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George E. Heidorn has accepted appointment as Editor of AJCL. His term begins with the first issue for 1979.

The experiment with a microfiche journal is over. The next issue of the journal will be on paper, with possible microfiche supplement.

The retiring Editor apologizes to the membership for the long delay in release of the present material for publication. Grave personal difficulties interfered with all of Hays's routine activities during the period, and voluntary activities necessarily suffered most.

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## ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

MINUTES: 16th Annual Business Meeting  
 26 July 1978  
 University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois  
 Jonathan Allen, President, presiding

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Allen noted that the minutes of the previous meeting had been published in the Finite String, Volume 14, Number 3, Microfiche 65 of the American Journal of Computational Linguistics.

## FINANCIAL STATUS

Don Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, reviewed the financial status of the Association, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. He presented income and expenses both for 1977 and for 1978 through 21 July. The balances of \$6,332.19 for 1977 and \$7,060.63 for 1978 constitute assets of \$13,392.82. However, the major costs for AJCL for the current year are yet to be incurred, and dues for AFIPS have not yet been billed. At the same time, the \$1,000 advance to cover costs of the TINLAP-2 Meeting is likely to be returned, along with a portion of the excess of income over expenses, which will be shared with ACM/SIGART.

The indebtedness of the Association to the Center for Applied Linguistics, which housed the previous Secretariat, has been paid off. Of the total of \$13,486.06, funds from the previous Secretariat provided \$9,913.92; \$3,572.14 was taken out of income for 1977.

Walker remarked that the income item from AFIPS for 1977 of \$2,365, which reflected a disbursement of surplus funds from the National Computer Conference, was unlikely to be repeated again soon. AFIPS is in the process of creating a new journal, ABACUS, modeled after Scientific American, and future surpluses probably will be used to defray or at least to backup the startup costs. The journal is expected to be self-sustaining, and might eventually show a profit.

The current balance in the TINLAP-1 Account is \$109.41; approximately 75 copies remain.

## MEMBERSHIP

Walker reported membership figures for 1977 of 500 individual and 201 institutional, for a total of 701. The current figures for 1978, through 21 July, are 405 individual and 208 institutional, for a total of 613. A slightly more detailed breakdown is attached to these Minutes.

## EDITOR'S REPORT

Dave Hays, Editor of the AJCL, announced that he was resigning, effective at the end of the year. The next issue will include the TINLAP Proceedings; the final issue of the current year will contain a complete index for the five years of its publication. The Journal was established in 1974 as an NSF-sponsored experiment in microfiche publication. Anticipating the implications of George Heidorn's survey (see below), Hays remarked that this mode of publication is likely to be replaced by microprocessor technology and might never receive a full scale trial.

Allen expressed the gratitude of the Association to Hays for his devotion, his constructiveness, and his tireless efforts in establishing and sustaining the AJCL. This tribute was affirmed by the members. Allen then announced that Heidorn, currently Associate Editor, would replace Hays as Editor in January.

## A NEW FORMAT FOR THE AJCL

Heidorn presented the results of his survey of the membership regarding a new format for the AJCL. Of 513 questionnaires mailed (to both current members and to members who paid for 1977 but not yet for 1978); 212 were returned. The responses favored creation of a hard copy edition, similar in format to the Communications of the ACM, with or without an accompanying microfiche version. Most members felt that such a change would encourage a wider readership and an increase in the submission of technical articles. A more comprehensive report by Heidorn is included elsewhere in this issue.

Allen reported that the Executive Committee, after reviewing Heidorn's findings, has decided to issue the Journal in the new format with both hard copy and microfiche versions sent to each member, beginning with the first issue of 1979. The microfiche also may contain appendixes for technical articles, program listings, and other material of interest to the membership but less appropriate for inclusion in hard copy form, like the list of members.

## NEXT MEETING

Allen stated that a decision about the time and place of the 1979 meeting had not yet been made. Asilomar, near Monterey in California, is being considered, possibly around the time of the next International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, which will be held in Tokyo from 20 to 24 August. In the discussion, members expressed concern that the choice should not discourage attendance by graduate students.

For 1980, the Executive Committee recommended that a third TINLAP meeting be held. The President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer constitute an interim committee to investigate this possibility and to negotiate with SIGART, as appropriate. Allen also remarked that an offer already had been received from Aravind Joshi to host TINLAP-3 at the University of Pennsylvania.

## NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 1979

Aravind Joshi, reporting for the Nominating Committee (Joshi, Petrick, and Chapin), announced the following nominations for officers for 1979:

Nominating Committee: Jonathan Allen, MIT  
 Executive Committee: Stanley Rosenschein, RAND  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Donald Walker, SRL International  
 Vice President: Bonnie Lynn Webber, University of Pennsylvania  
 President: Ronald Kaplan, Xerox Palo Alto Research Center

No additional nominations were received from the floor. Allen called for a vote, which was unanimous, and the slate was declared elected.

## NEW BUSINESS

Carol Lane presented a resolution supporting the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. After extensive discussion and after motions to amend and to table were defeated, the members affirmed the following substitute resolution by a vote of 20 to 13:

WHEREAS, inclusion in the Constitution of these United States is the basic unalienable right of every citizen;

WHEREAS, the Association for Computational Linguistics views as intolerable the selective exclusion of over one-half the population of this country;

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment, writing women into the Constitution, must be ratified by three-fourths of the states (38) prior to its incorporation

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all future conventions, meetings, and conferences of the Association for Computational Linguistics will, for the duration of time during which the Equal Rights Amendment is under consideration by the several states of the United States, be held only in those states that have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.

## RESOLUTIONS

Having set out in advance the syntax of his report for the Resolutions Committee, Ron Kaplan expressed the gratitude of the Association to Dave Waltz, his session organizers, and the University of Illinois for the organization and conduct of the meeting; to the National Science Foundation, and particularly to Carol Ganz Brown, for its financial support; to the current officers for their constructive efforts during the first part of their elective term (and with encouragement to continue these efforts for the rest of the year); to the retiring members of the AJCL Editorial Board--Robert Barnes, Fred Damerou, Gary Martins, John Olney, and Naomi Sager--for five years of effective service; to Dave Hays for his countless hours and fruitful endeavors in

realization of the AJCL; and to George Heidorn for his willingness to become the new editor.

Dave Hays called attention to the efforts of Martin and Iris Kay in the preparation of the AJCL Bibliography, and they were duly included in the list of resolutions.

The members affirmed these sentiments enthusiastically, and Allen directed the Secretary-Treasurer to express the appreciation of the Association formally to Dave Waltz..

The meeting adjourned.

Donald E. Walker  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attachments: Financial Status, Membership Status, Officers for 1979

## ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

Secretary-Treasurer's Report  
(as of 21 July 1978)

FINANCIAL STATUS

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
<u>Income:</u>		
Dues	\$13285.74	\$11337.73
Back Issues	1790.00	825.00
Meetings	1395.00	
AFIPS	2365.00	
Mailing Labels	62.40	107.75
Interest	352.13	246.58
TINLAP-1 Account	435.00	52.50
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	\$19685.27	\$12569.16
 <u>Expenses:</u>		
AJCL Production	\$ 4125.20	\$ 1110.76
AJCL Bibliography	1412.50	1084.67
AJCL Editorial	208.61	385.33
Meeting Expenses	390.65	1000.00
AFIPS Dues	500.00	
Secretariat Services	1538.26	1046.00
Postage	839.60	675.62
Supplies	370.02	55.27
Printing	83.60	143.28
TINLAP-1 Account	312.50	7.50
Center for Applied Linguistics	3572.14	
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	\$13353.08	\$ 5508.53
 <u>Balance:</u>	 \$ 6332.19	 \$ 7060.63
 <u>Assets:</u>		
Savings		\$11207.54
Checking		2153.25
Petty Cash		32.03
		-----
		\$13392.82

Center for Applied Linguistics Account

Debt (as of 3-14-77)	\$13486.06
Paid (out of 1976 funds)	9913.92
(out of 1977 funds)	3572.14
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	0.00

TINLAP-1 Account

Current Balance	\$109.41
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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Individual	500	405
US	364	300
Foreign	136	105
Institutional	201	208
US	92	109
Foreign	109	110
Special	19	19
TOTALS	701	613



## ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

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	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
President	Yngve	Hays	Lehmann	Garvin
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Sec-Treas	Josselson	Josselson	Josselson	Josselson
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Committee	Garvin	Garvin	Hockett	Hockett
-----	Lehmann	Lehmann	Kuno	Prendergraft
Editor (FS)	Roberts	Roberts	Roberts	Roberts
Nominating	See	Yngve	Yngve	Yngve
Committee	Oettinger	Oettinger	Hays	Hays
-----	Lamb	Lamb	Lamb	Lieberman
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
President	Kuno	Walker	Kay	Plath
Vice-Pres	Walker	Mersel	Plath	Friedman
Sec-Treas	Josselson	Josselson	Josselson	Josselson
Executive	Satterthwait	Satterthwait	Satterthwait	Wall
Committee	Hockett	Fromkin	Fromkin	Fromkin
-----	Pendergraft	Pendergraft	Montgomery	Montgomery
Editor (FS)	Roberts	Roberts	Roberts	Roberts
Editor (MTCL)	Yngve	Yngve	Yngve	Yngve
Nominating	Garvin	Garvin	Garvin	Kay
Committee	Hays	Kuno	Kuno	Kuno
-----	Lieberman	Lieberman	Walker	Walker
	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
President	Friedman	Simmons	Barnes	Woods
Vice-Pres	Simmons	Fromkin	Woods	Wall
Sec-Treas	Josselson	Roberts	Roberts	Roberts
Executive	Wall	Wall	Martins	Martins
Committee	Robinson	Robinson	Robinson	Joshi
-----	Montgomery	Chapin	Chapin	Chapin
Editor (FS)	Roberts	Roberts	Roberts	
Editor (AJCL)				Hays
Nominating	Kay	Kay	Simmons	Simmons
Committee	Plath	Plath	Plath	Barnes
-----	Walker	Friedman	Friedman	Friedman
	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
President	Joshi	Petrick	Chapin	Allen
Vice-Pres	Petrick	Grimes	Allen	Kaplan
Sec-Treas	Roberts	Roberts	Walker	Walker
Executive	Martins	Diller	Diller	Diller
Committee	Rieger	Rieger	Hobbs	Hobbs
-----	Nash-Webber	Nash-Webber	Nash-Webber	Bruce
Editor (AJCL)	Hays	Hays	Hays	Hays
Assoc Editor			Heidorn	Heidorn
Nominating	Simmons	Joshi	Joshi	Joshi
Committee	Barnes	Barnes	Petrick	Petrick
-----	Woods	Woods	Woods	Chapin

	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
President	Kaplan			
Vice-Pres	Webber			
Sec-Treas	Walker			
Executive Committee	Rosenschein Hobbs	Rosenschein	Rosenschein	
-----	Bruce	Bruce		
Editor (AJCL)	Heidorn			
Assoc Editor				
Nominating Committee	Allen Petrick	Allen	Allen	
-----	Chapin	Chapin		

FS = The Finite String

MTCL = Machine Translation and Computational Linguistics

AJCL = American Journal of Computational Linguistics

N S F SUPPORT FOR COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

Paul G. Chapin, Director of the Linguistics Program of the National Science Foundation, announced the following grants for research of obvious relevance to computational linguistics.

LANGUAGE UNIVERSALS ARCHIVING PROJECT

Charles A. Ferguson and Joseph Greenberg  
Stanford University - \$49,200 - 13 months

COMPUTER STUDIES IN FORMAL LINGUISTICS

Joyce Friedman  
University of Michigan - \$40,000 - 24 months  
(The Intelligent Systems Program of NSF awarded the same amount)

COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY OF GRAMMAR & NL RECOGNITION PROBLEMS

William Rounds  
University of Michigan - \$44,600 - 24 months

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## N S F SUPPORT FOR COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

During the Fiscal Year 1978, the Division of Science Information of NSF issued at least the following grants for support of research relevant to computational linguistics.

