

SCLC-2009 Business Meeting

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I) The organization: History and future directions

The Slavic Cognitive Linguistics Association (SCLA) pursues a threefold mission:

- to promote Cognitive Linguistics, and particularly to encourage graduate students and junior faculty to pursue research on the Slavic languages in the framework of Cognitive Linguistics
- to encourage the practical application of Cognitive Linguistics, particularly in the development of pedagogical materials for the teaching of Slavic languages
- to encourage interdisciplinary applications of Cognitive Linguistics, particularly in the area of literary analysis.

Laura Janda and Stephen Dickey founded the Slavic Cognitive Linguistics Association (SCLA) in Spring 2000 and the inaugural conference for the group was held at UNC-Chapel Hill in Autumn 2000. The organization has continued annual meetings in most years since then.

History of Annual Meetings of the Slavic Cognitive Linguistics Association

2000	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, North Carolina)
2001	University of Virginia (Charleston, Virginia)
2002	Joint conference with FiCLA at the University of Turku (Turku, Finland)
2003	(no conference)
2004	Joint conference with Perspectives on Slavistics at University of Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)
2005	University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kansas)
2006	Sessions at the Society for Slavic Linguistics 1st Annual Conference, Indiana University (Bloomington Indiana)
2007	University of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois)
2008	Joint conference with ECLA at the University of Tartu (Tartu, Estonia)
2009	Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic)

SCLA officers have consisted of a president and vice-president who have served for indefinite terms of about 3 years each. The normal procedure is for the Vice-President to succeed the outgoing President at the end of the term.

	First Term	Second Term	Third Term
President:	Laura Janda	Stephen Dickey	Steven Clancy
Vice-President:	Stephen Dickey	Alina Israeli	Tore Nasset

Since we do not collect dues, we've never had need for a treasurer or other officers. Ljiljana Saric has long kept a Bibliography of work in Slavic Cognitive Linguistics and Steven Clancy has kept track of the database of members and the mailing list since the beginning of the organization.

Attendees at the Business Meeting approved retaining the current slate of officers until the next SCLC Conference and Business Meeting are held. Steven Clancy will continue to serve as President and Tore Nettet as Vice-President. As of the 2010 SCLC Conference, according to our regular procedure, the Vice-President will succeed the President and begin a new term in office. We will plan to elect a new Vice-President at the 2010 SCLC Business Meeting or before according to procedures to be defined in a new, revised constitution (see below).

Anyone on the SCLA list scla@listhost.uchicago.edu can send out messages to the more than 264 emails on the SCLA list. Please contact Steven Clancy sclancy@uchicago.edu if you would like to be added to the SCLA mailing list.

Future directions

- we will continue the annual SCLC conferences and also pursue ways to collaborate with other groups in Slavic Linguistics and Cognitive Linguistics
- we will continue to plan workshops on corpus linguistics and experimental methods in linguistics; next event is the Experimental Methods in Linguistics and Language Pedagogy (EMLLP-2010) for April 2010 at the University of Sheffield, UK
- we will continue the SCLC conferences as such and also pursue ways to collaborate with other groups in Slavic Linguistics and Cognitive Linguistics

2) Constitution

At the 2007 Business Meeting, we concluded there was no need to formalize terms for the officers (president and vice-president) or to pursue any other issues of structure, decision-making, etc. for the association. We were not aware of the contents of the formal constitution for the organization at that meeting.

However, we did adopt a formal constitution for the organization at the initial conference in 2000, but it has been missing for many years. I recently found a copy of the constitution in a stack of handouts from the 2000 conference. As written, it is suited more to a larger organization and not to the needs of our association. The officers proposed simplifying the constitution and bringing it into line with the practices of the organization over the past 9 years and voting on the revised constitution at the business meeting of the 2010 SCLC conference. The President (Steven Clancy) and Vice-President (Tore Nettet) will review and revise the current document and present it for comments well in advance of the 2010 conference so that we may adopt a new constitution at that conference.

3) Publishing SCLC-2009 papers

- we have rarely published proceedings of the SCLC conferences, but some proceedings have been published in Glossos (e-journal) and the proceedings of the 2004 conference were published in an edited volume
- at recent conferences, there has not been a strong interest in pursuing publishing opportunities for the association, such as a journal, an e-journal, or conference proceedings
- at a minimum, we can easily post the PowerPoint presentations and/or PDFs of handouts to the website for those who wish. Please send materials to Steven Clancy [<sclancy@uchicago.edu>](mailto:sclancy@uchicago.edu) for posting at the SCLA website: <http://languages.uchicago.edu/scla>.

4) Next Conference: TBA

- Ljiljana Saric had expressed a possible interest in hosting SCLC-2010 in Oslo, Norway, but is no longer able to host
- after two years in Europe, we should target a US location
- Possibilities:
 - combine with SLE in Lithuania 2-5 September 2010 and/or offer an SCLA theme session
 - should avoid conflict with SLS meeting in Chicago in 2010 or possibly combine with them (those dates are still TBA)
 - some possibilities: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island), or American University (Washington, D.C.)
 - if American University, then during spring break (2nd-3rd week of March? 2011)
 - if in U.S., then a longer conference is better for European participation and funding
 - possible piggyback with Siberian conference (Baikal), Irkutsk?
 - BASEES piggyback in Cambridge 2010?