2014 Language & Social Interaction Division Business Meeting
Friday, May 23 - 4:30pm - 5:45 pm
Seattle Sheraton, Cedar B

1. Meeting called to order at 4.30

2. Greetings from the Chair (Theresa Castor).
Outgoing Division Chair. Jessica Robles announced as outgoing, and David Boromisza-Habashi as incoming Division Secretary.

3. Minutes from 2013 LSI Division business meeting are approved.

4. Report from the Board of Directors’ meeting
   a) New membership category: "Employment Exception" (The category includes faculty from across the globe who are part time or non-permanent employees, adjuncts or the equivalent at a university or research center.)

   b) A survey of the membership will, over the Summer, ask key questions related to the future of the ICA annual conferences. We really need the views of the members and insist that it is very important that they fill in the survey.

   c) The Board has approved a change that would replace the "Board members at large" representing five different regions within the Board of Directors, by 3 members who would be chosen by the membership among 6 people committed to internationalization and proposed by the nominations committee. This will be formalized into a proposal for change in the bylaws to be approved by the members on the ballot in September.

   d) Divisions and Interest Groups are encouraged to designate
      - a Student Representative who will pay particular attention to the needs, initiatives and interests of the student members of that unit and liaise with other Student representatives and the Student Board members for exchange and coordination;
      - a member to act as Internationalization Liaison, i.e. a relay at the division level to contribute to the association-wide efforts to enhance the international nature of ICA, its members and its activities.

   e) The Board has established guidelines for ICA Affiliate Journals. One or two journals will probably be approved within the next few months.

   f) The "Environmental Communication" Working Group becomes a full Division.
Meanwhile, a new Interest Group is created on "Sports Communication."
g) Two ICA Regional Conferences will take place in the coming months, one in Brisbane, Australia (1-3 October, program finalized, 22 countries represented and involvement of regional Fellows); the other in Lodz, Poland (9-11 April 2015, co-organized with partner universities from 6 countries, call just published).

h) Next year’s conference in Puerto Rico. Theme: Communication across the lifespan. Chair notes that the PR conference will be held in two hotels, a family-friendly and a party hotel, a shuttle will run between two hotels, ICA leadership strongly recommends taking the shuttle especially at night.

5. LSI Report about this Year’s Convention

a) Submissions and Panels. Overall, the Seattle convention received the second largest number of submissions after London. The number of LSI submissions, however, dropped from last year.

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b) Submission Acceptance/Rejection

- Seattle: 69 individual papers and extended abstracts were submitted, 23 were accepted for a 33% acceptance rate (vs. last year: 92 submitted, 33 accepted = 36% acceptance)
• One proposed panel was accepted for a 100% acceptance rate (vs. last year: 6 were submitted and 3 were accepted = 50% accepted)

• Additional notes:
  o 4 submissions were ‘disqualified’ (1 of these was a duplicate, the other 3 were submitted as brief abstracts); 3 submissions were transferred to other divisions
  o One co-sponsored panel session with Popular Communication (originated with LSI and asked for co-sponsorship with Popular Communication)
  o TC made other attempts at co-sponsorship, did not get positive responses.

c) 2013 Reviewers: Thank you!

Alena Vasilyeva          Hanna Pulaczewska          Rob Agne
Amoshaun Toft            Jessica Robles             Robert Swieringa
Beth Haslett             John Moore                 Saila Poutianinen
Chaim Noy                Katerina Strani           Saskia Witteborn
Cindy Gallois            Kathleen Haspel            Soumia Bardham
Danielle Lawson          Leah Sprain                Susan Kline
David Boromisza-Habashi  Linda Crafton              Susanne Stadlbauer
Evelyn Ho                Mariaelena Bartenhagi       Sydney Yueh
George Ray                Marilyn Mitchell           Tessa van Charldorp
Gonen Dori-Hacohen        Marlene Marchiori         Theresa Castor
Hamrin Solange           Oren Livio                  Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz
                                    Richard Buttny          Zohar Kampf

d) Awards and Honors & Travel Funding
The top six full papers were read by the Top Paper Award Committee (Thank you to LSI Vice-Chair, Alena Vasilyeva, and past LSI Chairs Richard Buttny and Wendy Leeds-
Hurwitz). There was one student paper in the top six papers; the next highest ranked student paper was also reviewed to compete for top student paper.

