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## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007

### 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President, Chris Sinha, outlined the mixed outcomes of the Association over the past 2 years. The Association counts many members internationally (>235), and UK Cognitive Linguistics research has a rising profile in the international community, but the UK-CLA represents only a small community within the UK. The Association should therefore focus on growing within the UK.

Other points mentioned:

- the Association has a working website
- the Association is officially affiliated to the ICLA
- the Association has an active mailing list
- the Association runs its own newsletter
- the Association is publicised by the LAGB and BAAL
- Members of the Association have organised a number of successful events, including international conferences, symposia, postgraduate conferences.

### 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (note that the new board has been active since the closing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> UK-CLC meeting)

- President (*exiting Chris Sinha*): Vyv Evans
- Vice-president (*exiting Vyv Evans*): Ewa Dabrowska
- secretary (*exiting Stephanie Pourcel*): Stephanie Pourcel
- treasurer (*exiting Jason Harrison*): vacant
- webmaster / publicity officer (*exiting John Sung*): Stephanie Pourcel
- newsletter editor (*exiting June Luchjenbroers*): June Luchjenbroers
- general officers (x3) (*exiting Ewa Dabrowska, Gabriella Rundblad, Jonathan Charteris-Black*): Gabriella Rundblad, Chris Sinha, Christopher Hart

### 3. JOURNAL

Proposal: It was proposed that the Association should sponsor the launch of a new journal with the working title: *Language and Cognition*. Publisher: Edinburgh UP (or Cambridge UP); Scope: interdisciplinary journal in the cognitive and language sciences. The journal to be identified as the journal of the Association. Possible formula: *Language and Cognition* is an interdisciplinary journal in the language and cognitive sciences and is the journal of the UK Cognitive Linguistics Association.

Decision: incoming President is tasked with establishing and starting the journal. The editorial structure to be decided in consultation with the Board and the publisher.

#### 4. UK-CLA MEMBERSHIP

Proposal: Membership will be on the basis of *either* payment of a membership fee (subscribing membership) to include the Journal subscription *or* payment of the registration fee for the UK-CLA biannual conference. Membership will be valid for 2 years. Subscribing members will receive, as well the subscription to *Language and Cognition*, a discounted registration fee for UK-CLA events. The subscribing membership fees and a proportion of conference registration fees will be set by the Governing Board at a level that will meet website costs. All paying members and all registered participants at the UK-CLA biannual conference have the right to vote on motions and in elections at the UK-CLA business meeting.

Decision: Use this proposal as a starting point for further discussion and development.

#### 5. FORTHCOMING UK-CLA MEETINGS IN 2009 AND 2011

- dates / frequency of meetings relative to ICLC conferences – no decision taken
- venue and organisers
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> UK-CLA: proposals are invited subject to confirmation
  - 4<sup>th</sup> UK-CLA: proposals are invited subject to confirmation
- suggestion to organise UKCLC jointly with LAGB meetings
- ICLC 2013 in the UK: proposals are invited (ideally before next ICLC meeting in 2009)

#### 6. CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

- article 2
- article 8
- article 9
- article 12
- article 16

All amendments agreed and effected.

7. **AOB**: thanks to outgoing President and to the organisers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> UK-CLC.

8. **NEXT BUSINESS MEETING**: forthcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> UK-CLC to be announced.