

2023 General Business Meeting Minutes [Approved March 18, 2024]

Monday, March 20, 2023 | 12:30 -1:45 p.m. PT
Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, Portland OR

President Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala, Presiding | Secretary Agnes He, Parliamentarian

Call to order and Land Acknowledgement

The President called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm PT.

The President started by acknowledging that Colorado State University Fort Collins, where she works, is built on the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples. This was also a site of trade, gathering, and healing for numerous other Native tribes. We recognize the Indigenous peoples as original stewards of this land and all the relatives within it. As these words of acknowledgment are spoken and heard, the ties Nations have to their traditional homelands are renewed and reaffirmed.

The President then acknowledged the land where the 2023 AAAL conference took place. The acknowledgement reads:

AAAL honors the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on: the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River. Before colonization by European-American settlers, the region was home to at least 7 language families and between 25-35 languages. The peoples who spoke these languages were forced to surrender their lands and languages by the settlers. Only 9 tribal languages are spoken today. It is important that we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. In remembering these communities and this history, we honor their legacy, lives, and their descendants.

Confirmation of Quorum and Review of Rules of Order

The Secretary confirmed quorum (120) and reviewed the following rules of order.

- The agenda sets the order of business for the meeting; the meeting will proceed according to the agenda.
- If anyone would like to discuss a new topic or consider a new proposal not on the agenda, they should (a) contact the Chair(s) of the relevant committee(s) or (b) contact any member(s) of the EC, before or after the Business meeting.
- It is important to follow parliamentary procedure to ensure the meeting runs smoothly and fairly.

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Paul Matsuda and seconded by Patsy Duff that the meeting agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Approval of the March 2022 Minutes

It was moved by Josiah Murphy and seconded by Paul Matsuda that the March 2022 Annual Business Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Report of the President – Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala

The President remarked that we are proud to remain strong and resilient. The record attendance to this year's conference is a testimony that AAAL is back on track! She offered thanks to committees, councils, and task forces for the work they did in the past year to advance AAAL's goals and promote AAAL's values. She highlighted a few specific accomplishments:

- 1) The President recognized all of the work that resulted in many recipients for the various awards that AAAL offers—a number that continues to grow. The work behind the scenes that leads to decision-making is both deliberate and involved.
- 2) This past year, AAAL, through the work of the OEOC (Committee for Online Education and Outreach), led by Michael Amory, continued to engage with the membership through the delivery of many outstanding webinars and workshops that attracted an increased number of members each time. Our AAAL Newsletter under the leadership of Steph Link has continued to develop and change to keep our members current. Under

our new incoming editor, more changes are around the corner to ensure that our members have information on our work at their fingertips.

3) The great work of the Public Affairs and Engagement Committee, led by Rachel Showstack, represents another example of collective success. Among other accomplishments, this committee collaborated with the OpEd Project and the EC to offer opportunity for 25 AAAL members to participate in a Write to Change the World workshop. This professional development opportunity for our AAAL members was intended to expand our capacity for impact in our professional practices.

4) The work of task forces continues. Just this past week, the EC received the recommendations from the task force on diversity, equity, inclusion, and access led by Manka Varghese and Ashley Moore. This taskforce recommended the creation of a Diversity officer position in the EC, which will require a change in our Bylaws, for which we will need membership approval, so expect to be invited to vote on the proposed addition of one more officer in the EC.

5) The task force on the future of the conference led by Lourdes Ortega conducted work and consultation with the membership to develop a more informed sense for what members would like to see in place.

The President concluded her report by:

- Thanking Peter De Costa and his incredible conference team as well as the office staff. All of them have dedicated hundreds of hours to make this conference happen, and we are enjoying the fruits of their efforts.
- Conveying her deepest thanks to all the members of the EC, and the many, many committee chairs, councils, task-forces, and members.
- Extending special thanks to Oksana Moroz and Jacob Rieker, GSC co-chairs, who together with all the student leaders continued to deliver great work in support of graduate students, the future of our organization and field.

