagogy: Autoethnographies of ELT practitioners”

“Conversation with a 2021 AAAL Plenary Speaker - Getting the balance right: Language learning in and for the contemporary workplace Featuring: Dr. Lynda Yates”

“Conversation with a 2021 AAAL Plenary Speaker Featuring: Dr. Ema Ushioda. Motivation research and the multilingual turn: Taking a more critical orientation”

- Nominations process. The Nominations Task Force led by Peter De Costa are in the process of revising the nominations process to provide DEIA guidance to future Nomination Committees. The new DEIA Task Force appointed by Patsy Duff in March 2022 will pave the way to expand the AAAL DEIA work in sustainable ways.
- New Graduate Student Awards. Led by the GSC and FFAL, two new graduate students awards have been presented:
 - Distinguished Service and/or Engaged Research Graduate Student Award in Relation to Diversity Efforts. The 2022 recipient was Huy Phung from the University of Hawai'i.
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) Graduate Student Award. The 2022 recipient of this award was Olumide Ajayi from the University of Georgia.

8. Report of the Treasurer - Scott Jarvis

The Treasurer stated that our membership size has remained steady in the last two years (close 2100). In the 2011-2021 ten year span, highest is 2017 (2205), lowest 2011 (1424). The Treasurer thanked his predecessor Glenn Martinez for keeping AAAL's financial state healthy. AAAL's finances are in good shape, with a total current asset of over 1.6M. Due to the cancellation, 2020 conference income was low (86K) and the net income was negative (-27K); the virtual conference in 2021 brought high conference income of over 409K with a net income of close to 253K. It is expected that we will break even in the case of the 2022 conference. The Treasurer presented detailed balance sheets for assets, liabilities and equity, detailed conference statements from the last three years, and income and expense statements.

9. Report of the FFAL Trustees - Suresh Canagarajah

The membership is encouraged to continue to donate to FFAL generously. The following 'Giving Circles' were introduced:

Engagement Circle up to \$99
Cornerstone Circle \$100+
Leadership Circle \$500+
Foundation Circle \$1,000+
Benefactor Circle \$2,500+
Sustainer Circle \$5,000

10. Report from the Nominating Committee - Peter De Costa (on behalf of Junko Mori)

On behalf of the Committee Chair Junko Mori, Peter De Costa thanked all the members of the Nominating Committee:

Chair: Junko Mori, University of Wisconsin at Madison
Kendall King, University of Minnesota (Ex-officio, Immediate Past President)
Netta Avineri, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey
Mari Haneda, The Pennsylvania State University
Hayriye Kayi-Aydar, University of Arizona
Steve Thorne, Portland State University & University of Groningen

The Slate to be presented for membership vote this year is as follows:

- 2nd Vice President: Manka Varghese, University of Washington
- Member at Large: Elizabeth Miller, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- FFAL Trustee: Shawn Loewen, Michigan State University

Nominating Committee Candidates, 2022-2023

- Amanda Kibler, Oregon State University
- Wenhao Diao, University of Arizona
- M'Balía Thomas, University of Kansas
- Nihat Polat, Texas State University
- Aline Godfroid, Michigan State University
- Sebastien Dubreil, Carnegie Mellon University
- Nicole Pettit, Youngstown State University
- Laura Collins, Concordia University

Book Award Committee:

- Okim Kang, Northern Arizona University
- Uju Anya, Carnegie Mellon University
- Anna De Fina, Georgetown University
- Meike Wernicke, University of British Columbia
- Xuesong (Andy) Gao, University of New South Wales
- Phil Hiver, Florida State University

Distinguished Public Service Award Committee

- Shawna Shapiro, Middlebury College
- Maricel Santos, San Francisco State University
- Glenn Martinez, University of Texas at San Antonio
- Paul Matsuda, Arizona State University

Ballot for Election will be from June 1-July 1, 2022

Call for Nominations for 2023 Coming Soon (including self-nomination)

11. Report of the Graduate Student Council - Laxmi Ojha

The Chair of the AAAL GSC Steering Committee Laximi Ojha reviewed the events and initiatives in the last year, including GSC webinars, GSC events at the 2022 conference, AAALGrads Newsletter, outreach and engagement via social media, blog posts, Youtube Channel, and Design Competition for the FFAL funding initiative. He thanked the various committee and subcommittee members and introduced the next GSC Steering Committee for 2022-2023.

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

The President thanked the outgoing members of the EC:

Kendall King, University of Minnesota, *Immediate Past President*
Christina Higgins, University of Hawaii at Manoa, *Member at Large*
Laxmi Ojha, Michigan State University, *Graduate Student Council Co-Chair*

Then, the outgoing President Patsy Duff passed the presidential gavel to the incoming President Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala in the transfer of presidency.

13. Recognition of the Incoming Executive Committee Members

The incoming President, Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala, 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:

- Ryuko Kubota, University of British Columbia, *2nd Vice President*
 - Agnes He, Stony Brook University, *Secretary*
 - Yasuko Kanno, Boston University, *Member at Large*
 - Oksana Moroz, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, *Graduate Student Council Co-Chair*
 - Linda Harklau, University of Georgia, *FFAL Trustee*
- She thanked all of them for their willingness to serve AAAL.

14. Vision for 2022 - Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala

The new President presented her vision for 2022, which entails the implementation of the strategic plan developed in 2021, together with the strategic priorities (i.e., conference, research and knowledge mobilization, and professional development), continued DEIA efforts, and greater global engagement. The new President thanked the outgoing President, members of the EC, AAAL staff, and all members.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. EDT

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes He, Secretary