



BAAL Executive Committee (EC)

Terms of Reference and monthly tasks (2025)

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The role of BAAL Chair

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Key responsibilities/duties:

1. Take the lead role, in consultation with the Executive Committee (EC), on BAAL strategic priorities, policies, initiatives, and activities.
2. Ensure that the Association maintains and promotes a broad view of applied linguistics and is regarded as the appropriate learned society for all UK scholars and professionals concerned with “the theoretical and empirical investigation of real-world problems in which language is a central issue” (Brumfit 1995: 27).
3. Promote or delegate contact with AILA (Association Internationale de Linguistique Appliquée / International Association of Applied Linguistics), other applied linguistics associations throughout the world, other learned societies or umbrella organisations in the UK (including UCGAL (the University Council for General and Applied Linguistics), UCFL (University Council For Languages), AMLUK (Alliance of Modern Languages, Area Studies and Linguistics Subject Association UK led by The Institute of Languages, Cultures and Societies), CLiE (Committee for Linguistics in Education), Arts and Humanities Alliance, amongst others). See: <https://www.baal.org.uk/who-we-are/links/>
4. Ensure that BAAL engages with national decisions and debates on language policy and makes appropriate representations to governmental and other bodies.
5. Represent the interests of applied linguists in consultations and initiatives of funding councils (e.g. UKRI, Research England, HEFCW, Scottish Funding Council) and other organisations (e.g. QAA), especially on matters relating to research assessment (e.g. REF).
6. Ensure that BAAL is appropriately represented on various bodies, and plays a prominent role in relevant professional associations in the UK such as the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS), British Academy, and British Council.
7. Monitor and respond where necessary to unfolding events in academia and beyond, sometimes in collaboration with other relevant organisations.
8. Work with the EC to make judicious use of the Association’s resources to support applied linguistic activities, and to maximise opportunities for all members, including students and international scholars, to benefit from the BAAL community and to participate in BAAL activities.
9. Work with the Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and other EC members to monitor and manage the relationship and performance of BAAL’s administrators (e.g. Mosaic).
10. Maintain general communications: hand on messages from outside bodies/individuals to the EC or the membership (e.g. notice of meetings, research

opportunities, etc.); respond where necessary or raise issues with EC.

11. Organise nominations to various bodies (e.g. AcSS, British Academy, AILA, UCGAL, UCFL, QAA and REF panels).
12. In liaison with the Secretary, agree agendas for the three EC meetings and the Association's AGM. These may take place online and/or face-to-face. If the former, ensure that the meeting is appropriately scheduled to enable the engagement of any members of the EC who are internationally based.
13. Chair meetings of the EC and the AGM.
14. Support, recognise and, where necessary, guide the activities and efforts of EC colleagues.
15. Promote and sustain attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications (including on BAALMAIL).

The annual conference:

At the annual conference the following announcements need to be made:

At the start of the conference -

- Welcome to all participants (and thanks to the Local Organising Committee, LOC)
- AGM - and possibly elections
- Prizes (Book, Poster and Richard Pemberton)
- BAAL EC invited colloquia
- Scholarship students

And at the end of the conference:

- Results of elections
- Updates to the constitution (as relevant)
- Prize winners and new BAAL-supported initiatives
- Thanks to any EC members stepping down
- Thanks to LOC (gifts will be organised by the Meetings Secretary)
- Handover to new Chair (where applicable)
 - Note: if the Chair is to stand down at an annual conference, they are typically co-opted as an Ordinary Member to the EC for one year, to assist with a smooth handover to the new Chair (i.e. providing additional support and advice, where required).

Expenses

There are three BAAL EC meetings every year. BAAL pays travel expenses for all EC meetings, and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner prior to the conference). It also, where necessary, covers the cost of one BAAL representative (the

Chair or Chair's representative) to attend the AILA World Congress and meetings with the AcSS and BAAL affiliates, as relevant. A form from the treasurer needs to be completed and all receipts provided. Please try and book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce costs.

Note – the BAAL chair is a signatory to the BAAL account. This should be organised at the September meeting (liaising with the BAAL Treasurer).

Monthly task cycle:

January:

- With Secretary, finalise agenda for January EC meeting
- Chair EC meeting (either online, blended or face-to-face, as required)
- Review BAAL strategic priorities
- Work with Secretary to finalise and share with EC the meeting minutes and action points

March:

- Ensure that Chair's action points from January meeting have been completed or are in hand

April:

- Prepare nomination for Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences June deadline (AcSS deadlines may change – please check)

May:

- With Secretary, finalise agenda for May EC meeting
- Chair EC meeting (either online, blended or face-to-face, as required)
- Work with Secretary to finalise and share with EC the meeting minutes and action points

June:

- Submit nomination for Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences June deadline (AcSS deadlines may change – please check)

July:

- Ensure that Chair's Action Points from May meeting have been completed or are in hand

August:

- With Secretary, finalise agenda for September EC meeting and AGM
- Assist in publicising vacant EC roles to the membership (and encouraging a diverse range of candidates to stand for these). This would have to happen earlier if the conference was online and elections were therefore held online.

September:

- Chair EC meeting (either online, blended or face-to-face, as required)

- Attend annual conference, fulfilling duties associated with this (either online, blended or face-to-face, as required)
- Work with Secretary to finalise and share with EC the meeting minutes and action points, and to share AGM minutes with the membership.

October:

- Work with Secretary to induct new EC members
- Work with the EC members to develop/revisit annual activity and task plan
- Prepare nomination for Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences December deadline (AcSS deadlines may change – please check)

November:

- Ensure that Chair's Action Points from September meeting have been completed or are in hand

December:

- Submit nomination for Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences December deadline (AcSS deadlines may change – please check)

Reference:

Brumfit, C. J. 1995 'Teacher Professionalism and Research' in G. Cook and B. Seidlhofer (eds.) *Principle and Practice in Applied Linguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

The role of BAAL Secretary

Updated by Caroline Tagg, June 2024

1. Regular weekly/monthly tasks

- Maintain communications: hand on messages from outside bodies/individuals to the Chair, the EC or the membership (e.g. notice of meetings); respond where necessary or raise issues with EC/Chair.
- In conjunction with Chair arrange for nominations to various bodies.
- Write emails on behalf of BAAL or draft emails for Chair to various bodies (e.g. letters to MPs or ministers; responses to government consultations; letters of support in the case of redundancies).
- Coordinate and support the work of EC members and ensure constitutional compliance of the appointment and activities of the BAAL EC.
- Respond as necessary to questions and requests from other EC members, and to queries from the wider membership.
- With the Membership Secretary and Treasurer, act as a point of contact with the membership company, currently Mosaic.
- Provide monthly updates to the AcSS eBulletin, e.g on upcoming events.
- Deputise for the chair where necessary, e.g. in attending partner or umbrella organisation meetings and events.
- Maintain the EC mailing list and EC Dropbox account.
- Promote and sustain attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.

2. Preparation and follow up for EC Meetings - January, May and August/September each year

Note that the January meeting has since the Covid pandemic lockdown been held online, and this is assumed in the notes below.

Before the meeting

- Organise a date and time for each EC Meeting, and a venue for the May meeting. Select a number of possible days, run them first past the Chair and Treasurer, then present the options to the EC through a Doodle poll. The three meetings are usually held in the second half of January, the second half of May, and the day before the BAAL conference (in the conference venue). The in-person meetings usually start at 12 with lunch, finish around 5, and are followed by drinks (or a meal, in September). The online meetings can be held in the morning or afternoon, usually for no more than 3 hours.
- A venue and room, lunch and coffee needs to be organized for May. The September meeting venue, coffee, lunch and annual exec dinner is organised by the LOC in liaison with the Secretary.

- Remind EC officers to send in their reports to you one month before, and to alert you to any items for discussion so that these can be added to the agenda. Combine these into a single file, add them to the Dropbox folder and send details of how to access them to members of the EC.
- Arrange two minute takers for each meeting in advance (from the Ordinary members). Ask the two minute takers to send you a composite set of minutes and action points within two weeks of the meeting. Share with them a Word version of the agenda and the last meeting's minutes (as a template).
- Prepare agenda in conjunction with EC/Chair (note that at the May meeting we need to set up postgraduate committee to judge the Richard Pemberton best PG paper and ensure LOC organise a panel of judges (e.g. the plenary speakers/leaders of invited colloquia) to judge the best poster. The Sept EC meeting generally has a slot for future Local Organisers to come in and introduce themselves).

After the meeting

- Amend the draft minutes of the previous meeting and put the final version in the shared Dropbox folder.
- Check the draft minutes of the current meeting, compile the list of action points, upload them on to Dropbox, and alert the EC, who will need to complete their actions in good time.

**** If online:**

- An online platform will need to be identified (e.g. Zoom, Teams) and an invite sent out to EC members.
- There is more flexibility with timing. We recommend a shorter meeting with breaks. Please be aware that minute-takers may find it difficult and consider recording the meeting (with permission from those present) for their use. Consider adding an optional 'social' to the end of the meeting.

3. Preparation and follow up for AGM Meetings (August onwards)

Before the meeting

- Ensure place, date and time are fixed by liaising with the BAAL Meetings Secretary who will check with local organisers that we have a slot in the Conference for our AGM (best time is late Friday, assuming a Thursday midday to Saturday midday conference. A time slot of approx. an hour to an hour and a half is needed – in recent years this has been an hour).
- Collect AGM reports from all EC officers. Remind EC that for Sept they need to produce 2 written reports – one for EC and one for AGM. Put all reports on to Dropbox.
- Ensure the AGM reports, agenda and the draft minutes of the previous AGM are on the website (send to the Website Editor).
- Check with LOC to see if the AGM can be in a hybrid format, with online attendance and online voting.
- In August send out to BAAL membership draft agenda for AGM and inform people that the draft minutes and actions from the previous year and the current annual reports are on/will be on the website.

