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* Results of the 2002 elections

A total of 142 ballots were received by the announced deadline of December 30, 2002. Seven of these were cast by e-mail. Elected were:

Vice President (2003) and President-Elect for 2004: David S. Rood Member of the Executive Committee (2003-05): Douglas R. Parks Secretary-Treasurer (2003): Victor Golla Member of the Nominating Committee (2003-05): Monica Macaulay

* Hale Prize awarded to Emory Sekaquaptewa

SSILA's first annual Ken Hale Prize, recognizing outstanding community language work and a deep commitment to the documentation, preservation and reclamation of indigenous languages in the Americas, was presented at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta to Emory Sekaquaptewa, Research Anthropologist with the Bureau of Applied Research at the University of Arizona, member of the Hopi Tribe, and a Hopi Tribal Judge, for combining excellence in contributions to linguistics with excellence in community service in support of the development of the Hopi language. The members of the 2002 Hale Prize Committee were Sara Trechter (chair),

Randolph Graczyk, and Nora England. Judge Sekaquaptewa requested that the monetary award (\$500) should go to the Hopi Foundation.

* SSILA to meet again with LSA in 2003-04

There was a wide-ranging discussion during the Annual Business Meeting in Atlanta of future relationships between SSILA, LSA, and the AAA (American Anthropological Association). Based on a decision of the Executive Committee and a member survey, SSILA moved its meetings from AAA to LSA this year, breaking a pattern of rotation between the two meetings.

It was noted that the matter was discussed at the AAA meetings in November, especially with the Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA),

which hopes to continue a relationship with SSILA and had offered to guarantee SSILA two sessions in the annual meeting. President Leanne Hinton noted that a growing majority of SSILA members are LSA members, but there are still many AAA members in SSILA, including graduate students. However, AAA is difficult to deal with due to its size, which

makes SSILA a low priority for its administrators. President Hinton, speaking for the SSILA Executive Committee, asked the members present to vote between two choices: (1) To continue to meet every year at LSA but to set up a smaller set of panels (without a business meeting) at AAA, annually if possible; and (2) to return to the alternating meetings.

The 2003-04 meeting would have to be with the LSA in Boston since there is probably not time to begin discussions with AAA for their November 2003 meeting in Chicago, but rotation would begin again thereafter.

After extensive discussion the majority present voted in favor of the first alternative, and instructed the Executive Committee to continue working with the AAA and the SLA to develop appropriate structures for SSILA participation in those meetings.

* Problems with preregistration?

It has come to our attention that two SSILA members who preregistered for the LSA/SSILA meeting through SSILA discovered, on arrival in Atlanta, that there was no record of their payment. They were asked to register again through the LSA. This has now been rectified and the duplicate payments refunded, but we are concerned that other members may have experienced the same problem. If you submitted a preregistration fee to SSILA before the December 6 cut-off date, you should not have been asked to pay any other fee on-site in Atlanta. If you think this may have happened to you, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer immediately at <gola@ssila.org>.

185.1 Correspondence

* Opportunities for students at U of Wisconsin-Madison

From Monica Macaulay (mmacaula@wisc.edu) 6 Jan 2003:

Dear Colleagues,

If you have any wonderful undergrads who are applying to graduate school for next year (starting 03-04) and are interested in American Indian languages, please suggest applying to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Linguistics (send them to http://ling.wisc.edu/ and also http://www.wisc.edu/grad/eapp/index.html). I will have two Project Assistantships next year, one for 50% support and one for 33% support, with a possibility of extension on one of them for up to three years. (Project Assistantships come with a tuition waiver.) These will both be for work on the Menominee dictionary that Marianne Milligan and I are undertaking.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop me a line at <mmacaula@wisc.edu>. Thank you!

--Monica Macaulay Chair, Department of Linguistics University of Wisconsin, Madison

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185.2 Adding Language Interests to the On-line Directory

From Ardis Eschenberg (ardis@ssila.org) 13 Jan 2003:

>From the SSILA webmistress:

At the recent SSILA conference, it was brought to my attention that many members would find it helpful to be able to search the on-line directory for other members with particular interests (language family, language, subdiscipline). If you would be interested in sharing this information via the world wide web, please email me a short statement of your interests, on *one* line of a reply message. For example:

TO: ardis@ssila.org FROM: jodorsey@bae.si.edu SUBJECT: SSILA interests

My interests are Omaha, Siouan languages, texts and discourse.

--J. Owen Dorsey

These interests will be posted in the web Directory along with your address and email, and will be searchable. Be aware that this information will be public, and if you say you're interested in Language X you may have web-surfers asking you how to say 'I love you', translate a name, or provide similar stuff in that language. Thus, what to post (if anything) is completely your choice.

I'd also be glad to hear any comments and suggestions you have about the site in general.

Happy New Year!

--Ardis

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(ardis@ssila.org)

185.3 Upcoming Meetings

* Athabascan Languages Conference: Change of date

The 2003 Athabascan Languages Conference at Humboldt State University, which was scheduled to meet in the last week of June, has had to be rescheduled to June 5-7, three weeks earlier, due to conflict with another event. The organizers apologize for any inconvenience.

The formal call for papers will be sent out later this month. In the meanwhile direct all questions to Victor Golla at <golla@ssila.org>.

185.4 Websites of Interest

* Kuna information on-line

From Marta de Gerdes (Klaus_Gerdes@t-online.de) 31 Dec 2002:

We are pleased to announce that the Kuna Data Base (dbKuna) is now

accessible to the general public:

http://lettere.media.unisi.it/kuna/

It features an on-line bibliographic catalogue (partially annotated), a directory of researchers, and links to interesting Kuna sites, including a few for linguistics and literature. These can be found in the "Information" menu of the site, under "links". The graphics are still under construction.

For more information e-mail Marta de Gerdes (martadegerdes@hotmail.com) or Vianor Perez Kungiler (kungiler@hotmail.com).

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