

European Systemic Functional Linguistics Association
Annual General Assembly
Aachen, Germany
July 29, 2015, 5:05-6:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m. and closed at 6:45 p.m.

Chair of ESFLA: Lise Fontaine, presiding

Committee Members present: David Banks, Robin Fawcett, Donna Miller, Stella Neumann

1. Apologies for absence: Chris Gledhill, Julia Lavid
2. Minutes from the 2014 ESFLA AGM were presented and accepted as an accurate record.
3. Logo: Lise Fontaine shared on screen the design for the ESFLA logo, which needs further work to get desired shape.
Action: David Schönthal agreed to do the final graphic design.
4. Bertinoro 2012 update: publication *Hybridity in Systemic Functional Linguistics Grammar, Text and Discursive Context*, edited by Donna Miller and Paul Bayley is now at the typesetters.
5. Coventry 2013 update: on-line publication available *Language in a digital age: Be not afraid of digitality*; book publication in press with Equinox.
6. Report from ESFLC 2014 (Paris) by Chris Gledhill was shown. It was noted from the floor that it was a very well-organized conference. One publication (collection of papers in *TESOL International Journal*) now available. Another is in the planning.
7. A French translation of Halliday's work is being undertaken by Marion Bendinelli, who is also setting up a website with terminology in French. Collaboration is encouraged (directly or through Lise Fontaine or David Banks).
8. Treasurer's report by Robin Fawcett (see page 4).
Lise Fontaine explained that Robin would be stepping down as treasurer of ESFLA, and thanked him for his long-time support of, careful attention to, and good advice for ESFLA's finances (followed by much applause and gratitude expressed).
9. Report from the Geoff Thompson as Chair of the Finance Working Group on possibilities for collecting subscriptions from members/benefactors of ESFLA. The group came up with four possibilities:
 - a. Continue as up until present, hoping that a conference does not suffer a loss.
 - b. In the case of a shortfall, make an appeal to members attending the ESFLC to contribute funds.

- c. Set up a system whereby members can support the Association by making contributions whenever they would like to.
- d. Set up a system whereby members can support the Association by making a contribution (set amount) which would then be deducted from the conference fee.

A motion was proposed and seconded: ESFLA will proactively raise funds for various purposes (shortfalls, bursaries, projects).

In favour: 17, Abstaining: 4, Against: 1

Motion passed.

A second motion was proposed and seconded: ESFLA will set up a system of benefactors/supporters with a right to a reduction of the annual conference fee.

In favour: 1, Abstaining: 9, Against: 12

Motion denied.

A third motion was proposed and seconded: ESFLA will set up a system whereby members can provide monetary support as benefactors.

In favour: 17, Abstaining: 4, Against: 1

Motion passed.

Action: A sub-committee (Chair and Treasure of ESFLA, with Geoff Thompson as Head of the Finance Working Group) will work to write this decision into the Constitution.

A fourth motion was proposed and seconded: The ESFLA Executive Committee will hold the decision-making power for allocation of funds.

In favour: 15, Abstaining: 2, Against: 5

Motion passed.

10. Election of new ESFLA Committee members: in order to replace Chair, Treasurer and two of the European representatives (as Julia Lavid and Stella Neumann have stepped down), the following slate was proposed:

Chair: Anne McCabe

Treasurer: Lise Fontaine

European representatives: Jorge Arús Hita, David Banks, Donna R. Miller, Anke Schulz,

The slate was voted in unanimously

11. Future ESFLA meetings:

- 2016: Salzburg, Austria: convenor: Martin Kaltenbacher
- 2017: Salamanca, Spain: convenor: Izaskun Elorza
- Possible, though not confirmed: 2018: Pavia, Italy: convenor: Maria Freddi
- Possible, though not confirmed (contingent perhaps on ISFLA): 2019: Sheffield, U.K.: convenor: Nick Moore

12. Presentation of the 26th European Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference, Salzburg Austria, by Martin Kaltenbacher

Venue: Universität Salzburg

Dates: July 13-15, 2016

Theme: Functional and semiotic approaches to media

Call for papers will be sent out in September.

13. Other business:

1. Sonja Starc announced publication of book from 2010 Koper Conference. *Meaning Making in Text: Multimodal and Multilingual Functional Perspectives* edited by Sonja Starc, Carys Jones, and Arianna Maiorani, Palgrave Macmillan.
2. Mick O'Donnell thanked Lise Fontaine for her three years of dedication as Chair of ESFLA (followed by much applause and gratitude expressed).
3. Lise Fontaine announced the LINC summer school for 2016.

14. Next ESFLA annual general meeting will be held in July, 2016 in Salzburg, Austria.

ESFLA TREASURER'S REPORT 2014-15

Summary of the ESFLA account with the Co-operative Bank

Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
		GBP	GBP	GBP
05.07.14	Carried forward from last report			1,969.25
24.02.15	Correction to figure on separating the combined ISFLA (Europe) and ESFLA account into separate accounts			2,001,79
02.04 15	Interest to this date	1.61		2,013.40

Robin Fawcett, 24.07.15