### CORRELATION OF LANGUAGE STRUCTURE WITH INFORMATION

Zellig S. Harris

University of Pennsylvania - \$163,329 - 29 months

### INTEGRATED MAN/MACHINE INTERFACE FOR NETWORK RESOURCE UTILIZATION

Martha E. Williams

University of Illinois - \$174,432 - 24 months

## HIGH-LEVEL LANGUAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Microprocessor Standards Committee of the IEEE formed a subcommittee to work on standards for the five high-level languages widely used in microprocessor applications: Basic, Fortran, Cobol, PL/M, and Pascal. The object foreseen was the identification and endorsement of appropriate standards. The first meeting was called in October by Bruce Ravenel of Language Resources, 1311 Lombard Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

## MANPOWER SURVEY IN LINGUISTICS

What fields need linguists or persons with some linguistic knowledge? What are the "demands and perspectives" of present and possible employing institutions? Anyone with information relevant to these issues can correspond with Dr. Walther Kindt, Fakultät für Linguistik und Literaturwissenschaft, Universität Bielefeld, Postfach 8640, 4800 Bielefeld 1, Germany.

## COMPUTATIONAL PROOFREADING

The detection of orthographic errors in keyboarding of Swedish text is the topic of work undertaken by Rolf Gavare, Department of Computational Linguistics, Göteborgs Universitet, Norra Allegatan 6, S-413 01 Göteborg, Sweden, who invites correspondence.

## MT: ENGLISH AND THAI VIA MONTAGUE GRAMMAR

The work of Joyce Friedman is being applied in work on translation. Kurt Godden, 1408 E. 27, Lawrence, KS 66044, invites contact.

## ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN COMPUTING.

AWC was founded in 1978 to promote communication, professional development and advancement, and education. Membership is open without restriction. The Correspondent of AWC is Anita Cochran, 5A137 Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, NJ 07974; 201-582-7817.

## SPELLING CORRECTION

A program to check spelling in English text has been written by Ralphe E. Gorin, AI Laboratory, Computer Science Department, Stanford University, CA 94305, with additions by William Plummer and Jerry Wolf of BBN and Richard Johnsson and Philip Karlton of Carnegie Mellon University.

## ONLINE BIBLIOGRAPHY IN SIGN LANGUAGE AND RELATED AREAS

The Syracuse Information Retrieval Experiment system has been adapted by Jim Bourg of the Gallaudet College Library and is being used by William C. Stokoe, Linguistics Research Lab, Gallaudet College, Kendall Green, Washington, DC 20002, for a psycho- and sociolinguistic bibliography. Anyone with a console may inquire about access; no charge is levied at present.

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## Summer Linguistics at Texas

The University of Texas at Austin announces a special Summer Linguistics Program which will consist of a substantial offering of graduate courses given by our own faculty members and a distinguished list of visiting scholars. In addition to these courses, workshops and seminars (for credit as conference courses by arrangement with individual faculty members) will be available on topics such as syntactic universals, conditions on rule application, opacity and scope, formal vs. substantive explanation in phonology, etc. We invite applications from graduate students in linguistics and allied disciplines such as education, English, foreign languages, psychology, philosophy, anthropology, and others.

The list of courses and instructors will include the following:

- LIN 380K Generative Phonology**—Robert T. Harms
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- LIN 384 Outline of Turkish Syntax**—Jorge Hankamer (tentative)
- LIN 393 Semantics**—Robert E. Wall
- LIN 393 Seminar in Phonetics and Phonology**—Björn Lindblom
- LIN 393 Seminar in Syntax and Semantics**—Emmon Bach and Barbara Partee
- LIN 394 New Directions in Historical Linguistics**—Robert D. King
- LIN 396 Seminar in Linguistic Variation**—John Baugh

In addition to the above-listed faculty members, the following scholars will be available for individual consultation: Lee Baker, Peter Cole, David DeCamp, Polly Jacobson, Lauri Karttunen, W. P. Lehmann, Fritz Newmeyer, Susan Schmerling, and others. Several intensive Oriental and European language courses will also be taught as a part of the regular UT summer session.

Low cost accommodations will be available in housing cooperatives. Classes will begin June 13 and exams will end July 20; the Program will thus not conflict with the LSA Linguistic Institute in Salzburg.

*Tuition and fees:* For Texas residents, the price of summer courses is \$64.70 for one three-hour course, \$89.90 for two three-hour courses. For out-of-state residents, it is \$159.70 for one three-hour course, \$304.90 for two three-hour courses. In addition, there is a \$10.00 property fee, refundable at the end of the course.

For application materials, please complete the detachable section and mail it to:

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**DEADLINE: May 1, 1979**

PHD PROGRAMS IN  
COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

During the summer of 1978, Alan K. Melby wrote to many American universities, asking about the graduate work in computational linguistics. He has supplied a copy of his list of affirmative answers, presented here in the casual format of its compilation. Melby points out that MIT and Yale did not respond but would be considered by a student planning work on computers and language.