- Confirm minute takers and make sure they ask all speakers from floor to identify themselves, so they can be cited in the minutes.
- Prepare presentation for the AGM. Ask the BAAL nominated Applied Linguistics editor to provide an update on the journal.

After the meeting

- Ask Web Editor to put draft minutes and action points on the website (<https://www.baal.org.uk/documents/>).
- Welcome and brief new members and ensure their emails are added to the Jiscmail exec mailing list (as well as exiting members taken out).

4. Elections to EC (nominations through BAALmail with election held at AGM):

- At May EC check the list of posts which are up for election, and encourage members to stand again for their posts or to consider standing for another post (especially Ordinary Members).
- Ask all EC members to check and update their role descriptions (on Dropbox). Compile terms of reference into one document and ask the web editor to put it online.
- Put out call on BAALmail as soon as possible in June, and give BAAL members at least three weeks to submit nominations for the EC posts. send out an email on the BAAL mailing list as soon as possible in June asking for nominations to the relevant posts. Nominees should be proposed and seconded by BAAL members, and should provide a text introducing themselves and what they would bring to or achieve with the role. Give a deadline of at least three weeks. Provide link to role descriptions and invite those interested to contact current post holders. Warn them that they will need to be ready to stand up at the AGM and say why they should be elected. If they are not attending their 'case' can be read out.
- Send out a reminder and extend the deadline if necessary.
- For any posts that are contested, prepare either an online voting form (e.g. through Microsoft Forms) or physical ballot papers if preferred for an in-person only AGM (ask Local Organiser office to print & copy (x 60) a ballot paper with names.)
- Run the election at the end of the AGM. Remind those present (in person and online) that only current BAAL members may vote.
- Following the AGM, check online results or collect and count the paper votes (with the Treasurer) and use simple majority i.e. "first past the post".
- Arrange for the new post holders to be present and announced at the closing session.
- Get contact details from all the new post holders.
- Make sure that new EC people are entered into the exec mailing list, and old ones deleted, and that they have access to the Dropbox folder.
- Brief new members of the exec and make sure they understand how the committee works etc. Encourage them to arrange a handover with the former post-holder.

**** If AGM and election is online:**

- proceed as above in relation to putting out a call for nominations.

- if an election is necessary (i.e. more than one person stands for each post), set this up online and email the membership, giving another deadline of three weeks.
- inform the successful candidates immediately, and announce it at the BAAL AGM.

5. Constitutional changes (constitution available on the website)

If changes are to be made the secretary needs to send a message with the proposed change to the BAAL membership at least two weeks before the AGM (e.g. with the draft agenda and reports). For example:

At the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee is going to propose two changes to the Association's constitution. Any proposed changes to the constitution have to be announced to the membership at least 14 days in advance of the AGM, and this e-mail fulfils that condition.

The BAAL Executive Committee proposes two amendments to the BAAL constitution which relate to the need for a new post of Media Co-ordinator and a consequent reduction in the number of Ordinary Members. They relate to section 4c of the constitution. We propose the following 2 amendments.

Amendment 1 - The sentence of 4c which currently reads:

The Annual General Meeting shall elect the following officers: a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Meetings Secretary, a Membership Secretary, a Publications Secretary, a Newsletter Editor, a Web Editor, a Treasurer, a Special Interest Groups Co-ordinator, a Seminars Co-ordinator and a Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer (who must be a student at the time of election). The tenure of any Officer shall be three years, with the exception of that of the Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer which shall be two years. An Officer shall be eligible for re-election but the continuous tenure of any Officer shall be limited to two terms of office.

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Amendment 2 - The sentence of 4d which currently reads:

*(d) The Officers specified in (c), together with **six** Ordinary Members, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Ordinary Members shall serve for two consecutive years, with three normally elected at each Annual Meeting. No Ordinary Member of the Executive Committee may serve as such for more than two terms consecutively. The Executive Committee shall manage the Association's affairs between Annual General Meetings and*

shall have power to co-opt up to three other members at its discretion to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

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*The Officers specified in (c), together with **five** Ordinary Members, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Ordinary Members shall serve for two consecutive years, with three normally elected at each Annual Meeting. No Ordinary Member of the Executive Committee may serve as such for more than two terms consecutively. The Executive Committee shall manage the Association's affairs between Annual General Meetings and shall have power to co-opt up to three other members at its discretion to serve until the next Annual Meeting.*

6. Organisation of a new Chair – the Jan meeting (if the chair is departing in the September of that year)

The current procedure is to draw up a short list of names sent to the chair or secretary by members of the exec. The members of the exec then vote for their preferred candidate. The chair or secretary then invites the candidate to stand for chair at the AGM (although rarely contested this position is an elected one).

7. Other tasks

Prepare reports for the three Executive Committee (EC) meetings and the AGM and, where appropriate, the online newsletter (precise dates and reminders sent by the newsletter editor). See the website for samples of both types of report.

Review at least one book for the BAAL book prize (around May), and usually two or three.

Stand in where necessary to review funding applications (this is typically carried out by ordinary members but an additional person may be needed if there is a conflict of interest)

Ensure that the role description for the Secretary post is up to date, and, if needed, update it.

Provide a formal handover to the new post-holder at the end of the term, including where possible email templates.

Note – the BAAL secretary is a signatory to the BAAL account. This should be organised at the September meeting.

Expenses: BAAL pays travel expenses for all three exec meetings and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner prior to the conference). You need to complete a form from the treasurer and provide all receipts. Please try and book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce costs.

The role of BAAL Treasurer

Updated by Bettina Beinhoff, June 2026

The aim of BAAL is to support Applied Linguistics activities through funding research and supporting meetings. For funding summary see <http://baal.org.uk/funding.html>. To this end the Treasurer is involved with:

1) Meetings Secretary and annual conference

- Providing a float for Local Organising Committee (LOC) of Annual Conference when requested. In the past this has been £5,000 paid around January.
- Receiving repayment of float at around Easter the following year and banking any surplus. LOC should send you accounts. Try to put across the desirability of a conference making a surplus.

Each conference is very different. The Treasurer has no involvement in running the annual conference. The LOC holds its own cheque book. The Meetings Secretary has a LOC handbook with guidance on scholarships for conference attendance. BAAL pays travel expenses for Meetings secretary.

At each conference there are 1-2 invited colloquia which BAAL subsidizes (£1,000 per colloquium is given to the EC member convening the colloquium to be distributed as they see fit. Also, all panel members of the colloquium receive free BAAL membership for a year).

At the conference payments need to be made for the poster prize (£100.00), the Richard Pemberton postgraduate prize (£100.00) and any scholarships.

2) BAAL EC Seminars co-ordinator

[Note that all figures stated are subject to review and may change between EC meetings.]

The BAAL EC Seminars co-ordinator calls for proposals for the BAAL/CUP seminar series and proposes 4 to be supported (finalized electronically in consultation with the executive between October and January). Selected organisers request treasurer for money (a £750 grant and an optional £500 refundable float). Latter is often not requested.

Seminar organisers are required to submit a report for the newsletter and send in a balance sheet to show how they spent the money. Keep a note of 4 events selected and make sure records are in accounts sent to accountant (this has not been requested over the last few years).

CUP supports this with £1,250 grant in August each year, matched by £1,250 from BAAL, with an optional £500 refundable float. (i.e. each seminar organizer receives £750.00 per

seminar with contributions of £375.00 from CUP and £375.00 from BAAL). Often need to remind Seminar convenors to ask for it. CUP has direct payment bank details.

The BAAL/Routledge seminar is not running anymore but operated in a similar way with BAAL matching the £750 received by Routledge, making a total of £1,500 available for one annual seminar.

3) SIGs and EC SIG co-ordinator

There are guidelines on setting up a SIG on the web. They sometimes develop from BAAL/CUP seminars. SIGs are approved at EC meetings, and once approved for a probationary year SIGs are eligible for a start-up grant of £200 on submission of a budget proposal for their first meeting.

SIGs are required to submit accounts to SIG Co-ordinator for onward transmission to BAAL accountant at end of financial year 31st May. The accountant may request cashbook, receipts, bank statements and any completed chequebooks. They are charged a £25 fee by the accountant. This is all negotiated by the SIG Co-ordinator. They are considered to be subsidiaries of BAAL for accounting purposes and accumulated funds belong to BAAL. The treasurer will advise in the case of problems and liaise with BAAL accountant as necessary.

Current SIGs are: <https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/special-interest-groups/>

4) Publications Secretary /secretarial assistant

The Publications Secretary will ask publishers to send £35 entry fees for BAAL Book prize directly to the BAAL account (there are usually around 25 entries). By the first week of January when all payments should have been received, Mosaic checks with publications secretary whether everyone has paid up or not.

5) Membership Secretary and Mosaic Management consultants

Membership subscriptions handled by the Membership secretary and Mosaic Management Consultancy (Sarah Welsh). Mosaic track all income and expenses through Xero and has the paying book to bank any income received as a cheque. Treasurer needs to renew the connection to Xero on a regular basis by logging into the BAAL bank accounts. Mosaic are **not** a signatory of the BAAL account.

Mosaic also send a monthly invoice for their fees plus expenses. Treasurer makes payment through BACS.

6) Applications for funding

The Applied Linguistics Fund has in the past awarded **up to £10,000 to applicants** which is now increasing. Decisions are made at the May meeting of the EC. The people receiving the award will be informed by the fund coordinator and advised to request money from the Treasurer.

