

MINUTES -- SLS Business Meeting 2016

The meeting took place Saturday, Sept. 24, 5:15 pm

1. Chair of the Executive Board Anton Zimmerling opened the meeting by congratulating this year's organizer, Joseph Schallert, for a very successful meeting; the crowd thanked Joe with a round of applause.

1. Election of new board members (3 year term)
 - *Motoki Nomachi and Rosemarie Connolly were elected by show of hands.
 - *They replace Anton Zimmerling and Bojan Belić, whose terms have expired.
 - *Continuing board members are: Krzysztof Borowski, Jadranka Gvozdanovic, Joseph Schallert, Jacek Witkos

2. Treasurer's report/financial discussion

Treasurer Catherine Rudin reported SLS is in the black by about \$1000 so far this year, making up for a small deficit last year. The funds set aside for conference support to U.Toronto will not be used, so we will end up with a larger amount. Discussion of how to use these funds included suggestions for a workshop, web programming, scholarships, etc. The Board will consider these and other ideas.

3. Announcements:
 - *New webmaster. Brent Woo (U. of Washington) has been appointed to replace outgoing webmaster Andrea Sims. Sims was thanked for her service.
 - *SLS 2017 is confirmed for Ljubljana, 21-24 September 2017, organizer Marko Snoj
 - *SLS 2018 is confirmed for Victoria, British Columbia, organizer Gunter Schaarschmidt
Further details on these meetings will be announced as they become available. There was some discussion of future meeting places: Peter Kosta is willing to host in 2019 (Potsdam) and Steven Franks in 2020 (Bloomington); a decision will be made by the Board.
 - *SLS Repository update. Krzysztof Borowski reported on the planned online repository of SLS papers/handouts/slides/abstracts through KU Scholarworks. Nothing has been posted yet. There was discussion of the logistics of acquiring materials from past conferences and what type of materials should be archived.

4. Award presentations
 - *Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award to Roman Ronko
Steven Franks reminded the group of the CET fund's purpose (to honor our late colleague and to provide life membership in SLS to a grad student each year) and called for continued donations
 - *Travel awards to Varvara Magomedova, Pia Slogar, and Anja Saric

5. JSL will need a new editor soon; Steven Franks announced he plans to step down in the next few years.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00, followed by a brief meeting of the SLS officers and then by the conference dinner.