

European Systemic-Functional Linguistics Association

Minutes of the AGM

Pavia, Italy, July 6th, 2018

Participants: Simon Aerts, Jorge Arus, David Banks, Erik Castello, Izaskun Elorza, Volker Eisenlauer, Robin Fawcett, Lise Fontaine, Maria Freddi, Carlos Gouveia, Derek Irwin, Anne McCabe (Chair), Amy McIntire, Arianna Maiorani, Donna Miller, Mick O'Donnell Luke Rudge, Monica Turci, Rachel Whitaker, Jamie Williams

Anne McCabe opened the meeting as meeting chair. Mick O'Donnell volunteered to act as the recording secretary for the meeting. Meeting started at 18:17.

1. Apologies for Absence

Sheena Gardner, Anke Schultz

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

McCabe reported that the minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the ESFLA website the previous summer, without any proposal of modification. McCabe moved to accept them as an accurate record of that meeting. Donna Miller seconded. The floor accepted unanimously.

3. Treasurer's report

Fontaine reported the status of the ESFLA bank account for this period. Movement on Accounts for the period June 1 2017 to May 31 2018: See Financial Report appended.

Fontaine noted that Paypal, which was used to collect the 20 pound fee for the Nottingham Workshop, charges a 5% fee on transfers, and that while we can swallow this loss for the Nottingham Workshop, we should in future be aware of this charge, potentially requiring conference hosts to build in a 5% surcharge when payments are made by Paypal.

In the following period (not covered by this report), it was noted there will be some payments not exceeding 650 pounds sterling to support the Nottingham Workshop, held June 2018.

Fontaine further noted that the Executive Committee had made the decision to contribute. £100.00 on behalf of ESFLA to the Owl Trust in honour of Professor Halliday

4. Geoff Thompson Young Scholar Bursary

McCabe reported on the Geoff Thompson Young Scholar Bursary. She reported that for the current year, there were few applications, and encouraged those present to encourage their doctoral students to apply for it next year. She reminded people

that they could donate to the GTYS Bursary fund either at the Pavia Conference itself (donations which would be rewarded with a book) or on-line.

5. Election of new ESFLA Committee members

McCabe pointed out that this is the year in which the Chair and Elected Representatives need to be re-elected.

For the Chair, one candidate had been put forward prior to the meeting, Gail Forey, who has recently returned from years working in Hong Kong, and has already been active organising in Europe, including the successful Nottingham Workshop held in June 2018 in honour of Margaret Berry. A call for other candidates from the floor was made, but no interest was expressed.

Of the Elected Representatives, McCabe indicated that all present representatives had expressed willingness of continuing, with the exception of Anke Schulz, who wished to stand down. Given that ESFLA attempts to maintain a regional balance, a German-language candidate was proposed by the outgoing executive, Martin Kaltenbacher from Salzburg, who accepted the nomination. Given no other candidates presented themselves from the floor, the slate was put forward for voting:

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| Chair: | Gail Forey |
| Treasurer: | Lise Fontaine |
| Representatives: | Jorge Arús Hita, David Banks Donna R. Miller Martin Kaltenbacher |

Robin Fawcett moved to vote for the slate; Donna Miller seconded. The meeting voted unanimously to accept the proposal. As Gail Forey was not present at the meeting, Anne McCabe agreed to continue chairing the meeting.

The ex-officio members of the committee are not elected. These are appointed in relation to prior roles, or by assignment of the committee. These members will now be:

- Anne McCabe (prior ESFLA Chair)
- Maria Freddi (2018 Conference Convenor)
- Marta Filipe Alexandre (2019 Conference Convenor)
- Mick O'Donnell (ESFLA Web manager)
- Sheena Gardner (Associate Treasurer)

Lise Fontaine thanked Anne McCabe for her role as ESFLA Chair over the past three years (followed by applause).

6. Follow-up report on the 27th European Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference

Izaskun Elorza reported on the successful ESFLA meeting held in Salamanca in 2017. She reported the following figures (in Euros)

| Revenue | | Expenses | |
|---------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------|
| - Fees: | 25,020 | - Catering | 7,671.38 |
| - Sponsorship | 1,500 | - Speakers | 6,524.44 |
| | | - Delegates material | 2,025.37 |
| | | - Uni Commission (20%) | 5,004 |
| | | - Other | 143 |
| | | - Proceedings (estimated) | 2,500 |
| TOTAL | 26,520 | TOTAL | 23,868.19 |

EXPECTED PROFIT = Revenue – Expenses = 26,520 - 23,868.19 = 2651.81 EUROS

Attendance: total people attending summer school plus conference: 247, from 30 countries.