There are also annual applications from CLIE (Dick Hudson) for funding for the Linguistic Olympiad (£2000), during 2021 this was reduced to £1,000 as the pandemic lockdowns meant the LO was run online and at lower cost, but the payments are back at £2,000p.a. again.

7) Membership of professional bodies

- AILA: payable in July in dollars (depending on BAAL membership numbers) (around \$5,000p.a.)
- UCML
- Academy of learned societies for the Social Sciences: payable annually. (around £750p.a.)
- UCGAL/The Linguistics Council

8) Sponsorship of attendance of BAAL exec reps on professional bodies

Travel expenses are paid for those attending relevant meetings of the following:

- AILA (BAAL Chair)
- ACSS Academy for Social Sciences (BAAL Chair)
- UCGAL (current BAAL representative)
- UCML (current BAAL representative)

9) Sponsorship of attendance at CLIE meetings

Travel expenses for 4 BAAL representatives at CLIE meetings (October, February, May) paid alternately by BAAL and LAGB. Costs for speakers paid by BAAL and LAGB alternately

10) Sponsorship of attendance at BAAL/CUP seminars

In cases where there are no executive members attending a BAAL/CUP seminar travel expenses and one night accommodation will be paid for a member to attend one day of the seminar in order to make a presentation about BAAL.

11) Publishing of conference proceedings

Costs associated with copy editing (up to £300.00) are available.

12) Banks

The Bank accounts are

Lloyds Easy Saver: *****26

Lloyds Business Extra: *****08

Lloyds Business Extra: *****16

All at Lloyds East Dulwich Branch.

13) Signatories

Signatories are Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Cheque requires one signature only. Any changes should be made at the September meeting, when everyone is together. The account is handled by business and charities branch. Cheques payable to Treasurer need to be authorised by Chair or Secretary as well.

14) Accountant

Accounts have to be sent to Kurban Abji (46 Westbourne Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8JD, Tel 01582 735816, Fax 01582 413533) at the end of the financial year 31st May for preparation for September meeting AGM. BAAL fee to accountant is £1,225. SIGs are charged £25 fee by accountant, which they send to SIG Co-ordinator. They are considered to be subsidiaries of BAAL for accounting purposes.

Kurban prefers to receive all bank statements for the year (for all three accounts) as paper copies sent to his address (see above). The Treasurer also sends the excel spreadsheet listing all incoming and outgoing payments for the two main accounts and shares the folder containing all invoices and receipts with the accountant. All further information is provided by Mosaic directly to Kurban.

15) Charity Commissions

BAAL is a Charity and has to submit accounts for financial year ending in May by the end of March each year. A list of current trustees (EC members) with personal details is also required. Update these details at January meeting. As a charity, BAAL does not charge VAT, but has to pay VAT in the normal way, i.e. for services like Mosaic. Separate annual submissions need to be made to the Wales/England Commission and the Scottish Charity Commission. These are prepared by Kurban in conjunction with Mosaic who submit them on our behalf.

16) Other Running costs

- Public liability insurance Annual in July; we receive a discount for renewing this insurance for several years, so a renewal is not required every year.
- Executive committee meetings in September, January and May (travel and lunch/refreshments during the day; one night accommodation for EC members who travel greater distances). For the Conference: travel expenses and meal for the exec (on the evening of the exec meeting). If it is cheaper for executive members to travel to the venue the night before the executive meeting (e.g. if it is in Scotland or Northern Ireland) then one night prior to the conference can be paid for. As BAAL

has a more reliable income now, we decided in 2026 to also pay accommodation costs for the EC in an attempt to reduce the conference registration fee.

- Charges for annual subdomain and domain charge for baal.org.uk; handled by Mosaic and added to their invoice once a year.

Other tasks

Attend the three Executive Committee (EC) meetings and the AGM and prepare reports for these. See the website for samples of report. The Treasurer, as with all members of the EC, is also responsible for promoting and sustaining attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.

Expenses

BAAL pays reasonable travel expenses for all three exec meetings; registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM are factored into the conference budget by the LOC (but consider being flexible about this if it can help to reduce registration fees). BAAL pays for the cost of an extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner prior to the conference. EC members need to complete an expenses claim form and provide all receipts. Please try and book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce costs.

The role of BAAL Media Coordinator

Updated by Mel Evans, May 2024

The media coordinator serves as the pivotal point of contact between BAAL and the media, broadly defined (e.g. social networks, online media, broadcast media, etc.). The media coordinator is responsible for:

- Coordinating and mediating media outreach as a means for maintaining the image of BAAL
- Keeping BAAL members informed of BAAL related events and funding opportunities via (social) media platforms
- Responding to, and updating the media with newsworthy events and activities related to the association (and specific members of it)
- Directing external bodies to specific subject specialists when requested.

The media coordinator should ideally have some previous experience of working with or in the media.

Specific duties include:

- Monitoring, administrating and coordinating the main BAAL social network accounts (e.g. Twitter, YouTube).
- Writing social media content, press releases, and news reports about the work of BAAL.
- Providing social media coverage of the annual BAAL conference (before, during and after)
- Coordinating with the organisers of BAAL related events to publicise their events to the wider BAAL membership. This includes asking them to provide an event flyer (in JPEG form), a Twitter hashtag, a short summary of their event and a timeline for promoting their event.
- Working with members of the EC who coordinate funding opportunities provided by BAAL to publicise these opportunities to the wider BAAL membership.
- Sending a regular email call to the BAAL EC for BAAL related events and funding opportunities to publicise via the BAAL Twitter account.
- Liaising with the BAAL EC to respond to issues that affect our wider field via the BAAL Twitter account.
- Answering enquiries from media representatives (or pointing them to an appropriate individual who can)
- Developing media networks and contacts
- Maintaining the BAAL Wikipedia page on an annual basis
- Keeping up-to-date with all issues that affect the organisation
- Supporting the PG Liaison and Development Coordinator in using the BAAL Twitter account
- Serving as a point of contact for BAAL members with issues related to the media

- Reporting to the Executive Committee and Annual General Meeting
- Serving as an officer of the Executive Committee, attending regular meetings and being involved in discussions and decisions
- Promoting and sustaining attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.

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The role of BAAL Meetings Secretary

Updated by Gee Macrory, June 2026

The main role of the BAAL Meetings Secretary is to liaise with the local organising committee (LOC) and the EC in overseeing the planning, organisation and running of the annual conference. A detailed list of tasks can be found in the LOC handbook, which is available on request from the current Meetings Secretary.

The Meetings Secretary has the following duties:

1. Attend and prepare reports for the three Executive Committee (EC) meetings and the AGM: January, May and September.
2. Scrutinise the bid & budget from potential LOCs, pass it on to the EC for comments and suggestions.
3. Make one or two one-day visits to the next two conference sites: in November/March, to the venue of the current LOC and to that of the LOC two years away. Liaise with the deputy meetings secretary who takes the lead on keeping in contact with the LOC two years away until the current conference closes.
4. Circulate the Call for Papers (CFP) on online mailing lists and social media including but not limited to BAAL, Linguistlist, AILA, AAAL, LAGB and other Applied Linguistics counterparts around the world if possible.
5. Liaise with LOC/confirm that an appropriate system is in place to assist with conference abstract vetting (March/April).
6. Collate and pass on EC registration details and accommodation requirements for the annual conference (May/June).
7. Remind next year's LOC to pass on promotional materials to current LOC (July/August).
8. Invite the future LOC to the EC meeting and dinner on the Wednesday evening before the annual conference (September) and ensure they are prepared to introduce their conference at the closing ceremony.
9. Respond to any general inquiries about the annual conference.
10. Oversee the running of the annual conference when it takes place.
11. Send emails to the current and future LOCs where appropriate.

12. Send emails to BAALmail: in May to find a host for the conference two years away (where necessary) and to provide information for interested institution(s) to prepare for their conference bid. January to March, to send the all-call for abstract submissions.
13. Update the handbook regularly.
14. Make sure that appropriate parts of the website are up to date and that regular information about conferences is going out on social media.
15. Continuously review issues of equality, diversity and inclusion as appropriate to the role and suggest changes to the EC if needed.
16. A formal handover to the new meetings secretary should be organised when the role changes hands.
17. Contribute to other activities and working groups in the BAAL EC.
18. Review for the BAAL Book Prize.

Expenses - BAAL pays travel expenses for conference site visits as well as EC meetings and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner prior to the conference). You need to complete a form from the treasurer and provide all receipts. Please try and book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce costs.

