

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Association for
Literary and Linguistic Computing held at Christ Church, Oxford,
on Sunday 5 April 1992 at 16.30 hrs

Those present: Mrs Susan Hockey (chair), Mr John Roper (treasurer), Mr Gordon Dixon, Professor Paul Fortier, Professor Jacqueline Hamesse, Professor Nancy Ide, Professor Ian Lancashire, Dr Christian Delcourt, Dr Stephen Dodd, Mr Lou Burnard, Professor Antonio Zampolli (president), Dr Thomas Corns (secretary), Professor Michael Neuman (guest).

1. Apologies for absence were received from Professor Helmut Schanze and Professor Gunnell Engwall; the Chair introduced Dr Dodd to the meeting.

2. The minutes of the meeting of the committee held at Arizona State University, Tempe, in 1991 were accepted as correct.

3. There were no matters arising from the minutes which were not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Officers' Reports

(i) Chair

The chair reported that Professor Zampolli, Professor Fortier, and Dr Delcourt had been nominated and seconded to serve for another period of three years on the committee; no other nominations had been received.

(ii) Treasurer

Mr Roper circulated a summary of the accounts of the Association; he observed that a healthy balance of about £12K had been accumulated. A vote of thanks to Mr Roper was passed.

(iii) Secretary

Dr Corns reported on his concern on an apparent decline in the membership of the Association and in institutional subscription to Literary and Linguistic Computing. He was asked to enquire more thoroughly of OUP about trends in membership and subscription and to update his report before its wider publication.

5. Election of Officers.

The President took the chair. Mrs Hockey was returned to the chair (prop. Zampolli, sec. Fortier); Mr Roper was returned to the office of treasurer (prop. Zampolli, sec. Fortier); Dr Corns was returned to the office of secretary (prop. Zampolli, sec. Fortier).

Mrs Hockey resumed the chair. Professor Zampolli was returned to the office of president for 1992-95 (prop. Hockey, sec. Fortier).

6. Publications

(i) Literary and Linguistic Computing

Mr Dixon, the editor in chief, circulated his report. A vote of thanks to him was passed.

(ii) the Conference publication

Mrs Hockey reported that the OUP publication relating to the

Toronto conference was published in the summer of 1991 and that the corresponding publications for the Siegen and Tempe conferences were with the Press.

7. Conference Arrangements

(i) 1993 - Georgetown

Professor Neuman gave details of the 1993 conference, to be held, under his local organisation, at the University of Georgetown on 16-19 June. There would be no theme for conference, but a possible emphasis on the work of the research library community.

(ii) 1994

Two proposals were considered, from Paris and from St Petersburg. It was agreed that the officers of the Association should seek further information about the Paris proposal and that, if they were satisfied by the responses, they should confirm acceptance on behalf of the Association. It was further agreed that the Russians should be thanked for their proposal and that they should be invited to make a detailed submission for 1996.

(iii) ALLC and the Association for Computers and the Humanities

It was agreed that the present cooperation between the associations in the organisation of international conferences was working well and should be continued. It was further agreed that the protocol governing the organisation of jointly sponsored conferences should be reviewed by a meeting of the programme committee of the Oxford conference under the chairmanship of Dr Corns at a meeting convened for 6 April at 20.30 hrs at Christ Church, and that the deliberations of this meeting should provide the basis of recommendations to the 1993 meeting of the committee.

(iv) other related issues

It was agreed that the names of reviewers should be printed as a list in future volumes of conference abstracts.

8. TEI

Mrs Hockey reported on the progress of the initiative.

9. AOB

(i) representatives

Mr Dixon urged the appointment of new representatives; a number of people were suggested to him, whom he agreed to contact.

(ii) Humanities Computing Yearbook

Professor Lancashire raised the issue of whether the Association (together with ACH) should sponsor HCY and of what form such sponsorship could take. He was invited to prepare a more detailed proposal which could be circulated to members of the committee. The officers of the Association were requested to decide a procedure for determining the Association's response to the proposal.

(iii) Votes of thanks to Mr Burnard, to Ms Katy Cubitt and participating members of the Oxford University Computing Service were passed in recognition of their achievements in organising the conference; to OUP electronic publishing division for funding the book of abstracts; and to Dr Corns for his work as chair of the programme committee.

[The meeting closed at 18.15 hrs.]

Susan Hockey
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