



BAAL AGM minutes
Friday 2nd September 2022
BAAL Annual General Meeting

1. Introductions and apologies. Confirm minute takers.

The chair welcomed everyone to the AGM. Gavin Brookes and Robbie Love were confirmed as the minute-takers.

Committee members present: Zhu Hua (ZH), Bettina Beinhoff (BB), Caroline Tagg (CT), Glenn Hadikin (GH), Angie Bailey (AB), Alex Ho-Cheong Leung (AHCL), Nathaniel Owen (NO), Gee Macrory (GM), Gavin Brookes (GB), Robbie Love (RL), Sin-Wang Chong (SWC), Sultan Turkan (ST), Dawn Knight (DK)

Apologies: Taehee Choi, Mel Evans, Rachel Wicaksono, Sal Consoli, Helen Sauntson, Vander Viana sent their apologies.

ZH welcomed delegates and invited members of the association to vote in the elections. All members of the executive committee present introduced themselves.

2. Confirmation of minutes from the 2021 AGM

ZH invited members to offer corrections for the minutes of the AGM in 2021. No corrections were suggested. The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's report

ZH thanked association members and EC members for their support this year. Remarked on the large changes in personnel to the committee over the year and, with this in mind, is happy with progress and work of the committee. ZH outlined BAAL's strategic priorities (multilingual representation; EDI; support and recovery from the pandemic; engaging with and influencing UK govt and HE policies; developing international outlook, particularly in the aftermath of Brexit and the pandemic). ZH then provided examples of the activities and initiatives undertaken by the executive committee in pursuit of these priorities:

- Multilingual representation
 - Multilingualism In Focus – the trial session in the BAAL Newsletter No. 121
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
 - The funding calls for BAAL/CUP seminar and Researcher Development Workshops
 - Prioritising EDI themes in Applying Linguistics Fund
- Support and recover from the pandemic
 - Sharing resources and recordings via YouTube and Members' areas on website.
 - BAAL YouTube channel
- Engage with and influence UK government and HE policies
 - QAA benchmarking statement panel member nomination
- Develop an international outlook
 - First online open day
 - Closely engaged with AILA and AILA-Europe network

ZH announced that the EC is planning a 55th anniversary survey to find out members' views on these priorities.

ZH outlined planned activities for the coming academic year. These include the 55th anniversary survey, (REF) impact seminar for members to showcase their research impact, holding a BAAL online Open Day, holding PGR/ECR twitter events.

ZH invited questions about the Chair's report. Ros Mitchell (RM) commended the association on strengthening links with AILA.

4. Treasurer's report

BB shared income to the end of May 2022, with comparison against figures from 2021. Noted that not all payments from book prize entries had been received, which is why that figure was low compared to previous year.

BB shared expenditure figures. Noted that payment to Linguistics Olympiad were not yet reflected in the figures, along with delays in payments for membership.

BB presented balance sheet as of May 2022. BB pointed out that the association's assets allow us to think about new initiatives, to increase accessibility of events (e.g. sign language interpreting), to support ECR event scheme, and to increase the Applying Linguistics fund.

RM reiterated question from last year about how much money the association needs, and so how much it can afford to increase in expenditure. BB responded that there has been thinking about this. Pointed out that there is no clear answer but that commitments to increasing spending on initiatives are ongoing and that goalposts are

always moving due to uncertainties. BB also pointed out that it is important that the association has enough money to underwrite losses, should a conference be cancelled. BB also pointed out that part of the surplus in the figures has been spent already.

Yacid Ortega (YO) asked whether the association's reserves could be used to support conference attendance for people from the global south. BB responded that this is currently being discussed by the EC as part of a broader discussion about expanding membership.

Clyde Ancarno (CA) suggested that some of the reserves could be used to support mentoring schemes for members from the global south.

Ursula Lanvers (UL) commented on the relevance of these suggestions for the next conference in her role as a rep of the local organising committee.

Tess Fitzpatrick (TF) commended the association on keeping conference and membership fees low and urged the association to continue to keep student membership fees low in particular.

5. Applying Linguistics Fund

RL shared details of the winners of the Applying Linguistics fund (totalling £13,776.71 from budget of £15,000). Twelve applications received in total, with five successful proposals. RL thanked committee members for reviewing the proposals and pointed out how the projects contributed to BAAL's strategic aims.

6. Applied Linguistics Journal

ZH announced changes to the Applied Linguistics editorial board and showed list of five most downloaded articles in the journal over the last year.

7. BAAL Book prize 2022

AHCL reported that the following books have been shortlisted for the BAAL book prize.