The role of BAAL Membership Secretary

Updated by Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, June 2026

The Membership Secretary's responsibilities are:

1. Throughout the year, to encourage recruitment of new members and to work with the BAAL Committee in developing initiatives that will enhance BAAL's membership base. In particular work with Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator to increase postgraduate membership.
2. To maintain the statistics of membership and report these at BAAL annual meetings. Detailed reports are sent to the BAAL Secretary in January, May and August of every year. The reports need to include the latest statistics and information about Individual, Associate, Institutional and Solidarity members.
3. To work closely with the BAAL Administrator (Mosaic) to contact new and returning members throughout the year, and to respond to any membership related queries.
4. To work closely with the BAAL Administrator (Mosaic) to collect membership survey data and report findings at the May EC meeting and at the AGM, and to propose any actions for discussion with the EC based on the findings.
5. To advertise the BAAL Solidarity Memberships in December/January on BAALmail and BAAL social media, and convene a panel led by the BAAL Chair to select awardees. To contact the awardees to let them know that their application was successful and send the list of awardees to the BAAL Administrator.
6. To liaise with the BAAL Administrator about sending reminders for membership renewals in January, checking and updating reminder letters and emails for the current year.
7. To liaise with Associate and Institutional members throughout the year.
8. To liaise with the Website Editor to ensure that online membership information is up-to-date and accurate, in particular with regard to the 'Join BAAL' webpage.
9. To liaise with the Publications Secretary in order to manage discount offerings to the membership from Associate Member publishing houses, and to liaise with the Website Editor (and in some cases the SIG Coordinator) to ensure those any discount offerings are clearly communicated to the membership.
10. At regular points in the year, to keep BAAL members informed of benefits of membership. This is done through the mailing list, newsletter or website as appropriate.
11. Attend the three Executive Committee (EC) meetings and the AGM and prepare reports for these as well as the online newsletter (the months for these are January, May and September with precise dates and reminders sent by the Secretary and Newsletter Editor respectively). See the website for samples of both types of report.
12. Promote and sustain attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.
13. To run a 'Meet the BAAL EC' online event once a year (early Winter before membership renewal date in February) for existing or prospective BAAL members.
14. If time allows, to run a BAAL stall supported by other EC members at the annual conference to encourage dialogues.
15. Contribute to other activities and working groups in the BAAL EC.

16. Review for the BAAL Book Prize and abstracts for BAAL's annual conference.

Expenses - BAAL pays travel expenses for all three Exec meetings, and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner prior to the conference). Travel expenses can be claimed by completing a form from the Treasurer and together with all receipts. Travel should be booked as far in advance as possible to reduce costs.

The role of the BAAL Newsletter Editor

Updated by Robbie Love, June 2026

- Attend BAAL Executive meetings (usually January, May and September).
- Produce two issues of BAAL News per calendar year (e.g. Spring and Autumn).
- Remind the BAALmail list and BAAL Exec to send in contributions – see production schedule below.
- Solicit articles from people, e.g. appreciations of people's careers when they have been elected to Academy for Social Sciences; obituaries; REF concerns; issues that come up in Applied Linguistics.
- Liaise with the Reviews Editor to gather book reviews as per production schedule.
- Produce BAAL News using appropriate software.
- Liaise with the Web Editor to upload the newsletter to the BAAL website.
- Disseminate the newsletter via BAALmail.
- Promote and sustain attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications. This may include encouraging BAAL members from a range of backgrounds based in and outside the UK to submit contributions.

BAAL News production schedule 2026

	Spring issue	Autumn issue
Call for contributions	October 2025	April 2026
Liaise with Exec and Reviews Editor	January 2026	July 2026
Deadline for contributions	early February 2026	early August 2026
Produce and publish	late February / early March 2026	late August / early September 2026

Expenses

BAAL pays travel expenses for all three executive committee meetings and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner prior to the conference). You need to complete the form available on the BAAL website and provide all receipts. Please try and book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce cost.

The role of BAAL Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator

Updated by Tim Hampson, June 2026

- The main tasks for the coordinator are to:
- Represent the postgraduate members of BAAL.
- In liaison with the membership secretary encourage recruitment of new postgraduate BAAL members.
- Organise the Postgraduate Forum that takes place during the annual BAAL conference. Typically, this has involved inviting plenary and/or other speakers to Choose the theme and format of the forum using the theme of the Annual Conference and the BAAL Facebook group as sources.
- Organise and help publicise additional postgraduate research events throughout the year. Online Zoom events have been very popular.
- Maintain and develop as appropriate postgraduate networking media e.g. the current
- Facebook page. Posts on the Facebook page can be obtained from the BAALmail and other departments; highlight any information that seems relevant to postgraduates and early careers (e.g. scholarship offers, jobs, etc.).
- Maintain and approve posts from other members on the Facebook page, rejecting posts that are not appropriate (e.g. not related to applied linguistics or to the BAAL membership).
- On a monthly basis, keep the Facebook page active by posting calls for papers, scholarship and job offers, as well as accepting requests to join the Facebook group and responding to queries from members.
- Participate actively in the EC activities and events such as review of applications and vote on issues.
- In conjunction with a BAAL EC ordinary member draw up a short list and co-ordinate judges for the Richard Pemberton best postgraduate paper prize (awarded at the BAAL conference) – see notes on p.2.
- Attend the three Executive Committee (EC) meetings and the AGM and prepare reports for these as well as the online newsletter (the deadlines for these are January, May and September with precise dates and reminders sent by the secretary and newsletter editor respectively). See the website for samples of both types of report.
- Organise a scholarship for a BAAL PGR member to attend the AILA Europe Junior Researchers' Meeting, which is held annually at a conference run by an AILA Europe affiliate member.
- Expenses - BAAL pays travel expenses for all three EC meetings and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an

extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner before or after the conference). You need to complete a form from the treasurer and provide all receipts. Please try and book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce costs.

- Promote and sustain attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.
- Help out with other BAAL tasks where appropriate, e.g. book reviews for the book prize, abstract for BAAL annual's conference, extra BAAL events.

Richard Pemberton Prize

Eligibility: The prize is awarded for the best paper presented at the annual conference, for which all named presenters are registered as postgraduate students at the time of the conference.

Procedure (December/January)

1. Liaise with LOC contact in advance of the abstract submission process (usually opens in January) so that there will be an option for presenters to tick whether their paper will be eligible to be judged for the prize (this makes life easier later on).

(June/July/August)

2. Once the abstract submission deadline has passed, liaise with the LOC contact to obtain the names and abstracts of eligible papers and create a longlist of 10-20 papers (according to the scores assigned by reviewers and abstracts if there is a tie). You will need to select a shortlist of four or five papers to judge. At this stage, all of the abstracts should be very good, so you can focus on papers that are innovative, critical in an interesting way or which go the extra mile. Ask one or two EC members to assist you in this process.

3. Once the (near) final programme is ready, work out how many judges you will need to attend all the short-listed papers. We would want to have double coverage on papers so we should go for: 4/5 judges to accommodate this. Ask early and help the EC members plan talks they'd want to attend anyway. EC members (including the PG coordinator) should not judge presentations by presenters they have a close personal or working relationship with.

4. The judging criteria are:

- Content
- Presentation style
- Relevance to the conference theme
- Innovativeness

These can be judged on a skewed 1-5 scale such that 2 is an average score, giving more headroom to differentiate strong papers :

- 1 = Poor
- 2 = Acceptable
- 3 = Good
- 4 = Excellent
- 5 = Outstanding

(At the conference)

5. Judge the papers! And compare notes with your fellow judges. Give the presenter's name and title of the winning paper to the Chair to announce at the conference closing. Notify the treasurer of the winner. If possible, get an email and post address from the winner to speed up the process of sending the winning cheque.

(Afterwards)

6. Contact the winners of both the best PG paper and poster at the conference to contribute their research to the newsletter. Contact details (e.g., email contact) of the winners should be sent to the Newsletter Editor.

7. Please also email Guy Cook (guy.cook@kcl.ac.uk) to notify him of the winner. Guy is the former BAAL chair who remains in contact with Richard Pemberton's wife and he is keen to be able to update her each year on the prize.

Breakdown of Tasks on a monthly basis

On monthly basis keeping the Facebook page active by posting calls for papers, scholarship and job offers, as well as accepting requests to join the Facebook group and other queries from members. Participate actively in the EC activities and events such as review of applications and vote on issues. Organise online events if appropriate, e.g., quarterly Twitter chat events.

January

- Prepare Report for EC meeting.
- Attend EC meeting.
- Liaise with LOC contact in advance of the abstract submission process (usually opens in January) so that there will be an option for presenters to tick whether their paper will be eligible to be judged for the prize.

February

- Liaise with LOC regarding timing and room size for the Postgraduate Forum at the Annual Conference.

March

- Start to develop theme for the Postgraduate Forum. Draw up list of potential presenters.

April

- Once the abstract submission deadline has passed, liaise with the LOC contact to obtain the names and abstracts of the top 5-10 papers (according to the scores assigned by reviewers) when the programme has been finalised.

May

- Prepare Report for EC meeting.
- Attend EC meeting.
- Finalise theme and draw up list of potential presenters or the Postgraduate Forum.

June

- Contact potential presenters for Postgraduate forum.
- In conjunction with the BAAL Newsletter editor, send an email to all BAAL members looking for PGR students to write a PhD progression report of about 1,000 words for the BAAL Newsletter. Send reports to the newsletter editor for selection.

July

- Prepare Report for Executive committee meeting.

August

- Using the completed programme, draw up a list of times for the presentations to be judged for the Richard Pemberton Prize. You will need to select a maximum of 7 papers (5 or 6 is fine) to judge, so you may need to draw up a final shortlist if there are too many papers that have been awarded the same score. Ask one or two EC members to assist you in this process.
- Send finalised details of the Postgraduate forum to LOC so they can publicise the Forum. Also advertise the forum in Facebook group and on Social Media.

September

- Attend EC meeting.
- Attend Annual Conference.
- Organise and chair the Postgraduate Forum at the annual conference.
- Coordinate scores from judges for Richard Pemberton Prize. Give the presenter's name and title of the winning paper to the Chair to announce at the conference closing. Notify the treasurer of the winner. If possible, get an email and post address from the winner, to speed up the process of sending the winning cheque.
- If term as coordinator ends, contact successor and give them admin access to Facebook group.

- Post conference: Contact the winners of both the Richard Pemberton Prize and best poster at the conference to contribute their research to the newsletter. Contact details (e.g email contact) of the winners should be sent to the Newsletter Editor.
- Email Guy Cook (guy.cook@kcl.ac.uk) to notify him of the winner of the Richard Pemberton Prize. Guy is the former BAAL chair who remains in contact with Richard Pemberton's wife.