- Top LSI paper: Letizia Caronia (U of Bologna), "Talking objects: The recording devices as participants in the research setting" (LSI $100 + Conference fee waiver)

- Top Student paper: Bingjuan Xiong (University of Colorado-Boulder), “Cultural terms for talk: Making sense of the Chinese ‘citizen and official interaction’ in public confrontations” (LSI $120 + ICA Match $75 + Conference fee waiver)

- Top Five Papers Recognition:
  - Leah Sprain (University of Colorado-Boulder) & Laura Black (Ohio University), “Deliberative moments: Understanding deliberation as an interactional accomplishment”
  - Jessica Robles (University of Washington), “Building intersubjectivity: A practical moral distinction between recognition and inferential understanding”
  - Michelle Koven (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), “Narrative and cultural identities: Performing and aligning with figures of personhood” - certificate accepted on her behalf by a colleague
  - Danielle Lawson (Edinboro University), “‘It’s the end of the world as we know it’: Doing ‘being ordinary’ in witnessing the events of 9/11” – not present

- Student Travel Awards:
  - Presenters:
    - Melissa Meade: LSI $120 + ICA Match $75
    - Stephen DiDomenico: LSI $120 + ICA Match $75
    - Pascal Gagne: LSI $120 + ICA Match $75
  - Non-presenting:
    - Michael Li: LSI $50

- Support for Tier C country travel:
  - Alena Vasilyeva: Conference fee waiver
6. Budget Report

Membership numbers have gone up, hence more funds were available than last year. The Division began with $1042. We gave $630 away in prizes and travel funding and have $412 left which we will use for the reception.

7. Old Business

a) Submissions. We accepted Extended Abstracts + Full Papers and allowed only the Full Papers to compete for Top Paper. This is our 5th year of accepting extended abstracts—last year we described our first few years as ‘experimental.’ Question for discussion: Are we still being experimental, or is this now our tradition?

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This year, many submitted extended abstract were study proposals which goes against the Division’s call for papers reporting projects that already involve data analysis – hence the low number of acceptances.

Members agree that extended abstracts should no longer be regarded experimental.

b) Mentoring Program—Report from sub-committee (Jessica Robles & Evelyn Ho) Jessica Robles reports that an equal number of mentors and mentees signed up. The sub-committee made an attempt to match people who don’t already know one another. Early responses are positive. JR emphasizes that becoming involved in the mentoring
program requires a minimal investment of time and energy from mentors, and is a great opportunity to bring new people into the LSI Division. Members support continuing the program for another year.

c) Spending our Budget: Last year we decided on priorities to guide budget spending:

1. Prioritizing ‘spreading the funding’ (i.e., supporting a greater number of attendees)
2. Travel awards given only to those who are presenting in LSI
3. Prioritize travel awards to a) students OR b) those from tier C&D countries
4. Travel funding to LSI members

- This year, seven individuals received funding based on awards, travel support, and/or conference fee waivers (35% of presenters). The majority of awards were given to LSI presenters. Tier C country travel was supported.
- Chair sent email reminder to division about travel funding; plus, students who were presenting whose email addresses were in the ICA database were individually contacted and encouraged to apply for travel funding. Chair encourages members to tell grad students to apply for funding.

8. New Business

a) Nominations for Vice-Chair

Current Vice-Chair (Alena Vasilyeva) solicits nominations, describes service role. Jessica Robles expresses interest in the position and gives stump speech. Chair reminds potential nominees that they need to submit statements by August 1. The new Vice Chair takes office after ICA in Puerto Rico. Reminder email about nominations will be sent out to membership.

b) Graduate Student Liaison/Representative

At the ICA Mid-year Board Meeting in January 2014, it was proposed that a new office of Division Graduate Representatives be instituted by division chairs, to: 1) enable greater outreach with graduate student and early career members, as well as 2) work with the GSRs on expanding the Early Career Scholars Network. Several division chairs responded favorably to this suggestion, and two divisions have instituted such a position for graduate students. It is hoped that in the coming year(s), more divisions follow suit and either appoint or elect a Division Graduate Student Representative.

Chair describes role, emphasizes that divisions have liberty to define the liaison/representative role. She suggests that we try having this role on a trial basis for a year, and then make a decision about whether to incorporate the role into the bylaws.