Lastly, the President expressed her gratitude for having the honor and privilege to serve AAAL, dedicating seven years of continued service to the Executive Committee, and encouraged all members to work together to make changes for the better.

Report of the Treasurer - Scott Jarvis

The Treasurer stated that our membership size has remained steady. The Association's financial status is not very different from one year ago. AAAL is doing better financially than expected. The Treasurer presented detailed balance sheets for assets, liabilities and equity, detailed conference statements from the last three years, and income and expense statements.

Report of the FFAL Trustees - Dudley Reynolds

The existing endowments supported 5 student travel awards (@\$1000), 1 DEI award (@\$1000), and 1 Wilga Rivers travel award (@\$1000). The Campaign to Sustain the Future of Applied Linguistics calls short of expected goal (\$41,000 of \$65,000 goal, as of Jan 31, 2023). Members are encouraged to make contributions at the FFAL website aaal.org/ffal-donations which has been updated to recognize donors and to make it easy to contribute at different levels.

Announcement of Bill Grabe-Fredericka Stoller Award Fund

- \$50,000 endowment gift to support graduate student paper presentation at annual conference
- Initial amount of the award will be \$1,000 for an awardee studying in North America or \$1,500 for an awardee studying and submitting a conference proposal from any other country. AAAL will provide the awardee conference registration at no cost to the awardee or to the Fund.
- When the Fund reaches a value of \$90,000, one additional award as described above will be granted yearly. When other FFAL awards amounts are increased for awardees, the Grabe-Stoller award will be similarly increased.
- The awardee must attend the full conference in order to maximize the awardee's professional development and networking opportunities. The focus of this award shall be on empirical studies, preferably classroom-based research, that advance L2 teaching and/or L2 learning.

The President expressed deep appreciation to Bill Grabe and Fredericka Stoller for their leadership and their generous donation to FFAL and presented gifts to them.

Bill Grabe gave a short speech encouraging others to contribute to FFAL and to help shape the future of Applied Linguistics.

Report from AILA - Azirah Hashim

- AILA is turning 60 in 2024. Two AILA congresses have been planned to celebrate AILA’s 60 years of history, one in Lyon in 2023 and one in Kuala Lumpur in 2024.
- AILA current has 36 affiliates
- AILA’s regional networks include AILA Europe, AILA East Asia, AILA ASEAN, AILA Ibero-America
- AILA provides resources for its members including its archive and inter-regional collaboration opportunities (ReNs)
- AILA has a long history of association with UNESCO and is planning to continue this relationship in ways that benefits AILA

Report of the Secretary – Agnes He

DEIA is embodied in our everyday, concrete, intellectual, institutional, interpersonal practices. It is accomplished through the collective and collaborative efforts. Specifically, the spirit of DEIA has guided AAAL in 4 main areas – our membership activities and engagement, our research and scholarship, our leadership, as well as our recognition and celebration of excellence.

In the past year, we have changed the pronouns in our SRs to non-binary language; various committees such as OEOC and PAEC have worked to promote greater access and social justice for all. Our Resolutions Committee is introducing ways to make conference participation more accessible and inclusive. At this 2023 conference, we have ASL interpretation and special events for members with families, with disabilities, and members who are 1st time attendees.

In the area of Scholarship, we are seeing new research approaches/perspectives in publications. The recent special issue of the Annual Review of Applied Linguistics (ARAL), (Volume 42): “Social justice in applied linguistics: Making space for new approaches and new voices” and the plenary speeches, colloquia, and paper presentations at this very conference are just some examples. We have tried to increase the number of minority scholars to serve as journal editors, editorial board members, as AAAL representatives at ARAL, conference strand coordinators, and peer reviewers.

In the area of Leadership, we have in the past two years improved the nomination process to enable self-nomination. We have made efforts to increase the number of minority scholars to serve on the nominating committee, to become nominees, and our election results in summer 2022 showed the outcome of these efforts.