The role of BAAL Publications Secretary

Updated by Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, June 2024

The Publication's Secretary acts as a point of contact between BAAL and publishers. This involves liaising with publishers about discount offerings and other initiatives which will be of benefit to BAAL membership. This is ongoing throughout the year and involves liaising closely with the Membership Secretary about discount offerings to the membership from Associate Member publishing houses so that he/she can ensure that any discount offerings are clearly communicated to the membership. The core task of the Publications Secretary involves overseeing the annual BAAL book prize which is announced at the BAAL Annual Meeting. The Publications Secretary is also responsible for coordinating and hosting the book prize event at the annual conference. The timeline for managing the book prize is detailed below. In addition, the Publications Secretary will assist the EC on other relevant activities and tasks including contributing to working groups or ad-hoc initiatives.

Mid/late October: Update and publish terms and conditions for the BAAL book prize on the website (<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/book-prize/>) and the BAAL Mailing lists.

As of 2022-23 MOSAIC continues to be responsible for invoicing and general enquires from the publishers and the BAAL mailing list. The Publications Secretary is responsible for collating the book entries and liaising with the publishers with access to nominated titles. For the 2022-23 book prize, we have requested e-books from publishers for the first stage of review and further requested hard-copies for a few individual reviewers who preferred hardcopies. The publishers of the shortlisted titles were contacted in June when further e-copies were requested for the final judging panel.

Eligibility criteria, which have been updated in Nov 2023 (see below), as published on the website are:

Entry requirements

BAAL offers an annual prize for an outstanding book in the field of Applied Linguistics. Books (monographs, textbooks, edited volumes, reference books etc.) in any field of applied linguistics are eligible for the prize. Eligibility is *not* restricted to books published in the United Kingdom.

Entries must bear a copyright notice for the calendar year prior to the year of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the prize is to be awarded (e.g. 2023 copyright for the AGM in 2024). New editions of previously published books are not eligible.

Nominations for the BAAL Book Prize are made by the publishers of the book and must be accompanied by an e-book or two sets of access codes for the nominated volume and an administration fee of £40 for each title submitted. Two print copies will be requested if the nominated volume is shortlisted.

For general queries, please contact admin@baal.org.uk

Submitting books for the prize

The closing date for nominations this year is **26 January 2024**.

A shortlist is generally drawn up before the end of June each year and the prize is awarded at the AGM in August / September. Details of the forthcoming annual conference and its venue are posted on this website.

Nominations from publishers (e.g. Associate Members of BAAL, see (3) below) should be sent to admin@baal.org.uk and the [BAAL Publications Secretary](#) by email (Dr. Alex Ho-Cheong Leung). BAAL would strongly encourage publishers to abide by transparent internal nomination procedures. Once a decision on the book(s) to be nominated has been made, publishers should communicate their decision to authors, explaining the criteria and procedures adopted in such internal selection. Please state the book title(s), whether the book is the author's first book or not, instructions on how to access the e-book and invoicing/payment (£40 per title) details. Please also provide a brief paragraph (up to 300 words) written by the publisher outlining the rationale for nominating the title (see the criteria in (6) below) and explaining the internal selection process. We encourage publishers to consider new authors alongside established authors while making their nominations. Please also refer to our equality, diversity, and inclusion statement (<https://www.baal.org.uk/baal-statement-on-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-within-applied-linguistics/>).

Judging of titles

(1) All entries to the BAAL Book Prize will be considered by a panel of expert reviewers. The panel will recommend titles for the shortlist. BAAL conflict of interest procedures will be strictly adhered to in all stages of the competition. While there is no separate category for the final winner, at least one of the short-listed entries will belong to the "first book" category. This category is created to give recognition of outstanding first books for the 2023-24 cycle. Please provide such information where applicable when submitting nominations.

(2) The shortlisted titles will be considered by a second panel of judges who are themselves experienced researchers and authors and well known in the field.

(3) Eligibility is not restricted to UK-based publishers/authors. We welcome nominations from publishers outside the UK. However, we request that nominating publishers be associated with BAAL (i.e., an associate member of BAAL) to encourage ongoing dialogues with our community. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis for emerging publishers or publishers based in OECD developing countries for whom the cost of affiliation can be challenging to meet. Please get in touch with the Publications Secretary if you wish to discuss such an exception.

(4) The process of selection and judging is designed to bring nominated titles to the attention of staff and students in a wide range of institutions. Even where nominations are not shortlisted, we publicise nominated titles through our newsletter, website announcements and on social media. Publishers are encouraged to coordinate their nominations as we ask publishers to limit the number of entries to 5 each year.

(5) The definition of 'applied linguistics' is to be interpreted in a wide sense. Please refer to [What is applied linguistics](#) on the BAAL website. If you are in doubt about the eligibility of a title, please contact the [Publications Secretary](#) (Dr. Alex Ho-Cheong Leung).

(6) Judges are requested when making their decisions to take account of a range of criteria, including originality, potential contributions to the field (applied linguistics or a subfield), coverage (in terms of topics), rigour, the production quality of the book, readability and the style of presentation and language.

(7) Details of the short-listed titles are posted on the BAAL website before the AGM, along with selected extracts from the comments submitted by the reviewers.

(8) The publishers of the winning title may use the phrase 'BAAL Book Prize + RELEVANT DATE' or 'Winner of the BAAL Book Prize + DATE' in the publicity for the book. Publishers of short-listed titles may use the phrase 'Short-listed for the BAAL Book Prize + DATE' in their publicity.

13 December (or the next working day): Deadline for submitting titles. Some publishers may need reminding by email before that, some will ask for an extension. Your absolute deadline is first week of January. Liaise with MOSAIC to make sure whether the publishers have paid up.

Mid-January – early February:

Coordinate the first-round review, inviting reviewers from the EC and SIG, where appropriate. Circulate email through BAAL's mailing list to invite experienced colleagues to contribute to the reviewing process. This is a measure introduced in 2021-22 and have been formalised for the 2022-23 round. Publicised the nomination list on BAAL's mailing list.

The following instructions are based on previous years when we could convene the meeting face-to-face. The Publications Secretary bring copies of the nominated books along to the January EC meeting. Each EC member identifies two books and agrees to review them. Identify and contact additional reviewers outside of the EC as required. You should have found all reviewers and sent the books and review forms (see enclosed) out to them by early February. For ease of communication, it is useful to collate a mailing list and send all email communication to that Bcc, with yourself as the visible addressee. NEVER disclose a reviewer's identity to anyone (authors, publishers, other reviewers, colleagues, fellow BAAL EC members etc) at any stage of the review process and not even after the prize has been awarded. (Exception: If a reviewer of the winning title agrees to have their review published in *Applied Linguistics*, see below.) You can send anonymous reviews to the author or respective other reviewer after getting the reviewer's consent. Reviewers can and should be from all over the world, and if a book is interdisciplinary, reviewers should ideally be from the respective areas. Send one copy to each reviewer on the fastest way possible; BAAL will refund postage and mailing. The absolute deadline for allocating reviews is mid-February. Liaise with the chair of the local organising committee of the annual conference to organise the book prize event.

Conflicts of interest (major vs minor conflict) need to be checked and monitored, including the CoI of the Publications Secretary. The working definition is shown below:

'A potential conflict of interest (CoI) will be where a reviewer is involved in the book as author/editor or contributor, has a close collaboration with author/editor/contributors (e.g. has published together or worked together on the same research project in the last three years), or has a close relationship with author/editor/contributor (e.g. family). It is likely that academics who work in the same subfield may know each other, and this in itself does not necessarily constitute a conflict, providing that objectivity can be maintained when reviewing a proposal.'

For the 2022-23 round, the Publications Secretary had abstained from the reviewing and processing of one entry due to potential Col. The title was instead processed with the help of BAAL's Secretary. In line with existing practice, EC members who declared potential Cols were relieved from reviewing duty completely.

April/early May: All reviews should have reached you. Most reviewers need reminders; send about three (last week of February, first/second week in March, a few days before the deadline). The absolute deadline is early May.

Late April/Mid-May: Draw up the shortlist by checking which titles have received two recommendations to be shortlisted. Those will usually be the four titles. If there are more, send all anonymous reviews to the Secretary and Chair to help decide which four to select. If there are fewer, put those books that have two recommendations on the shortlist and send all anonymous reviews where one reviewer recommends shortlisting and the other does not to the Secretary and Chair to help you fill the remaining places on the shortlist. Send the shortlist to the Newsletter Editor and Web Editor for publication. Also inform the respective publishers. (Note, for this current year, we are trying to bring forward the deadline to make time for the publicity of the shortlisted entries before the annual conference).

Late May/early-June: Once you get the shortlist, identify two eminent scholars who have sufficient knowledge of all the areas represented. Consider approaching seasoned scholars before the formal invitation in May/June to secure availability. Send a set of all shortlisted titles to each of them and ask them for a ranking, and a written case of 350-500 words for what they think should be the winning title. They have until 20 August (or next working day) to do so. The absolute deadline is a week before the September annual conference.

Contact publishers about the short-listed titles and make an announcement on the BAAL's mailing list. Once the shortlist is announced, contact the authors/ editors of the shortlisted titles to invite them to participate at the book prize event in-person or virtually.