Larry Gross arrives to share information about next year’s convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Two conference hotels are the Condado (located in the hip area of town with a casino) and the
Caribe (located on the beach, family friendly). Walk between the two hotels is not safe at night. Two general ICA trends are the steady increase in the number preconferences off-site conference locations. In San Juan, there are no easily accessible universities which means that there are not likely to be off-site preconferences or panels. ICA is still figuring out the possibility of maintaining the increasing number of preconferences. Room rate will be $149, with free wifi which is likely to be spotty. ICA is exploring the possibility of simultaneous translation from English to Spanish for the plenaries in San Juan. LG answers questions from Division members and departs.]

Members return to nominating grad student liaisons/representatives. Chair describes the commitment as two pronged: working within the Division and between the Division and the Association. When multiple members express interest in the role, the suggestion is made to form a committee tasked with determining the nature of service performed by the liaison/representative. Lydia Reinig, Stephen DiDomenico, and Melissa Meade join the new committee.

c) Internationalization Liaison

The Board has discussed having divisions and interest groups establish a liaison to the Internationalization Committee. This connection would allow the committee to solicit suggestions through structured membership, and to gather information on proportion of non-US scholars (geographical diversity) doing reviewing and presenting.

This liaison could be served by the group Chair or by another designated person, at the discretion of the Division/ Interest group.

Chair describes this position as also open to the Division’s interpretation, and suggests a one-year trial period. Gonen Dori-Hacohen asks for clarification regarding whether the task is to collect data or to promote internationalization. Chair says focus is the latter. David Boromisza-Habashi self-nominates and is appointed to serve.

d) Division ICA Awards Nomination Committee?

The association wants to encourage more association-level award nominations. Chair explains that the task would be to identify LSI work eligible for various awards. Melissa Meade self-nominates. Karen Tracy warns that this is a lot of work, and suggests that officers send a reminder email asking membership to nominate, along with a list of Division membership. Nomination committee membership not discussed further.

e) Suggestions on Alternative Formats for Panels?

Vice Chair solicits ideas regarding alternative panel formats, such as the research escalator, hybrid/high density panel/poster sessions, including a virtual component, hybrid virtual/face-to-face format, etc.

Members make the following suggestions:
high density panel (effective because more people get feedback about their work)
data session (although including a data session in the program would cancel a regular panel)
at the outset of the conference, 30-second “pitches” by all presenters in order to attract an audience
7-minute talks on a single theme in a roundtable format, followed by interaction with audience
“brief entertaining scholarly talks” involving 5-minute presentations that function as “teasers” for someone’s presentation
including a respondent for each panel

Some members caution that giving presenters less time takes away the possibility of presenting data and careful analysis. Also, ESL speakers may have trouble meeting the time requirement. High density panels only work for position papers.

Chair suggests that we can add “high density panel” to the choice of formats one can select when submitting a paper (besides “poster session”), and that various presentation formats can be worked into the call. Members agree.

f) Suggestions on How to Increase Submissions and/or Membership?
Chair notes that membership is key to the budget that the Division is allocated. Membership numbers are taken on October 1, and therefore it is key to renew membership by that deadline. Suggestion: the Division should create a Facebook page.

g) Preconference or Other Ideas for Puerto Rico 2015
Vice Chair solicits ideas, but none are mentioned. Chair reminds members that the timeline for coming up with preconference proposals is September 1.

9. ICA and Media: JP Gutierrez
JP was invited to attend LSI meeting to discuss his ICA media work, but did not arrive in time for the meeting. Public lectures, press releases about published scholarship are his responsibility. Chair encourages member to let JP know about new research done by Division members.

10. LSI Division Social Gathering
The LSI Reception will be held at the Seattle Tap House Grill, 1506 Sixth Avenue (approximately 1 block from the Sheraton). The reception will be held in the Club Room, a private room that includes a pool table. Appetizers and the first round of drinks will be provided by the division.
11. Announcements

Bob Craig announces that he is seeking proposals for new ICA Handbook Series volumes and welcomes any suggestions or inquiries from ICA members. Interested parties should email him: Robert.Craig@Colorado.edu and/or Linda Bathgate (Senior Editor, Routledge): linda.Bathgate@taylorandfrancis.com. Bob has not received a proposal for over a year. A handbook proposal looks like a regular book proposal but focus on particular area of the field. Handbooks provide the state of the art in a particular approach or area.

12. Meeting adjourned at 5.44.