

Minutes of the 1983 ACL Meeting

Following are the minutes of the 21st Annual Business Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, held 16 June 1983 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with Ray Perrault, President, presiding.

Program Committee Report

Mitch Marcus, Chair, reported for the Program Committee (which consisted of himself, Phil Cohen, Lauri Karttunen, Bill Mann, Bob Moore, Ann Robinson, and Bob Wilensky.) Twenty-five of the sixty-seven papers submitted were accepted for presentation. However, for two of those papers the authors were asked to present tutorials: David Israel gave one on situation semantics, and Mark Liberman did one on speech analysis. As another experiment, Ray Perrault organized a panel discussion on computational complexity around a session of submitted papers, and prepared a tutorial to introduce them. [The program is printed in the January-March 1983 issue of the AJCL, Volume 9, Number 1, pages 36-37. Copies of the Proceedings (\$15; add \$3 for US first class mailing and \$6 for overseas air printed delivery) can be ordered from the Secretary-Treasurer.]

Local Arrangements Committee Report

Don Walker reported for Jon Allen and Judy Sobel, the Local Arrangements team. There were 148 people preregistered and 73 registrants at the meeting, for a total of 221 in attendance. The demonstrations and the wine, cheese, and fruit reception were quite successful. He reminded people that a banquet at the Hyatt Regency, which will feature Ray Perrault's presidential address, was scheduled for later that evening.

Nominating Committee Report

Bonnie Webber, on behalf of the Nominating Committee (herself, Norm Sondheimer, and Jane Robinson), submitted the following slate for 1984:

President

Martha W. Evens, *Illinois Institute of Technology*

Vice-President

Lance A. Miller, *IBM T.J. Watson Research Center*

Secretary-Treasurer

Donald E. Walker, *SRI International*

Executive Committee (1984-1986)

Mitchell Marcus, *Bell Laboratories*

Nominating Committee (1984-1986)

C. Raymond Perrault, *University of Toronto*

No additional nominations were presented, and the vote for the preceding slate was unanimous.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Don Walker noted that the minutes of the 1982 meeting were printed in the July-December 1982 issue of the *American Journal of Computational Linguistics*, Volume 8, Number 3-4, pages 150-152.

He reviewed the financial status of the ACL for 1982 and the period of 1983 through June 5. The income figures for the two periods were \$58,772 and \$61,355, respectively; the corresponding expenses, \$40,503 and \$45,079; the balances, \$18,269 and \$16,275; and the assets, \$56,206 and \$72,481. The success of the Conference on Applied Natural Language, which was held in Santa Monica in February, and the continuing distribution of surpluses from the National Computer Conferences by AFIPS contribute to the good financial picture. However, he noted that no expenses for the 1983 AJCL volume have yet been incurred. (A detailed report follows these Minutes.)

Walker presented the latest membership figures; personal memberships continue to rise, increasing 25 percent between 1981 and 1982. The low figures for 1983 reflect the slowness of response to dues statements. (The membership figures are appended to these Minutes.)

Editor's Report: AJCL

James Allen reported that the last issue for 1982 would be in the mail immediately after the conference. He stated that the journal could be substantially caught up by the end of the next summer. Although there is a modest backlog of papers in progress, he encouraged people to submit manuscripts, promising a six to eight week turnaround for feedback. Ray Perrault noted that the Executive Committee had reviewed the report submitted by Graeme Hirst and Michael McCord and approved changing the name of the journal to *Computational Linguistics*, beginning with the 1984 volume, to reflect more accurately the increasing internationalization of the Association.

Editor's Report: Studies in Natural Language Processing

Aravind Joshi announced that the new series being published jointly by the ACL and Cambridge University Press had accepted three manuscripts, one of which was already in production; four others are under review. *Natural Language Processing - Psychological, Computational, and Theoretical Perspectives*, a collection of papers edited by David Dowty, Lauri Karttunen, and Arnold Zwicky, should be ready in the Spring. *Generating Natural Language*, by Kathleen McKeown, and *Planning Natural Language Utterances*, by Douglas Appelt, will appear later in 1984. There will be discounts for ACL members; procedures are still to be worked out.