- *Community, Solidarity and Multilingualism in a Transnational Social Movement* by Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà, Routledge
- *Language as Symbolic Power* by Claire Kramsch, Cambridge University Press
- *Language in a Globalised World: Social Justice Perspectives on Mobility and Contact* by Khawla Badwan, Palgrave Macmillan
- *Linguistic Penalties and the Job Interview* by Celia Roberts, Equinox
- *The Routledge Handbook of Language, Gender, and Sexuality* by Jo Angouri and Judith Baxter, Routledge

- *Transcultural Voices: Narrating Hip Hop Culture in Complex Delhi* by Jaspal Naveel Singh, Multilingual Matters

The winner is *Language as Symbolic Power* by Claire Kramersch, Cambridge University Press.

The runners-up of the award are *Language in a Globalised World: Social Justice Perspectives on Mobility and Contact* by Khawla Badwan, Palgrave Macmillan and *Community, Solidarity and Multilingualism in a Transnational Social Movement* by Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà, Routledge

AHCL discussed future plans for improving the reviewing process and making it more inclusive, including pro-active engagement with publishers who publish in languages other than English and smaller publishers who may not be able to sponsor entry to the book prize. AHCL thanked all involved in this year's book prize.

8. Conference Awards

ST announced that the following PGR/ECR scholarships were awarded. Congratulations to all winners.

- **Ibrahima Diallo**, "An exploratory study on the impact of video-stimulated reflection on novice EFL teachers' professional development"
- **Nadir Junco**, "Singular they in British English: Current Language Change and Future Directions"
- **Ouacila Ait Eldjoudi**, "Multimodal analysis of gender stereotypes represented in an Algerian English as a Foreign language textbook: Is social injustice the norm?"
- **Zhaohui Tian**, "An alternative approach to justice in the Chinese-African context? Insights from a politeness evaluation perspective"

Christopher Brumfit scholarship

- **Saambaviy Sivaji**, "Purification of Tamil by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE): A Triumphalism of Linguistic Ownership"

ST confirmed that the best paper and poster awards will be announced at the closing ceremony. These were announced as Sally Cook and Sanna Riuttanen, respectively.

The LOC focused on those who would not be able to attend BAAL 2022 without the scholarship due to the prohibitive expense of travelling and attending the conference. ST welcomed the initiative for the future provision of a larger number of scholarships for future conferences. ST thanked the sub-committee for their support with evaluating applications.

CT added thanks to Guy Cook and Tilly Harrison for donations to the Christopher Brumfit scholarship.

9. Proposed changes to the BAAL constitution

CT introduced the proposed revisions to the constitution, including minor language amendments and broader changes to practice.

CT explained the major proposed change to the constitution which introduces provision of up to a year's leave from a committee member's term of office where necessary, enabling the officer to return to their post following leave (without extending their term of office).

RM asked whether the proposed change would affect BAAL's charitable status; CT confirmed not.

The membership approved the changes to the constitution with no amendments.

10. Elections to the Executive Committee

CT thanked the following outgoing Executive Committee members for their hard work and commitment to BAAL during their time on the Executive Committee: Glenn Hadikin, Dawn Knight, Gee Macrory, Nate Owen, Vander Viana, Rachel Wicaksono.

Particular thanks were expressed to our outgoing Reviews Editor, Chris Hall, and welcome to Argyro Kanaki who has taken over in the role.

CT confirmed the following appointments without a vote as there was one candidate per position.

- Meetings Secretary – Glenn Hadikin
- Membership Secretary – Rachel Wicaksono
- Seminars Coordinator – Vander Viana
- Website Editor – Sin Wang Chong

CT confirmed that the appointment of SWC to a new post created an additional Ordinary Member vacancy, increasing the vacancy from two to three posts.

Ordinary Member election

Since there were three posts and five candidates, an election was held to appoint three Ordinary Members.

The candidates for the posts were confirmed as: Dario Banegas, Gavin Brookes, Taehee Choi, Gee Macrory and Sultan Turkan.

DB provided a written manifesto in absentia. GB, GM and ST provided oral manifestos. TC provided a video manifesto in absentia.

A paper vote was held; CT confirmed that the outcome of the election will be announced at the closing ceremony. The successful candidates were announced as Gavin Brookes, Gee Macrory and Sultan Turkan.

11. AOB

No items were raised as AOB.

12. Closing remarks

The Chair thanked members present for their participation.

The following written reports from officers of the BAAL Executive Committee are available online:

(Written) Reports from officers (available online)

- Chair (Zhu Hua)
- Treasurer (Bettina Beinhoff)
- Secretary (Caroline Tagg)
- Media Coordinator (Mel Evans)
- Meetings Secretary (Glenn Hadikin)
- Membership Secretary (Rachel Wicaksono)
- Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator (Angie Baily)
- Publications Secretary (Alex Ho-Cheong Leung)
- Newsletter Editor (Sal Consoli)
- Web Editor (Nathaniel Owen)
- SIG Coordinator (Helen Sauntson)
- Seminars Coordinator (Vander Viana)
- CLIE Representative (Gee Macrory)