



Applied Linguistics Association of Australia

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

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Meeting held: Tuesday 12 August, 2014 at Brisbane Convention Centre.

Meeting commenced at 13:07

Present: Andy Kirkpatrick (Chair), Honglin Chen, Michael Harrington, Tony Liddicoat, Neomy Storch, Jonathan Crichton, Angela Scarino, Tim Curnow, Elka Strakie, Andrea Schalley, Noriko Iwashita, Emmaline Lear, Janica Nordstrom, Sarah Wenchao Tu, Nick Zhiwei Bi, Rosmati, Ngan Phan, Barlow Whenfold, Howard Nicholas, Kismullah, Erna Adriyanti, Mutuota Kigotho, Fiona Willans, Adan Ajsic, Rosmawati, Janica Nordstrom, Hyeseung Jeong

Apologies: Colette Mrowa-Hopkins, Carsten Roeber, Farzad Sharifian

2013 AGM Minutes – Moved Noriko Iwashita, seconded Tony Liddicoat, carried.

President's report

(see full report attached)

Andy Kirkpatrick paid tribute to Dick Baldauf on behalf of ALAA.

ALAA membership has increased. At the beginning of this year there were 86 financial members and now have around 200. Andy thanked Mick Gould of Convention Associates for his work on the membership list and thanked to Doug Absalom for his contribution prior to this.

The next ALAA conference will be hosted by the University of South Australia and will be held in conjunction with the ALAA ALANZ and ALTAANZ conferences. The dates are November 30 – December 2.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Penny McKay awards and ALAA travel scholarships.

Andy thanked the executive for their support during his time as President and welcomed Farzad Sharifian as the incoming President, noting that Farzad was unable to attend as he was on a Humboldt Scholarship at Potsdam University.

Motion: Michael Harrington moved that the President's report be accepted and called for a vote of thanks to Andy for this contribution as ALAA President, seconded Honglin Chen, carried.

Treasurer's report

(see full report attached)

Michael Harrington reported that the finances were in good shape with a surplus to over \$1200 dollars this year. Final figures are still to come in for the end of the financial year.

Membership is up to the 2011 numbers. Michael congratulated Mick Gould on his management of the membership list.

A question was asked concerning membership payment could be online, for example by Paypal. Michael said he would look into this.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted. Moved Andy Kirkpatrick, seconded Jonathan Crichton, carried.

Editor's report

Carsten Roever being absent, Neomy Storch presented the editor's report.

ARAL has a 75% rejection rate, with 50 papers so far this year.

ARAL would benefit from the submission of quality papers from students and this could be encouraged by members.

Andy added that a connection between John Benjamins and ARAL was being considered.

Motion: That the Editor's report be accepted. Moved Michael Harrington, seconded Tony Liddicoat, carried.

Information Officer's report

Jonathan Crichton asked that Jamie Giang's continued technical support on the website be noted and thanked Mick Gould for his work on the membership list.

The ALAA info news emails continue. News items are very welcome as is any feedback on this system.

Motion: That the Information Officer's report be accepted. Moved Angela Scarino, seconded Neomy Storch, carried.

Vice President's report and presentation of awards

Honglin Chen reported on the outcome of the Penny McKay and ALAA awards and presented the awards to the successful candidates.

Penny McKay Memorial Award: Sue Creagh and Julia Rothwell

ALAA Travel Scholarships: Fiona Willans, Adan Ajsic, Yvonne Chi, Rosmawati, Janica Nordstrom, Hyeseung Jeong

Election of Office Bearers

The following member was elected to the vacant position on the Executive unopposed:

Vice President: Honglin Chen (Nominated: Andy Kirkpatrick, seconded Farzad Sharifian.

Future Conferences

ALAA 2015 will be hosted by the University of South Australia and will be held in conjunction with the ALAA ALANZ and ALTAANZ conferences. November 30 – December 2.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 13:49.

President's Report for ALAA AGM 2014

The Year

This year will be particularly remembered for the loss of one of ALAA's most respected and valued members, Dick Baldauf. Dick served as President of ALAA from 1995-1998. He will be remembered him, not just an outstanding scholar and mentor to many students, but also for his wonderfully warm and generous personality. An appreciation, to be written by Chris Candlin, will appear in the next issue of ARAL

Executive Meetings

During the year, the Executive held a face-to-face committee meeting at the University of Melbourne on 26th Feb and have held on-line consultations on a regular basis over the year.

Membership

This year we appointed Convention Associates to take over the administration connected with membership. It is pleasing to note that we now have some 200 financial members, a significant increase in financial membership over earlier in the year. We record our thanks to Mick Gould of Convention Associates for all his hard work on our behalf. At the same time, we record our thanks and debt to Doug Absalom who has been responsible for membership matters for several years.