Mid/late August: The final reviewers may agree on the winning title. If not, give each title a score based on the rankings (e.g. Book A has been ranked 3 and 1 by the two final reviewers, so its score is 2). If there are two books with the same score, first mediate between the two final reviewers to reach an agreement (do NOT disclose their identity to the respective other). If they can't agree, or do not get back to you in time, send the anonymous case that each has submitted for a winning title to the Secretary and Chair to help you decide. Other than the two final reviewers and, if applicable, the Secretary and Chair, no-one is supposed to know about the winner until after the prize has been awarded. This includes the publisher and the author(s)/editor(s) of the winning book.

September meeting (annual BAAL conference): Coordinate and host the book prize event where you invite the authors/ editors to discuss their titles in a Q&A/ "chat show" format so that the conference audience can learn more about the books. The prize is usually awarded before the conference dinner. Immediately before, ensure representatives of the shortlisted titles' publishers are present. The prize is a £200 cheque and should be enclosed with a congratulations card. We will announce the outcome in various channels after the annual

BAAL conference. We should also provide the option for winners to donate their prize money to supporting BAAL ECR activities.

Mid-September: Draw up a list of the leftover copies (where relevant), and send it along with the copies to the British Council in London. He/she will make sure that the books get forwarded to the BC in a beneficiary country. Contact the Web Editor to update the prize section of the website. Contact all reviewers of the winning title to ask if they would be happy to have their non-anonymous reviews published in *Applied Linguistics*, provided that they have a free slot. If so, contact the book review editor of *Applied Linguistics* enclosing the reviews, and ask if they want to publish one of them. Report their answer back to the reviewers and put the two parties in touch. Liaise with the book review editor of the BAAL Newsletter to publish a selection of the reviewers' comments. Write to publishers again thanking their participation and nominations.

Appendix 1: The approved changes to the process by the BAAL EC meeting in January, 2021

The following changes with regards to the BAAL book prize were approved by the EC meeting in January, 2021

Procedure

1. To continue asking EC to review books at the shortlisting stage and invite external reviewers from SIG and the BAAL members if needed to cover a particular area.
2. To ask nominations for the final panel of reviewers
3. To adhere to BAAL conflict of interest practices and add the requirement to the form and the website
4. To change the maximum length of review comments to 350 words
5. To delegate the payment processing task and direct general queries to Mosaic
6. To request e-book from the publisher with the option of print copies for the final stage (The e-book arrangement needs to be reviewed for the next around)

Dissemination and publicity

7. To consider organising a BAAL book prize colloquium in future conferences
8. To publicise the shortlist before the conference
9. To promote the shortlist and the winner outcome through social media
10. To put up review quotes for the winner on the website

Communication with the shortlisted authors and publishers

11. To consider 'completing the loop' with the shortlisted authors and publishers when appropriate
12. To compile the list of publishers

Appendix 2: The approved changes to the process by the BAAL EC meeting in January, 2023

Upon consultation with affiliated publishers and the EC, the following amendments/ changes have been introduced:

1. Publishing the evaluation criteria publicly on the BAAL book prize website
2. Introducing measures to encourage submissions from non-mainstream publishers and publishers based outside the UK (see judging criteria section pt.3).
3. Encouraging publishers to consider nominating early career researchers/ first book authors by guaranteeing the inclusion of at least one title from the “first-book” category in the shortlist (see judging criteria section pt.1).
4. Formalising the involvement of non-EC, experienced, BAAL members in the first-round review to improve inclusivity and transparency of the process.
5. For further consideration: formalising the “gift-membership” to winner who are not yet a BAAL member.

The role of Seminars Coordinator

Updated by Paweł Szudarski, June 2026

The main responsibility of the role holder is to organize the awards for BAAL-Cambridge University Press Seminars (henceforth BAAL-CUP¹ Seminars) and BAAL Researcher Development Workshops (henceforth BAAL RD Workshops). As a member of the BAAL EC, the Seminar Coordinator is also responsible for promoting and sustaining attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.

TASK LIST

September

- Use the annual BAAL AGM as a space to remind BAAL members of the seminars/calls held in the previous academic year and to invite them to submit proposals for the calls in the current academic year.
- Launch the call for seminar/workshop proposals this month at the latest.

October

- Circulate the BAAL-CUP Seminar and the BAAL RD Workshop calls via the BAAL e-mail discussion list for a second time in October.
- In relation to an information session to be held this month, invite the BAAL Chair, at least one previously successful seminar awardee and at least one previously successful workshop awardee to participate in the information session for seminar/workshop applicants. The BAAL Chair should open the event by contextualizing the calls and by discussing how relevant the calls are for BAAL, its membership and the field as a whole. The previously successful seminar/workshop awardees should talk about their experiences of applying and holding their respective events.
- Hold an information session for BAAL members who are planning to apply for seminar/workshop funding. This generally takes place at the end of October.
- Update a deck of slides to be used for this event. Check also (and update if necessary) the deck of slides is used by EC members who represent BAAL at funded seminars.

November

- Circulate the BAAL-CUP Seminar and the BAAL RD Workshop calls via the BAAL e-mail discussion list for a third (and last) time in early November.
- The deadline for BAAL-CUP Seminar and BAAL RD Workshop proposals is mid-late November.
- As the proposals come in, check that they contain all necessary information.
- Once the submission deadline is past,

¹ Please note that CUP is used in this document as a shorthand. However, the publisher explicitly asks that the full form – Cambridge University Press – is used in all official communication.

- check with Mosaic whether the lead proponent of each application is a BAAL member. Applications which are not led by a BAAL member should be deemed ineligible unless the lead applicant becomes a member upon request.
- check that no applicants have been awarded funding for the same type of event in the past two years. This applies to all listed applicants irrespective of whether or not they are leading the proposal. Two years must have been elapsed since the previous award, which is counted from the time when the event was held. Please note that successful seminar applicants can apply for workshop funding within the two-year window and that workshop applicants can apply for seminar funding within the two-year window. What is not allowed is for the same person to apply for the same funding call (i.e., seminar or workshop) before two years have elapsed from a previous successful application.
- After the above-mentioned two checks have been completed, send the proposals, the evaluation criteria, the evaluation spreadsheet and the BAAL's conflict of interest statement to the BAAL EC members who have agreed to review the submissions.
 - The reviewers should be asked to declare any conflict of interest asap and they should be provided with a deadline for their individual evaluations.
 - The reviewers should be asked to evaluate the proposals quantitatively in relation to the four set criteria and to provide qualitative feedback on the proposals. This qualitative feedback should be written in such a way that it can be directly shared with the applicants (both successful and unsuccessful ones) later on.

December

- Collate the evaluation from all reviewers into a single document.
 - Try and use the quantitative evaluation from the three reviewers (i.e., your evaluation + the evaluation from two BAAL EC members) to rank the proposals. This may be done by checking the ranking of the proposals per reviewer and/or averaging the scores given by all reviewers.
 - Summarize the qualitative feedback from all the reviewers into bullet points to be shared with applicants, using three headings: (i) positive points, (ii) points that could have been improved, and (iii) points that need to be actioned before final acceptance.
- In the absence of a clear-cut way of ranking proposals, arrange a meeting with the two reviewers to discuss a way forward and/or ask a reserve reviewer to evaluate the proposals.
- Circulate the final spreadsheet containing the final ranking/scores of the proposals and the collective feedback to be provided to applicants to the two BAAL EC members who helped you with the evaluation and seek their approval for the summary.
- On the basis of the evaluation, select...
 - at least two seminar proposals with the highest ratings to recommend for funding (£2,000 each). The total number of awards made can be higher provided that the maximum of £4,000 of funding is observed (half of it comes from BAAL and the other half from CUP);

- at least two workshop proposals up to a maximum of £1,500 each. The total number of awards made can be higher provided that the maximum of £3,000 of funding is observed. Please note that £1,000 is ringfenced for proposals from doctoral students and/or early-career researchers.
- Prepare a summary report to be sent to the BAAL EC for ratification by e-mail. This summary report should include (i) the evaluation spreadsheet containing data on all the submissions and (ii) all the originally received proposals. Remember to set a deadline for the BAAL EC to respond and indicate that their silence will be understood as their agreement with the reviewers' recommendations.

December/January

- Inform all applicants of the results of both the BAAL-CUP Seminars and the BAAL RD Workshops.
- In the e-mail to successful...
 - BAAL-CUP Seminar applicants, attach the BAAL and CUP logos as well as the Guidelines for Seminar Organizers.
 - BAAL RD Workshop applicants, attach the BAAL logo and the Guidelines for Workshop Organizers.
 - In both cases, ask that seminar/workshop organizers confirm their acceptance of the award and that they confirm the dates of their events as soon as possible.
- Respond to questions about the results.

January

- Once all the successful seminar/workshop applicants have confirmed their acceptance of the award,
 - write a summary e-mail to the BAAL Treasurer providing them with the following information: (i) workshop/seminar title; (ii) organizers; (iii) host university; and (iv) amount of funding awarded.
 - write to the CUP (Victoria Willingale / victoria.willingale@cambridge.org) about the final decisions and provide them with relevant info about the selected proposals.
- Send information on the successful BAAL-CUP Seminars and BAAL RD Workshops to the BAAL Web Editor and ask for old seminar/workshop details to be added to the archive on the BAAL's website rather than deleted.
- Communicate the final decisions to the BAAL membership via the mailing list.
- Update the BAAL promotion slides with this new information.
- Check which BAAL EC member could and/or would like to attend each of the BAAL-CUP Seminars. If someone is already attending (as delegate or invited speaker), then they are expected to take on the role of presenting a short talk (i.e., a maximum of 10 minutes) on BAAL (there are slides for this purpose in Dropbox). If nobody is attending the seminar and if nobody responds to the invitation, people based near the venue where the seminar will be held can be invited. BAAL EC representatives would only need to attend for a day or part of a day. (Seminar organizers are expected to waive the registration fee for the BAAL EC representative, and BAAL covers transportation costs.) Once the BAAL

representative has been decided, write to the BAAL-CUP organizers to let them know about that.