7. Report on the 28th European Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference, Pavia, Italy:

Maria Freddi, convenor of the current conference, reported that all was going well so far. The only real problem at that point had been the rainstorm that had made the Botanical Gardens tour impossible, but that they had quickly switched to a lecture on the gardens indoors. 120 participants had registered for the conference.

8. Future ESFLA meetings:

Anne McCabe noted the following proposed future meetings of ESFLA:

- 2019: Leiria, Portugal: convenor: Marta Filipe Alexandre
- 2020: Sheffield, U.K.: convenor: Nick Moore
- 2021: Odense, Denmark: convenor: Alexandra Holsting

Maria Freddi said that Stella Karatza from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens would consider hosting an ESFLC in the future. The meeting murmured in appreciation of this fine destination. Anne McCabe agreed to follow up this consideration.

9. Endorsement of the Tunisian bid for ISFC in 2021

Lise Fontaine said that at the 2017 ISFLA meeting, Europe had been mentioned as a prime candidate for the 2021 ISFC meeting. However, no proposals from Europe

have been put forward. At the same time, Tunisia has put forward a proposal for ISFC. Fontaine asked whether the association would endorse Tunisia to take Europe's place, given Tunisia is close geographically. While there was support from the floor for the proposal, there was some discussion about whether or not ESFLA should hold a separate ESFLC in Europe (Odense) in 2021 if the ISFC is in Tunisia that year. Carlos Gouveia asked whether having the international conference in "Europe" that year would mean that the ESFLC meeting would be skipped that year, as has been the practice with the last two ISFCs (in 2011 and 2015). O'Donnell mentioned that the decision to hold only one meeting in Europe was not decided as a rule, but rather to be decided on each occasion. We reserve the right to hold a separate ESFLA conference if we think it is needed. McCabe noted that once the location of the 2021 ISFLA meeting was resolved by ISFLA, the committee would consider whether to confirm or delay the 2021 ESFLA meeting. McCabe also agreed to contact Alexandra Holsting and Thomas Andersen, who had volunteered to host the 2021 ESFLC, to get their views on this point, and share these at the 2018 ISFLA meeting in Boston.

Derek Irwin noted that ISFLA requires bids for conferences to be announced to Sysfling (by the executive) and no decision made for 30 days during which time comments or alternative bids can be made. The bid from Tunisia was advertised on 1st July, 2018, and thus the ISFLA committee cannot confirm that bid until early August.

Carlos Gouveia asked whether it would be a problem to have the ISFLA in Europe in 2021 and then again in 2023. Lise Fontaine mentioned that Europe was originally scheduled to have the 2019 and the 2023 conference, but ESFLA agreed to swap to allow the 2019 conference to be held in Chile.

10. Other business

No other business was raised.

The meeting closed at 19:07 pm.

ESFLA TREASURER'S REPORT 2017-18

Summary of the ESFLA account with the Co-operative Bank

Financial year June 1 2017 to May 31 2018

Co-Operative Bank Account

| Date | Description | Paid in | Paid out | Balance |
|-----------------|---|---------|----------|-----------------|
| | | GBP | GBP | GBP |
| 30 June 2017 | Carried forward from last report | | | £3304.73 |
| 4 July 2017 | Equinox Donations to ESFLA for Geoff Thompson Reception (Salamanca, 2017) | 182.48 | | |
| 25 October 2017 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 20.00 | | |
| 24 April 2018 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 20.00 | | |
| 14 May 2018 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 20.00 | | |
| May 31 2018 | Closing Balance | | | £3547.21 |

PayPal Account

| Date | Description | Paid in | Paid out | Balance |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|
| | | GBP | GBP | GBP |
| 23 January 2017 | Opening balance | | | 0.00 |
| 16 Nov 2017 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 19.02 | | |
| 19 Jul 2017 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 19.02 | | |
| 6 Jul 2017 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 19.02 | | |
| 5 Jul 2017 | Donation to ESFLA | 71.87 | | |
| 15 Jun 2018 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 19.02 | | |
| 11 May 2018 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 19.02 | | |
| 21 Apr 2018 | Payment to World Owl Trust | | 100.00 | |
| 3 Mar 2018 | registration fee (Nottingham) | 19.02 | | |
| 31 May 2018 | Closing Balance | | | £85.99 |

Total ESFLA Balance

| Date | Description | Paid in | Paid out | Balance |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| | | GBP | GBP | GBP |
| 31 May 2018 | Co-Operative Bank balance | | | £3547.21 |
| 31 May 2018 | PayPal Account balance | | | £85.99 |
| 31 May 2018 | Closing Balance | | | £3633.20 |

Lise Fontaine, ESFLA Treasurer. 23.06.18