DEIA also guides how we recognize and celebrate excellence, in terms of the types of awards we give, the composition of the award committees, the awardees selected, as well as the eligibility requirements for applications for the awards (for example, for applications for Indigenous Scholarship, we have now included an eligibility criterion that says the applicant must demonstrate how research is conducted ethically, collaboratively, constructively, reciprocally).

Moving forward, we will continue to review and revise AAAL policies and procedures to ensure DEIA is adequately addressed and incorporated, build meaningful and sustained partnerships with communities of color, Indigenous communities, LGBTQ+ communities, communities of differently abled individuals, and establish, monitor and benchmark key metrics to measure progress in diversifying AAAL and its membership. Any suggestions and comments from the membership will be most welcome.

Content Resolution – Wendy Li (on behalf of Noha Ghali)

Dr. Wendy Li shared with the membership the content of the Resolution on AAAL Website:
<https://www.aal.org/content-resolution-on-language-of-submission-and-presentation-at-the-annual-conference>

There was no discussion from the audience at the meeting. If no substantive changes are needed, the final proposed resolution will be submitted to the membership for vote by ballot.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Netta Avineri

- Introduction of current Nominating Committee members
 - Netta Avineri (Chair)
 - Wenhao Diao, Amanda Kibler, M’Balía Thomas, Aline Godfroid
 - Edited & publicized call for leadership nominations
 - NOMCO Chair, Dissertation Award Chair, & 2nd VP created videos about process & open positions

- Call for volunteers (35 responses in Fall 2020, 30 responses in 2022, 20 responses in 2021)
- Call for leadership nominations (11 responses in 2022)
- Review of the upcoming 2023 slate for membership vote
 - NOMCO: Guofang Li, Emma Trentman, Jamie Schissel, Suneeta Thomas, Brittany Frieson, Sue Starfield, Yunwen Su, Julieta Fernandez
 - Dissertation Award: Sara Kangas, Betsy Gilliland, Theresa Catalano, Sihui (Echo) Ke, Avary Carhill-Poza, Zhongfeng Tian
 - FFAL: Glenn Martinez
 - Member-at-Large: Andy Gao
 - 2nd VP: Andrea Revesz
- Reminder that people can self-nominate for positions (if qualified)

Report of the Graduate Student Council - Oksana Moroz / Jacob Rieker

The Chair of GSC reiterated GSC's mission and reported the activities and accomplishments by GSC's subcommittees, including Diversity, Social Media, Newsletter, and Event Planning. The Inaugural Multilingual Matters Graduate Research Roundtable and Mixer was a great success.

Report of the 1st Vice President – Peter de Costa

The 1st VP thanked the conference organizing team and the Business Office for their contribution to the planning of the 2023 Conference and gave an overview of the conference which includes

- 1907 conference registrations (as of 3/20/23).
- 25 strands
- On the program are:
 - 6 plenaries
 - 10 invited colloquia
 - 708 paper presentations
 - 129 poster presentations

- 27 two-hour colloquia
- 27 one-hour colloquia
- New special sessions:
 - The Graduate Student Roundtable
 - A Family Friendly Resources and Networking Session
 - In-person orientation session for first time attendees
 - Meet the Plenary Speakers Session

Report of the 2nd Vice President – Ryuko Kubota

The 2nd VP gave a preview of the 2024 AAAL Conference. The 2024 AAAL Conference will take place in Houston, TX, March 16-19, 2024. The Conference Theme is: *Thinking Otherwise, Acting for Change*.