February

- BAAL and CUP have agreed to review the Seminar Series on a yearly basis. Check with the CUP contact (Victoria Willingale / victoria.willingale@cambridge.org) that the publisher is happy to continue to fund the next academic year's seminar.
- Liaise with the BAAL Treasurer regarding the payment to be received from CUP for the seminar series (i.e., £2,000).

February-August

- Support successful seminar/workshop applicants with the organization of their events. Please note that they should share their publicity materials with you so that you can double check these materials before they are circulated.

July-September

- Update the call for BAAL-CUP Seminars and BAAL RD Workshops. Consult with the BAAL Chair and Secretary if any changes are made. Changes related to the budget should be discussed with the BAAL Treasurer.
- When the new call is ready, ask the BAAL Website Editor to update the BAAL-CUP Seminar and the BAAL RD Workshop pages with the details of the new calls.
- Circulate the BAAL-CUP Seminar and the BAAL RD Workshop calls via the BAAL e-mail discussion list.
- Request the BAAL Media Coordinator and the BAAL Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer to circulate the calls in the BAAL's social media channels.
- Ask for volunteers from the BAAL EC to review the proposals for each initiative. Usually, BAAL Ordinary Members are individually approached to become members of the panel; and it is generally good to get both new and experienced members. Depending on the number of applications, the same two reviewers could evaluate both the seminar and workshop applications. However, because it is difficult to predict how many applications will be received, it is suggested that four volunteers should be sought (i.e., two for the seminars and two for the workshops). These volunteers will undertake the review together with you. Extra volunteers should be kept as reserve reviewers if there are any conflicts of interest and/or if a Minerva vote is needed.

On-going

- Respond to any queries from BAAL-CUP Seminar and BAAL RD Workshop applicants/organizers.
- Liaise with successful applicants re the details of seminar organization.
- Ensure that BAAL-CUP Seminar organizers...
 - produce the two required reports: one for *BAAL News* (maximum of 1,000 words) and another for *Language Teaching* (maximum of 1,800 words – to be checked with the journal editor every year) within four weeks of the seminars;
 - Pass on the report for *BAAL News* to the BAAL Newsletter Editor.

- Pass on the report for *Language Teaching* to the Editor of *Language Teaching* – Graeme Porte (editorlanguageteaching@gmail.com; gporte@gmail.com).
- send a budget account to the treasurer within two months of the seminars.
- Ensure that BAAL RD Workshop organizers...
 - produce one report for *BAAL News* (maximum of 1,000 words), which should be passed on to the BAAL Newsletter Editor.
- send a budget account to BAAL treasurer within two months of the seminars.

Other tasks

- Attend the three Executive Committee (EC) meetings and the AGM and prepare reports for these. The deadlines for these are December, April and August with precise dates and reminders sent by the BAAL Secretary.
- Review books for the BAAL Book Prize as requested by the Publication Secretary.

Expenses

- BAAL pays travel expenses for all three executive meetings and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an extra night's accommodation prior to the conference). Please try and book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce costs (please keep all receipts).

The role of BAAL SIG Coordinator

Updated by Ceri Morgan, 2026

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in BAAL form a core of support and ensure a range of interests are catered for at the Annual Meeting and at year-round events. There are currently twenty-two full SIGs.

The current BAAL Special Interest Groups are:

- Asian Language Education in Global Contexts
- Corpus Linguistics
- English Medium Instruction (EMI)
- Health and Science Communication
- Humans, Machines, Language (HuMaLa)
- Intercultural Communication
- Language and Education for Social Justice (LESJ)
- Language and New Media
- Language and Race
- Language Curriculum
- Language in Africa
- Language Policy
- Language, Gender and Sexuality
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum (LEF)
- Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education (LKALE)
- Multilingualism
- Literacies (formerly PAWBL: Professional, Academic and Work-based Literacies)
- Research Synthesis in Applied Linguistics
- Research Involving Children (RICH)
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment (TEA)
- Vocabulary

The purpose of SIGs is to promote or enhance focused discussion within their specific fields of applied linguistics. The benefit of the relationship with BAAL for the SIGs is that they have affiliation to the national body (and a registered charity) representing applied linguistics in the UK. The advantage for BAAL is that SIGs broaden its base of interests and offer events at which specialist subsets of the BAAL membership can exchange ideas. A SIG operates autonomously, but BAAL remains legally responsible for the activities of the group. SIGs therefore have certain responsibilities to the parent organisation.

The role of the SIG Coordinator is mainly facilitative and supportive, representing the SIGs' interests to the BAAL Executive Committee. There is however also an element of

administration as the Coordinator also represents BAAL to the SIGs and so helps to ensure that certain guidelines are followed in SIG affairs.

The SIG Coordinator's tasks comprise:

Liaising with SIGs

- supporting SIG Convenors in the running of their SIG by answering email queries
- disseminating access to the SIG Handbook to new SIG Convenors
- reviewing and approving SIG Event budgets (this is per event – a one off task for each event although sometimes they are batted back and forth if not detailed enough)
- encouraging all SIG Convenors and Treasurers to submit their annual reports on time (**15 August and 30 June** respectively) and pay the accountant's fee of £25.00
- convening meetings with SIG Convenors and Treasurers, for the sharing of ideas, questions and good practice. This is usually once a year in-person at the BAAL annual meeting in **September**, and online at other points in the year
- maintaining the JISCMail list for SIG Convenors and Treasurers
- maintaining a Dropbox folder for SIG Convenors and Treasurers to access relevant information
- advising applicants for new SIGs on how to apply for SIG status
- advising on the opening of SIG bank accounts and providing a letter of support if necessary
- advising on the closing of inactive SIGs

BAAL Executive committee

- attending the 3 BAAL EC meetings and the AGM (**January, May and September** – precise dates sent by the secretary)
- representing SIG interests at the BAAL Executive Committee Meetings
- providing a report on SIG issues and activities for each BAAL EC Meeting, AGM and for the online newsletter (September, January and May – precise dates and reminders sent by the secretary and newsletter editor respectively). See the website for samples of both types of report.
- bringing new SIG applications to the **January** EC meeting for feedback/approval; Liaise with new SIG proposers if revisions are requested; January is the annual submission deadline and new SIG proposer should aim to follow this timeline. However, in some cases, the SIG coordinator can agree to review a new application submitted at other time points (i.e. May or September EC meeting).
- bringing new SIG First Year reports to the **January** EC meeting for feedback/approval;

- promoting and sustaining attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications

BAAL annual meeting

- liaising with the local organising committee and SIGs to ensure the successful running of SIG tracks at the BAAL Annual Meeting (**from September before**):
 - find out if SIGs want a track or colloquium (October)
 - make sure SIG convenors advertise the track (November-March)
 - remind SIG convenors to choose abstract vetters for the Annual Meeting and disseminate SIG-related abstracts to them (March-April)
 - ask SIG convenors to approve allocated abstracts (May)
 - liaise with LOC to set up tracks and SIG annual meetings (June-July)

Administrative

- updating the SIG section of the BAAL website
- updating and maintaining the SIG Handbook
- maintaining the JISCMail list for SIG Convenors and Treasurers
- maintaining the Dropbox for sharing relevant SIG documents

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Monthly task cycle:

Date	Action
September	Conference organisation Consider holding a meeting at BAAL's annual conference with SIG convenors. Contact next year's conference LOC to ensure that somebody is appointed to organise the SIG tracks (or talk to them at September EC meeting).
Early October	BAAL conference LOC to prompt SIG coordinator to ask SIGs if they wish to hold EITHER a track (based upon individual proposals) OR a colloquium (on a SIG-related theme). The former is the default and more usual practice. (Unless the LOC is using a different conference format, in which case the SIG Coordinator liaise between the LOC and the SIG convenors regarding SIG activities at the annual conference.)

November-March	Once conference call is out, SIG co-ordinator to advise SIG convenors to advertise their SIG track; and to send a general email to BAAL, drawing people's attention to the SIG presence at the conference. LOC to approach SIG convenors (through SIG co-ordinator) for abstract reviewers (usually two main reviewers and a supplementary one).
May	LOC to approach SIG convenors (through SIG co-ordinator) to approve the track and its running order; and to check who from the SIG will be chairing.
June/July	LOC to include SIGs in timetable and keep SIG co-ordinator updated. SIG coordinator to remind SIG convenors to contact speakers by email to introduce themselves and the SIGs. Annual reports SIG coordinator to remind SIG treasurers to complete financial report and send receipts for end of June deadline for auditing. Liaise with BAAL accountant. Gather reports, receipts and cheques together and send to accountant. Feed back to SIG treasurers after audit. Remind SIG convenors to complete annual report for mid-August deadline.
Throughout year	Hold online meetings with convenors and treasurers during the year Check and approve BAAL SIG event budgets (with BAAL treasurer) Remind SIGs to produce post-event reports and send to BAAL newsletter. Process any applications for new SIGs (to be taken to January EC meeting) Answer queries from SIGs. Ensure relevant parts of the website are kept updated Keep BAAL Media Officer informed of SIG events Maintain the JISCMail list for communicating with convenors and treasurers Maintain the Dropbox with relevant SIG documents

The role of BAAL Website Editor

Updated by Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, June 2025

The Website Editor's main responsibility is to maintain BAAL's website – www.baal.org.uk – and keep it updated and to work with the Media Coordinator to develop strategies to raise BAAL's profile and facilitate digital communication with the general public and members.

