

## **CELxJ meeting, Portland**

Present: Greg Carlson, Joe Salmons, Ellen Kaisse, Eric Bakovic, Sandy Chung, Keren Rice, Stan Dubinsky, Jedd Schrock, Kleanthes Grohmann

### **1. LSA Publications**

Sandy Chung, President of the LSA, attended the meeting of the committee in order to inform the editors about the changes that the Executive Committee is thinking about with respect to the LSA journals.

The Executive Committee established a Publications Committee with the charge of reconsidering the LSA publications. This committee has made a number of recommendations:

- Move the default delivery of Language to electronic rather than print format.
- Language will move to a digital format as soon as feasible. This will make many more things possible (e.g., longer articles, more articles, links, storage space for supporting documents).
- The notion of sub-journals, and the connection with the eLanguage co-journals was discussed, but no recommendation has yet been made about the format that Language might take.
- Language and eLanguage will be unified, and in that sense the relationship with Düsseldorf (where eLanguage is run out of) will cease with respect to the journal. Düsseldorf could remain involved in other ways (e.g., archiving).
- Details of publication – commercial publisher, non-commercial publisher, self-publication, access – remain to be worked out.
- Issues of access – open access, closed access, hybrid model – remain to be worked out.
- Issues such as where the server is, tech support, and so on remain to be worked out.
- Stakeholders will be consulted (e.g., editors of co-journals, general membership)

The committee consists of David Lightfoot (chair), Greg Carlson, Rachel Walker, Mark Liberman, Andrew Garrett, new EC member (Lisa Green or Susan Fischer), Rebekah Baglini, Sandy Chung, Andrew Carnie, Paul Chapin (ex officio) and the editor of one eLanguage co-journal (to be appointed).

The discussion following the presentation included the following kinds of issues:

- Various types of access
- Broadening the appeal of the journal
- Start by building on what is familiar (articles, reviews, discussion notes)
- Changes are likely to be incremental
- Concerns about archiving and migration

- Need for high quality across the board service for LSA publications

## **2. The status of CELxJ**

The committee is now an official committee of the LSA. It will be chaired by the editor of Language, Greg Carlson, and Brian Joseph, Joe Salmons, and Keren Rice will continue as the steering committee for this year, with one person rotating off each year and a new person being added. The information about the committee should be added to the LSA website soon. The CELxJ website will continue.

## **3. Symposium**

There was discussion about submitting a symposium for the 2012 annual meeting (in Boston) to address questions such as the following: How does digital publishing actually change things? How does it affect scholarship? How people do research? How people think? How are search engines used to locate articles. It was suggested that someone involved in the open access movement (e.g., Peter Suber) be invited. It is also important to look at the 2011 symposium on open access so that there is not too much overlap. Joe, Greg, and Eric offered to work on the symposium, if there is interest.

## **4. Open access and other issues**

There was considerable discussion of open access, with many suggestions. Some people would be happy to contribute more to the LSA in order to have open access. Libraries might get involved as part of the business models. Questions about new journals and the dynamic between new and existing journals was discussed.

## **5. Compiling a list of editors of linguistics journals**

At last year's meeting, the idea was proposed that we assemble a list of editors of linguistics journals and contact them about joining our email list, visiting our website and participating in CELxJ. Brian Joseph has been working on this surprisingly massive task with a student assistant and the work will continue in the spring in the hopes of completing the list by June.

## **6. Follow up on committee on data**

Greg will discuss the submission with the Publications Committee to determine ways of proceeding.