

Minutes of
 IGALA General Business Meeting
 Sunday, 19 September 2010, 6PM
 Tsuda College, Tokyo, Japan

Present: The executive and advisory members (inc. Mercedes Bengoechea, Vicky Bergvall (Chair), Jenny Davis, Allyson Jule (Acting Secretary), Laurel Kamada, Brian King (for Janet Holmes), Lia Litosseliti, Claire Maree, Ana Ostermann, Jane Sunderland (Past President)) and an additional 7 people (only!)

Chair: Vicky Bergvall (now Past-President)

1. Talking to the World (Lia)

IGALA wants to encourage connection with the press, to develop more of a political/public role so to increase and engage public debate on the topic of gender and language. A policy to guide members will be posted on the website.

2. Local Groups (Mercedes)

IGALA would like to encourage and help establish local IGALA groups and local events, particularly on the 'off' year between the IGALA conferences. One such example might be at the 2011 mid-year Linguistics Institute in Colorado (working with Mary Bucholtz and Kira Hall, who will be presenting a class on language and gender). Other groups are encouraged to form and hold local meetings, and to seek affiliation with the IGALA name.

3. IGALA website/GALA List

The website and the GALA-I electronic mail list are important tools for creating and maintaining an IGALA community. Please use them.

4. Graduate Student Activities. (Jenny)

The graduate panel at IGALA conferences is an important connection for new scholars. It was good to have the participation by senior scholars by way of a panel discussion.

5. Journal Report (Vicky, on behalf of Bonnie and Ann)

The journal editors are Bonnie McElhinny and Ann Weatherall; however, Bonnie is rotating off. A call will go out for a new co-editor. The journal is growing, with alternating special and regular issues. It is drawing from an increasingly international audience, with 52 papers submitted from about 25 different countries last year. Roughly 1/3 of all submissions get published in *Gender and Language*. (See *Gender and Language* 3.2: 149-152 for more details.) There is a slow turn-around; Volume 4 for 2010 is still in press. It should be made clearer to those on the editorial board that part of their role is to review at least 2-3 submissions per year, in a timely fashion.

6. Book Prize (Administered by Sara Mills with the assistance of Laurel Kamada)

Rosalind Gill: *Gender and the Media*

The prize winner was announced at the conference. We need a volunteer to organize the contest for the next IGALA.

7. Other prizes

IGALA awards a Best Student Paper prize and Best Poster. Each of these prizes relies on volunteers to judge submissions. Other prizes could be offered as well. Three IGALA6 poster prizes were awarded to: Megumi Sakamoto, Sakiko Kajino, Gwyn Helverson. The 2010 Best Student Prize was awarded to Patricia Walsh Droz of Texas A&M University (USA).

8. Elections

Laurel Kamada will run the election over the next three months. Open for nominations will be: Vice President (who will become President in two years, and then serve on the Executive board as Past President) and Secretary. There are advisory openings coming up next year as well. (These positions are every three years.) The election is conducted through an on-line process.

9. IGALA 6 Review

Claire Maree and her team did a fantastic job of organizing and orchestrating IGALA 6 in Japan. Over 130 people attended, with exciting plenaries by Momoko Nakamura to open the conference and Ingrid Piller to close the regular sessions; in addition, Deborah Cameron delivered an address to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the founding of Tsuda College.

It was also a joint conference with GALE. (Laurel Kamada was the connection person for this. Many thanks to GALE member Michi Saki who was the GALE stream coordinator.)

Attendance of scholars from under-represented areas was made possible by 4 bursaries raised from donations at IGALA 5 in Wellington, administered by Claire Maree and Jane Sunderland; in addition, 10 US-based graduate students received travel grants from the National Science Foundation from a grant written by Victoria Bergvall. Registration money paid for IGALA 6 completely; the plenary speakers were sponsored by other agencies. Submissions for published proceedings will be taken until December.

10. Looking ahead

Our new IGALA President is now Ana Cristina Ostermann. She presented a formal bid for holding the IGALA 7 conference in 2012 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Her presentation included a video about the local area, and a detailed powerpoint about the specific attributes of the conference site; her bid was accepted with enthusiasm by the Executive Board and the Advisory Committee. Dates are yet

to be finalized but July or August seem likely. Ana will stay in touch with the executive committee and advisory group as IGALA 7 draws nearer. AO and Alexandre Almeida (as local chairs), Claire Maree (as organizer of IGALA6) and Carmen Rosa Caldas-Coulthard are part of the IGALA 7 organizing committee.

11. Thanks and commendations:

The IGALA Executive and Advisory Board wishes to formally and gratefully commend the following for their extraordinary service to IGALA on major projects over the past few years:

to Claire Maree, Tsuda College, and the IGALA and GALE conference committees for presenting a inspiring, warm, and intellectually engaging conference experience in Japan;

to Janet Holmes, as past conference chair from IGALA 5, for her advice and assistance for this conference (and to Brian King for reporting on her behalf);

to Jane Sunderland for 6 years of excellent service to IGALA as Vice President, President, and Past President, particularly for her leadership in encouraging donations and administering bursaries for those from underrepresented regions to attend IGALA conferences;

to Vicky Bergvall for success in writing and administering a US National Science Foundation grant to fund 10 US-based graduate students to attend IGALA 6, who now moves on to the position of Past President of IGALA;

to Bonnie McElhinney for her superlative work as co-Editor of Language and Gender, as she prepares to pass on the task to a new co-editor, and to Ann Weatherall who will continue as co-editor;

to Sara Mills and Laurel Kamada for administering the IGALA book prize process;

to Jenny Davis for creating and administering the IGALA Student paper prize, as well as coordinating the IGALA 6 graduate student workshop with Sally McConnell-Ginet, to whom who we are also grateful;

to Mary Talbot for her work as secretary to IGALA over the last 2 years, and to Allyson Jule who acted as secretary in Mary's absence for the IGALA 6 conference-site meetings;

to Ana Ostermann for her outstanding work as Vice President (and before that, as Secretary), now taking over duties as president of IGALA, as well as co-organizer for IGALA 7.

and to each of the members of the advisory committee for their many efforts on behalf of IGALA.