The tasks include:

- Monitoring the website to ensure content is not corrupted and links still work. This should be done at least once a year.
- Providing design suggestions for the website. As content changes, the website itself needs to adapt. Periodically (about once every three years) the site design itself should be reviewed and, if necessary, updated.
- Pruning the website. The entire website should be checked regularly and redundant content removed.
- Updating the website content. This happens both reactively (when EC members pass on content to be uploaded) and proactively.

Liaising with MOSAIC and reviewing the content and materials in the Members' Area. As of 2023, the website is hosted by the BAAL administrator (MOSAIC) and the platform used is WordPress. MOSAIC can upload content on behalf of BAAL, on request from the Website Editor. It is therefore not necessary for the Website Editor to know how to construct websites in html etc. However, it will be useful to develop a basic ability to modify the site using WordPress, which has a user-friendly interface and can be modified with html, if the Website Editor is familiar with this script.

Along with other members of the BAAL EC, the Website Editor is also responsible for promoting and sustaining attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.

Sources of Information

The main sources of information for website content are:

- Emails from other members of the committee and SIG convenors
- Emails from BAAL members relating to BAAL activities
- Emails from BAAL administrator
- Other members of BAAL (the wider community)

Weekly Schedule

The following tasks should be carried out weekly:

- Check web content for any out-of-date information, and to ensure that this is corrected. This can be done independently in the case of minor amendments, or by liaising with relevant members of the Executive Committee when appropriate. For more substantive changes, these will need to be signed off by the Chair and/or Secretary.
- Update information as required by other committee members/BAAL administrator

Other Tasks

- Prepare reports for Committee (three times a year). Mostly this will be usage statistics, but there will sometimes be something bigger to report. It is important that the Web Editor attend as many Committee meetings as possible; many ideas are put forward which can or will involve the website. See committee papers for examples.
- Prepare the AGM report (once a year). This is usually short and follows a standard format. See AGM papers, for examples.
- Contribute to other activities and working groups in the BAAL EC.
- Review for the BAAL Book Prize.

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The role of BAAL Ordinary Member

Updated by Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, June 2025

Typical duties include:

- Undertaking special projects and ad hoc tasks that emerge for the EC.
- Supporting other members of the EC and facilitating delivery of the tasks of the EC as appropriate. Examples are:
 - Refereeing applications to the Applying Linguistics Fund and taking a potentially leading role in the competition (e.g. drafting call and liaising with EC, devising and managing the reviewing process, liaising with applicants, providing feedback to unsuccessful applicants, updating the Applying Linguistics Fund section on the BAAL website, etc).
 - Reviewing abstracts for the Annual Conference
 - Refereeing applications to the BAAL seminars
 - Reading and reviewing updates, plans and budgets for future conferences
 - Reading and writing short report on at least one book for book prize
 - (Sometimes) contributing to the BAAL Newsletter
 - (Sometimes) representing BAAL at Routledge/CUP BAAL seminars
- Contributing to discussion, decision making and queries among the EC.
- Taking minutes at BAAL EC and AGM meetings.
- As a member of EC, attending three BAAL EC meetings and the AGM each year and taking actions as agreed in meetings.
- Contributing to and voting on EC issues and decisions by email
- Promoting and sustaining attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.
- Ensuring that the role description for Ordinary Members is up to date, and, if needed, updating it.
- Review for the BAAL Book Prize.

Please note:

Ordinary members are *not* normally expected to be involved in any monetary transactions or purchases. There have been occasional occurrences of phishing scams target at new members. If you experience anything suspicious, please report it to the BAAL chair.

Monthly breakdown of possible key tasks (the tasks may differ from year to year)

- December - review applications for BAAL CUP seminars

- January - prepare for and attend January EC meeting, take minutes, collect BAAL book prize book(s) and prepare short review(s) by early April
- March - review BAAL conference abstracts
- May - prepare for and attend summer EC meeting, take minutes
- June - review applications for the Committee on Linguistics in Education (CLiE) rep
- September – attend third EC meeting and BAAL conference, participate in evaluating for poster/student presentation prizes, take minutes at AGM

Expenses

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The role of the BAAL CLiE Representative

Updated by Emma Marsden, July 2017, and Gee Macrory, June 2022

The Committee for Linguistics in Education (CLiE) is a joint committee of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB) and the British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL) www.clie.org.

It aims to explore and evaluate ways in which linguistics and applied linguistics might contribute towards the school curriculum and the professional training of teachers.

Its meetings provide a forum for the exchange of information and opinion on matters of mutual interest and concern to representatives of associations and groups involved in linguistics in education. Around 15 other organisations with interests in language and languages in the education system send a representative.

The committee meets three times a year (October, February and June).

BAAL and LAGB each sponsor four representatives.

BAAL CLiE reps should be well informed about the UK education system, have time and enthusiasm for working with colleagues to advance the applied linguistics evidence base in UK education and be resident in the UK (this is mainly for reasons to do with BAAL's financing of travel expenses). Three of these representatives are 'ordinary' members. For BAAL 'ordinary' representatives the role lasts for 3 years. If the BAAL rep is unable to attend one of the three scheduled meetings, it would be normal practice to arrange a replacement for that meeting.

One of the four BAAL reps will take the role of CLiE Chair or Secretary, as determined by the BAAL executive, to lead or organise meetings, minutes, and follow up actions. These roles alternate between BAAL and LAGB members. It is customary that after 3 years the Secretary becomes Chair, for a further three years.

The BAAL representative who is Secretary or Chair will be co-opted onto the BAAL Executive committee.

The Secretary or Chair will also deal with CLiE membership of appropriate of associations and of ordinary BAAL reps. As places for ordinary CLiE reps from BAAL become vacant, invitations to apply are sent out to BAAL members, and the Chair or Secretary provides profiles for the BAAL exec to select the most appropriate applicant. The Secretary and Chair of CLiE should consider the complete CLiE membership profile on a yearly basis in January and report any renewals due as a standing item at the February meeting. For example, any BAAL rep whose term is due for completion or renewal could be considered and consulted about before the meeting.

As a member of the BAAL exec, the Chair or Secretary of CLiE is expected to provide a report for committee meetings and the AGM to ensure that BAAL is informed of and supportive of CLiE activities. They are also responsible for promoting and sustaining attention to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness in all aspects of BAAL's activities and communications.

On CLiE the role is to ensure that BAAL approves of CLiE activities and that interests related to Linguistics in Education are included in CLiE business.

Expenses - BAAL pays travel expenses for all three CLiE meetings, attendance at BAAL exec meetings (as required) and registration and accommodation costs for the BAAL conference and AGM (including the cost of an extra night's accommodation and annual executive dinner prior to the conference). A form from the treasurer has to be completed, with all receipts. Reps are encouraged to book travel as far in advance as possible to reduce costs.

CLiE also has **co-opted members** and occasional guest speakers for whom expenses are shared between BAAL and LAGB. The practice is that expense claims for alternate meetings are sent to BAAL and LAGB.

Term of membership: The original CLiE constitution states: The Committee so appointed shall be empowered to invite appropriate associations to appoint representatives for periods of three years (renewable). Up to four individuals may be co-opted for the same period. Nominated members may have their nominations renewed annually.

The facility to co-opt members allows CLiE to invite membership from an individual rather than an organisation. But the practice of serving a 3 year term has lapsed, so in September 2013, the topic was raised with both LAGB and BAAL executives and re-established. **The term of a co-opted member shall be three years. The three year period may be extended. This is a decision for the Chair and Secretary (so both LAGB and BAAL are involved), who could consult the other (non co-opted) members if necessary** to decide whether the original reason for co-opting them is still relevant and, if so, whether the needs are being fulfilled. It would be possible to consider the option to renew annually if members feel they can commit fully to CLiE

If on the basis of this exercise there then becomes a vacancy, then CLiE considers who is invited to fulfil a specific role. This should provide a way of keeping and getting the co-opted membership that is most useful and relevant to the concerns of CLiE for a suitable period of time.

The role of the BAAL Book Reviews Editor

Updated by Sal Consoli, December 2021

The BAAL Book Review Editor plays a pivotal role in disseminating insights from cutting-edge publications from the field of applied linguistics. The postholder will select books for review, identify suitable reviewers, coordinate the reviewing process, and appraise the final reviews before publication in the BAAL Newsletter (published twice a year – one winter and one summer edition). There are usually 5 to 7 reviews in each edition of the BAAL Newsletter and the workload for this post is expected to be equivalent to one hour a week during term time.

Main tasks:

- Identify books for review on a range of topics from:
 - publisher catalogues;
 - publisher announcements;
 - BAALmail list;
 - conference book displays;
 - emails from authors and publishers;
 - reviewer requests.
- Request copies from publishers (by email for some, but increasingly using online forms).
- Add book details to *BAAL Book Reviews Log* and *List of Books Available* (liaise with BAAL Newsletter Editor).
- Maintain publisher and book request details list on Excel spreadsheet.
- Respond to requests for books from reviewers, checking academic credentials if unsure.
- Send book to reviewers:
 - prepare invitation and guidelines letter using templates;
 - for hard copies, arrange for BAAL Admin Office to post book and letter to reviewer;
 - for eBooks, email letter and link to reviewer.
- Appraise book reviews received and, where necessary, request changes and review again (changes are mostly requested due to word count or lack of critical element).
- Copy-edit reviews and format for publication in BAAL Newsletter.
- Chase up reviews when newsletter publication date approaches; follow up with missed deadlines.
- Send reviews and *List of Books Available* to BAAL Newsletter Editor.
- Notify reviewers and publishers once book reviews are published.