California

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(cognitive science, mathema-  
tical linguistics)

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(with qualifications--ask JF)

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(psychologists with interest in AI)

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(students can work under  
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(qualified "yes"

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## SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ON COMPUTATIONAL ASPECTS OF EVOLVING THEORIES

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The concept of an evolving theory [3] is a natural extension of concepts in free tense logic with equality. In the semantics of free tense logic, an individual can have a property at one time that it does not at another, the domain of discourse can vary with the passage of time as individuals are born and die, and individual terms can refer at one time but not at another. Understanding a theory to be a set of sentences in the language of free tense logic with equality, an evolving theory is an indexed set of theories ordered in time. Intuitively, an evolving theory might represent the life work of a thinker, where the individual theories in the evolving theory correspond to chapters of the life work written at different times. The evolving theory reflects changes in the thinker's views with the passage of time.

Evolving theories have been studied from both semantic and proof theoretic perspectives, and various concepts such as the semantic concept of satisfiability and the proof theoretic concept of consistency have been extended to apply to evolving theories [3]. The semantics is given in terms of metaphor theory which stands intermediate

between Leblanc's truth-value semantics and model theory and translates readily into both. The deductive system for (a class of) evolving theories is called the forest method because a tree is generated for each point in time. The forest method, in effect a generalization of Kripke tableaux constructions, is mechanizable. The forest method is correct with respect to the semantics [3].

The forest method can be applied whenever the restriction on the temporal order relation has the computable Kripke closure property, a property of properties of relations which has been characterized model theoretically in [7]. The computable Kripke closures are a subclass of the monotonic closures [7], which have closure properties much like transitivity (a computable Kripke and monotonic closure). A preservation theorem giving the syntactic form of axiomatizations of the first-order monotonic closures [7] suggests a generalization of the Roy-Warshall transitive closure algorithm. The preservation theorem might also be used to determine (much as an entry in an engineering handbook) whether, given a property of relations  $Pr$ , there is a  $Pr$ -closure algorithm.

Evolving theories can be based in other intensional logics such as as modal [4] and intuitionistic logics. Some (but not all) of the logics underlying kinds of evolving theories where the forest method is applicable can be axiomatized [1, 6].

In certain (but not all) cases, the forest method (or restrictions of it) can be used to give effective proofs of the extended joint consistency theorem, a result which incorporates the Craig and Lyndon interpolation lemmas and the Robinson joint consistency theorem. Roughly, the theorem states that two theories  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are mutually inconsistent just in case there is a separating sentence  $F$  such that  $F$  (not  $F$ ) is a logical consequence of  $T_1$  ( $T_2$ ) and  $F$  "talks about" only individuals and relations that both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  do. Effective proofs of the theorem are well-known in standard first-order logic, and similar results have been established in free logic with equality [5] and in a family of free modal logics with equality [4]. Since the proof is effective, a (depth first) algorithm can be extracted from it for constructing, given a closed forest for the union of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , a separating sentence  $F$ .

Evolving theories, outfitted with additional devices to enhance their plausibility, appear to be a natural for representing temporal knowledge. When the extended joint consistency theorem holds for the representation language of a knowledge base and when an effective proof has been given, the separating sentence algorithm might be a useful tool for pinpointing inconsistencies in the knowledge base [2]. Only very restricted versions of the algorithms mentioned above have been programmed, those in LISP [2] and SNOBOL.

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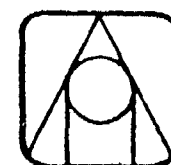
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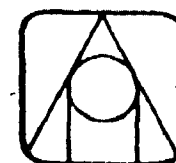
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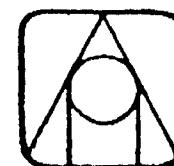
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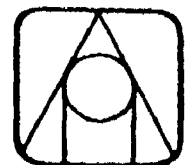


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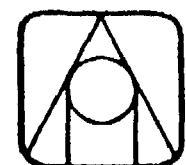
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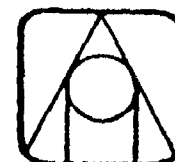
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