



## **DRAFT Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Friday 30th August 2019, 5-6pm  
Manchester Metropolitan University**

### **1. Introduction and apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced members of the EC. Rachel Wicaksono and Zhu Hua were confirmed as minute takers.

Present:

Committee: Dawn Knight (Chair), Steve Morris, Glenn Hadikin, Rachel Wicaksono, Caroline Tagg, Alex Leung, Bettina Beinhoff, Owen Minns, Helen Sauntson, Sal Consoli, Zsófia Demjén, Zhu Hua, Gee Macrory, Jess Briggs Baffoe-Djan, Kristina Hultgren

Members: Khawla Badwan, Simon A. Williams, Julia Gillen, Richard Badger, Pura Ariza, Ruth Page, Lucy Henning, Florence Myles, Daniel Hunt, Ursula Lanvers, Nathaniel Owen, Sachiyo Fujita-Round, Keiko Tsuchiya, Jackie Jia Lou, Sawju Unjore, Amy Wang, Argyro Kanaki, Loreto Aliaga Salas, Siyang Zhou, Natsuno Funada, Rumi Takahashi.

Apologies: Richard Smith, Tess Fitzpatrick, Bernie O'Rourke, Li Li

### **2. Revision to the minutes**

No revisions to the minutes of the 2018 AGM were proposed. The minutes were approved.

### **3. Chair's report (SLIDES 2-6)**

The Chair reported that the responsibility for membership management has changed from Dovetail to Mosaic Events (see slide 2). The Chair thanked Dovetail for their support throughout the years. The Membership Secretary confirmed that the handover had been very smooth.

A re-designed website for BAAL was launched in February 2019 (see slide 3). The Chair thanked Richard Smith (BAAL Web Editor) and the team at Mosaic for their support in curating and launching the site. Changes/updates to the BAAL Wikipedia page are in progress.

The Chair reported that a REF 2021 consultation document was submitted in October 2018. The document is now available on the BAAL website.

An ESRC consultation document was submitted by the Chair in August 2018. The document will be uploaded to the BAAL website soon.

The Chair announced the good news that the Applying Linguistics Fund will continue to offer a total of £10,000 of funding to approved projects (see slide 4 for more information on the above items).

Since the last AGM, the Chair reported that they have represented BAAL on a number of other committees (slide 5), including:

- AILA (International Association of Applied Linguistics)
- AcSS (Academy of Social Sciences)
- UCGAL (University Council of General and Applied Linguistics)
- British Academy

The journal *Applied Linguistics* (current Editors: Anna Mauranen and Christina Higgins, Reviews and Forum Editor: Zhu Hua) continues to have an acceptance rate of 20 per cent. The average time to first decision has been shortened to 29 days (see slide 6).

The Chair ended their update by thanking colleagues who have been supportive during this first year in the role. Particular thanks were extended to Caroline Tagg and Tess Fitzpatrick (previous Chair), whose support and advice has been much appreciated.

#### **4. Competition for visual representations of multilingualism (SLIDES 7-8)**

Zhu Hua reported on this competition, which is part of BAAL's initiative to increase multilingual representation in BAAL and beyond. The competition was run in partnership with CuratorSpace, Multilingual Matters, and the AILA Research Network for Creative Inquiry and Applied Linguistics. There were over 90 entries from artists and creative practitioners internationally.

1st prize was awarded to *Light and Language* by Linda Persson, with Wongatha women Geraldine Hogarth and Luxie Redmond-Hogarth, and parts of the community of Leonora, Desert of Eastern Goldfields Australia. 2nd prize was awarded to *(Inter)weaving repertoires* by Gail Prasad. 3rd prize was awarded to *Languages: Time Dreams Avatars* by Elina Karadzova.

Conference attendees were encouraged to visit 'The Cave', where the shortlisted works could be viewed throughout the conference.

For further details, members are encouraged to visit: <https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/funding/competition-for-visual-representations-of-multilingualism-2018-2019/>

#### **5. Treasurer's report (SLIDES 9-11)**

Income and expenditure on the BAAL account, from 1 June 2018 to end May 2019, was presented by the Treasurer.

The accounts were approved by the members present.

## **6. Awards and endorsements (SLIDE 12)**

The following awards and endorsements were announced:

- Christopher Brumfit Scholarship - Charles Ononiwu (Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike Ikwo);
- PGR/Early Career Scholarships - Henriette Arndt; Elizabeth Marsden; Marta Nitecka Barche; Helena Wall;
- Book prize winner: *The Oxford Handbook of Language Policy and Planning*, edited by James Tollefson and Miguel Pérez-Milans (Oxford University Press).

Prizes announced at the 2019 closing ceremony were as follows:

- Richard Pemberton Prize for best presentation from a postgraduate student –  
Runners up: Katherine Irons, Dmitri Detwyler, Emily Trivette;  
Winner: Siyang Zhou, 'A usage-based investigation of the relationship between language contact and phrasal verb acquisition among international students in the UK';
- Best poster: Gareth Humphreys, 'Changing perspectives towards intercultural communication from short-term overseas study programmes among Japanese university students'.

## **7. Elections to the Executive Committee (SLIDE 13)**

The Chair thanked the following outgoing Executive Committee members for their hard work and commitment to BAAL during their time on the Executive Committee: Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, Jess Briggs Baffoe-Djan, Richard Smith, Li Li, Glen Hadikin, Kristina Hultgren and Zsofia Demjen.

As a result of the nominations received during the 2019 conference, new committee members were confirmed, as follows: Membership Secretary - Jess Briggs Baffoe-Djan; Website Editor - Nathaniel Owen; Seminars Coordinator - Vander Viana.

There were two nominations for Meetings Secretary – Glenn Hadikin and Sebastian Rasinger.

There were five nominations for Ordinary Member – Khawla Badwan, Jill Boggs, Kristina Hultgren, Ruth Page, Simon Williams.

All nominees informed the members about relevant aspects of their background and their ideas for the new role.

The results of the elections announced at the closing ceremony of the 2019 conference were as follows:

Meetings Secretary - Glenn Hadikin

Ordinary Members – Khawla Badwan, Kristina Hultgren, Ruth Page.

## **8. AOB**

Ursula Lanvers raised the question as to whether the association would be willing to issue a statement on the UK government's recent decision to suspend parliament. The Chair agreed to work with the Executive Committee to consider whether any aspects of the current political situation relate specifically to applied linguistics, and, if so, whether it would be appropriate to issue a statement.

## **9. Closing remarks**

The Chair thanked members present for their participation and reminded them that the following written reports from officers of the BAAL Executive Committee are available online:

- Chair (Dawn Knight)
- Treasurer (Steve Morris)
- Secretary (Caroline Tagg)
- Media Coordinator (Owen Minns)
- Meetings Secretary (Alex Ho-Cheong Leung)
- Membership Secretary (Jess Briggs)
- Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator (Sal Consoli)
- Publications Secretary (Bernie O'Rourke)
- Newsletter Editor (Bettina Beinhoff)
- Web Editor (Richard Smith)
- SIG Coordinator (Helen Sauntson)
- Seminars Coordinator (Li Li)
- CLIE Representative (Gee Macrory)