COLING84

Martin Kay, the organizer for the 10th International Conference on Computational Linguistics, announced that plans were well under way for convening it at Stanford from 2-6 July 1984. It will be a four-day meeting, with the 4th of July as an excursion day in the middle. The conference will be preceded by a series of week-long short courses on a variety of topics. COLING84 will also constitute the 22nd Annual Meeting of the ACL. Kay projected an attendance of 400. Yorick Wilks is chairing the program committee.

ACL Meetings

Walker reported on the remarkably successful **Conference on Applied Natural Language**, which was held 1-3 February in Santa Monica, California, with support by the Office of Naval Research. The final registration figures showed 246 in attendance; 116 took part in the four tutorials offered. An extensive Exhibits and Demonstrations program also proved popular. [The Program for the conference was listed in ACJL, Volume 8, Number 3-4, July-December 1982, pages 153-155. Copies of the Proceedings (\$15; add \$3 for US first class mailing and \$6 for overseas air printed delivery) can be ordered from the Secretary-Treasurer.]

Martha Evens reported that she had been asked to chair a Long Term Planning Committee formed to review the organization of the ACL annual meetings. The Executive Committee set it up in response to an analysis and a set of recommendations prepared by Bill Mann. Other members of the committee, in addition to Evens and Mann, are Martin Kay, Mitch Marcus, Ray Perrault, and Don Walker.

The European Chapter

Mike Rosner, Treasurer for the ACL European Chapter, described the status of the forthcoming First European Chapter Conference, which will be held in Pisa, Italy, 1-2 September 1983. The Program Committee, which was chaired by Giacomo Ferrari and included Joost Breuker, Gerald Gazdar, Margaret King, Winfred Lenders, Petr Sgall, and Antonio Zampolli, accepted 32 of the 64 papers submitted. A Proceedings will be produced and distributed through the ACL Office. Rosner remarked that there were now 316 European members, an increase of 120 over the previous year. With Wilks in Australia and Costa Rica for sabbatical, Benny Brodda has replaced him on the Chapter Advisory Committee. [The Program for the conference was listed in AJCL, Volume 9, Number 1, January-March 1983, pages 37-38. Copies of the Proceedings (\$15; add \$3 for US first class mailing and \$6 for overseas air printed delivery) can be ordered from the ACL Secretary-Treasurer.]

ACL Participation in Other Meetings

Lance Miller announced that an ACL session had been held at the 1983 Office Automation Conference; it included presentations by Harry Tennant, Gary Hendrix, Naomi Sager, and himself.

Martha Evens reported on a session at the 1983 National Computer Conference on "Communicating with Databases in English" that contained presentations by Bozena Thompson, Bruce Ballard, Larry Harris, and Doug Appelt.

AFIPS Developments

Walker noted that Sondheimer will become the ACL Representative to the AFIPS Board of Directors; that Martha Evens was now a member of the NCC Program Planning Committee; and that David Warren has been appointed to a Panel on the Fifth Generation of the AFIPS Governmental Activities Committee.

Resolutions Committee Report

Martha Evens proposed a resolution of thanks to all those who have made the last year such a successful and exciting one for ACL:

- ▶ The 1983 Annual Meeting: Jon Allen, Judy Sobel, and MIT for local arrangements; Mitch Marcus, Phil Cohen, Bill Mann, Bob Moore, Ann Robinson, and Bob Wilensky for the program; Jon and Victor Zue for organizing the demonstrations.
- ▶ The Conference on Applied Natural Language Processing: Iris Kameny, Beatrice Oshika, a host of support people, and the Office of Naval Research for helping with finances.
- ▶ The OAC, the NCC, and AFIPS: Lance Miller (and Martha Evens) for organizing sessions; Gary Hendrix, Lance Miller, Naomi Sager, Harry Tennant, Doug Appelt, Bruce Ballard, Larry Harris, Bozena Thompson for participating in them; Norm Sondheimer and David Warren for taking over AFIPS Board and committee responsibilities.
- ▶ LSA liaison: Jane Robinson.
- ▶ AAI and IJCAI liaison: Don Walker.
- ▶ COLING84: Martin Kay and Don Walker
- ▶ The Directory of Graduate Programs: (Martha Evens and) Lauri Karttunen.
- ▶ AJCL: Stan Petrick and Fred Damerou for acting as interim editors during the transition; James Allen and Lyn Bates for accepting new responsibilities; Michael McCord and George Heidorn for continuing old ones; and Cay Dietrich for making things come out productively.
- ▶ Cambridge University Press Series: Aravind Joshi for getting things organized and operating.