Plenary speakers

Muzna Awayed-Bishara (Tel Aviv University) “Linguistic Citizenship as Decolonial Pedagogy: How Minoritized Language Speakers Contest Epistemic Injustices in EFL Education”

Candace K. Galla (University of British Columbia) “Transforming our Thinking About, Of, and Through Indigenous and Embodied Language Practices”

Okim Kang (University of Northern Arizona) “Social Judgement of Accent: Raciolinguistic Ideology, Bias, Stereotyping, and Mitigation”

Kris Aric Knisely (University of Arizona) “Trans Linguacultures, Trans Logics: Re-imagining the Potentiality of Applied Linguistics Through Gender Justice”

Judit Kormos (Lancaster University) TBA

María Cioè-Peña (University of Pennsylvania) TBA

Invited Colloquia

“Wilga Rivers Language Pedagogy Colloquium by CALICO: Language Pedagogies and Disruptive Technologies” Facilitator: Mathias Schulz (San Diego State University)

“Artificial Intelligence and Language Acquisition” Facilitator: Scott Crossley (Vanderbilt University)

“Critical Race Approaches and Language Studies from International Perspectives” Facilitator: Wenhao Diao (University of Arizona)

“Exploring Multilingualism from Diverse Research and Methodological Perspectives: Enacting Equitable Multilingualism” Facilitator: Yumi Matsumoto (University of Pennsylvania)

“Sustaining Indigenous Paradigms for Enacting Transformative Change in the Indigenous Linguistic-Language Paradox” Facilitator: Sheilah Nicholas (University of Arizona)

“Language, Learning, and Teaching in the Texas Borderlands” Facilitator: Patricia Sánchez (University of Texas at San Antonio)

“Recognizing and Expanding the Rhetorical Agency of L2 Writers through Critical Language Awareness (CLA) Pedagogy” Facilitator: Shawna Shapiro (Middlebury College)

Pre-Conference Workshops

1. *“Doing Duoethnography in Applied Linguistics: Issues and Challenges in Designing and Conducting Research”* Facilitators: Chatwara S. Duran (University of Houston) & Tanita Saenkhum (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)
2. *“Ethics and Data Collection in Social Media Research: Navigating Private, Public, and Automated Spaces”* Facilitator: Lauren Zentz (University of Houston)

2024 AAAL Conference Team at the University of British Columbia

Ryosuke Aoyama
Rosie David

Serikbolsyn Tastanbek
Robert Randez (from the 2023 Michigan State University Team)
and TBA

Recognition of the Outgoing Executive Committee Members

The President thanked the outgoing members of the EC:

Patricia (Patsy) Duff, *Past President*. AAAL has benefited from her leadership as she deployed our first virtual conference at a time of a world pandemic, which was very successful and well received. Patsy has provided ongoing support, active involvement, enthusiasm, and steady guidance to many of us. She has been an amazing leader who one can only admire for her dedication to AAAL.

Jennifer (Jenny) Leeman, *Member at Large*. Jenny provided much insight and critical advice to our work and supported Committee work as a member and liaison with the EC.

Michael Amory, *OEOC Chair*. Michael has led what constitutes the largest and most complex of committees, ensuring that programming continues to happen throughout the year to provide access to professional development opportunities to our members.

Transfer of Presidency

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

Recognition of the Incoming Executive Committee Members

The incoming President, Lourdes Ortega, thanked the outgoing President for her outstanding leadership. She then introduced (via ppt slide) the new members of the EC:

- Manka Varghese, 2nd VP
- Elizabeth Miller, Member at Large
- Steph Link, OEOC Chair

Concluding Remarks from the New President – Lourdes Ortega

The new President thanked the work by the outgoing and incoming editors of AAALetter: Steph Link and Sarah Hercula (and the OEOC).

The new President thanked the members of the Future of the AAAL Conference Task Force: *Svetlana Koltovskaia, Dawn Lucovich, Paul Meighan & Patsy Duff, Scott Jarvis, Fabiola Ehlers-Zavala.*

The new President shared with the membership the Future Conference Poll results (which are not conclusive) and indicated that the work on the future of the AAAL conference will continue under the leadership of the new President-Elect.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m. PT

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes He, Secretary