Conferences

The next ALAA conference will be hosted by the University of South Australia and will be held in conjunction with the ALAA ALANZ and ALTAANZ conferences. The dates are November 30 – December 2.

Prizes

On behalf of the Executive I would like to congratulate the winners of this year's travel scholarships.

Fiona Willans

Adan Ajsic

Yvonne Chi

Rosmawati

Janica Nordstrom

Hyeseung Jeong

The Executive would also like to congratulate the two recipients of the Penny McKay Memorial Award, Sue Creagh and Julia Rothwell. The judges were unable to separate these two outstanding applications so decided to make an exception and to award two prizes on this occasion. The prizes will be awarded at the ACTA conference to be held in Melbourne from September 30-October 3.

Finally, this meeting signals the end of my term as President of ALAA. I would like to thank all members of the Executive Committee of the past two years (Chen Honglin, Jonathan Crichton, Michael Harrington, Tony Liddicoat, Collette Mrowa-Hopkins, Carsten Roever and Farzad Sharifian) for their support they have given me during my term of office and for their commitment to ALAA. I also most warmly welcome the incoming president, Farzad Sharifian. Sadly, he is unable to be present at the AGM as he is currently on research leave at Potsdam University in Germany.



Signed: August 1 2014

Treasurer's Report
ALAA AGM 2014 Brisbane

1. Account balances

The balances for the ALAA accounts at 2 July 2014 are presented in Table 1. The figures are partial estimates and do not reflect the final statement for the 2013- 2014 FY, which ended on 31 July.

Table 1. ALAA accounts at 2 July 2014. (All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.)
Current estimates for 2014.

Assets at	2 July 2014	31 July 2013	31 July 2012
NAB cash account	\$60,013	\$49,516	\$67,917
Income	\$34,078	\$32,487	\$38,140
Expenses	\$21,896	\$34,213	\$31,067
Operating surplus (deficit)	\$12,182	\$247	\$7073
NAB term deposit	\$110,141	\$105,499	\$100,175
NAB Penny McKay term deposit	\$7,625	\$7,625	\$4,275

2. Expenses & Income

Expenses incurred for the 2013-2104 FY through 2 July 2014 are summarised below. These are estimates, subject to confirmation in the audit.

Table 2. Estimated ALAA expenses for 2013-2104 Financial Year (through 2 July 2014). All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

<i>Recurring expenses estimates</i>	
Travel scholarship & MHK student award	\$4200
ARAL editorial costs	\$3046
ARAL printing costs	\$3860
Banking fees	\$499
ALAA Executive Meetings (travel and meal)	\$1644
2012-2013 Audit	\$1023
GIO Insurance	\$927
Website	\$1023

AILA Membership	\$801
<i>One-off payments</i>	
AILA 2014 Website translation (Chinese)	\$583
Doug Absalom/Lingua Associates received final payment for 2013 membership management	\$3000
<i>Income estimates</i>	
Membership fees	\$15,230
2012 Perth conference surplus	\$12,960
Interest income term deposit	\$4642
Copyright fees	\$1246

3. Conference support

- 1 ALAA2012 Perth returned a surplus of \$12,960 on 11/10/2013
- 2 AILA2014 was floated \$10,000 on 7/05/2013. An additional payment of \$583 was made for the Chinese translation costs for the conference website on 8/11/2013.

4. Audit

1. The 2012-2103 audit was completed by Walker Wayland on 17 Dec 2013. ALAA finished 2013 with a surplus for the year of \$247, compared to a 2012 surplus of \$7,073. A copy is attached. This was due in part to the \$10,000 conference float for AILA2014, meaning that there were two conference floats, ALAA 2012 Perth and AILA 2014, at the time of the audit. The ALAA 2012 float has been returned. The 2013-2014 audit is being prepared.

5. Other

1. Copyright income received: 772.85 (16/08/2013); \$402.54 (16 /12/ 2013); \$70.17. (21/2/2014).
Total received = 1245.56
2. AILA membership renewed for 2014. Membership fees paid on the basis of 86 members (11/02/2014). This is down from 96 (2013), 130 (2012) and 193 (2011) paid-up members. The 2012and 2011 numbers may have been inflated.
- 3 Website hosting agreement with Melbourne IT was extended for two years (5/02/2014).
- 4 Doug Absalom/Lingua Associates received final annual fee of \$3000 for 2013 membership management. From 1 Jan 2014 Convention Associates Ltd have assumed membership management. They charge 5.96 per member (plus mail out costs).

Michael Harrington
Treasurer

12/08/2014