- ▶ The European Chapter: Eva Hajičová, Harry Somers, and Mike Rosner for organization; Hubert Lehmann, Remko Scha, and Yorick Wilks for advising; Giacomo Ferrari, Gerald Gazdar, Peter Hellwig, and Bente Maegaard for nominations; and Ferrari with Joost Breuker, Gerald Gazdar, Margaret King, Winfred Lenders, Petr Sgall, and Antonio Zampolli for their program efforts.
- ▶ The "Extended" Executive Committee: Bill Mann, Lauri Karttunen, Ralph Weischedel, Bonnie Webber, Norm Sondheimer, and Jane Robinson.
- ▶ The President: Ray Perrault for his able helmsmanship.
- ▶ Network and Computer Support: SRI, IBM, ARPANET, CSNET, UUCP, Chaos, and other linkages.
- ▶ The Office: Don and Betty Walker for making it all hang together.

Announcements

Lance Miller described his attempts to collect a set of test sentences that could be used to evaluate parsing systems and encouraged people to contribute further examples.

The meeting was adjourned.

Donald E. Walker
Secretary Treasurer

Membership Status

	PERSONAL	INSTITUTIONAL	TOTAL
1977	500	201	701
USA	364	92	456
Foreign	136	109	245
1978	444	218	662
USA	325	102	427
Foreign	119	116	235
1979/80	658	249	907
USA	478	117	595
Foreign	180	132	312
1981	1208	264	1472
USA	990	122	1112
Foreign	218	142	360
1982	1545	296	1841
USA	1159	1366	1295
Foreign	386	160	546
1983	630	232	862
USA	481	112	593
Foreign	149	120	269

Financial Status

	1982	6/5/83
INCOME		
Dues	\$27,065.00	\$11,453.50
Back Issues	2,410.50	1,519.50
Special Mailing	1,393.10	656.00
Annual Meeting	6,681.00	6,320.00
Applied Meeting	6,085.00	27,147.00
Mailing Labels	169.80	
Conference Proceedings	2,131.00	4,031.30
AFIPS	7,831.50	7,800.00
International Fund	1,351.25	736.50
Interest	3,636.24	1,572.53
Miscellaneous	18.00	118.22
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	\$58,772.39	\$61,354.55
EXPENSES		
AJCL Production	\$10,333.06	\$2,995.45
AJCL Editorial	500.00	
AJCL Copyright	20.00	10.00
Secretarial Services	6,039.00	4,747.50
Postage	4,240.77	2,416.15
Supplies	1,115.49	122.92
Printing	3,854.85	8,853.39
Equipment	851.15	121.00
Annual Meeting	5,101.86	
Applied Meetings	6,100.30	20,973.43
Other Meetings	87.98	100.00
COLING	66.00	
AFIPS Dues	500.00	275.00
Committee Expenses	528.64	
ACL-Europe	100.00	2,500.00
Memorial Contributions		100.00
Refunds	613.00	1,300.00
Bank Charges	450.99	564.17
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	\$40,503.09	\$45,079.01
BALANCE	\$18,269.30	\$16,275.54
ASSETS		
ILAF (Money Market)	\$43,096.84	\$59,258.57
Checking	13,058.70	13,222.51
Petty Cash	50.00	
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	\$56,205.54	\$72,481.08