Minutes of a meeting of the LSA Committee of Editors in Linguistics, January 11, 2015, Portland

Present: Greg Carlson, Stan Dubinsky, Joe Salmons, Ellen Kaisse, Tom Purnell, Megan Crowhurst, Keren Rice, Andrea Berez (andrea.berez@hawaii.edu), Susan Smythe Kung (skung@austin.utexas.edu), Gary Holton (gmholton@alaska.edu)

Citation practices
Andrea Berez, Susan Smythe Kung, and Gary Holton made a presentation about project being done by Delaman (Digital Endangered Languages and Music Archiving Network) to develop standards for data citation and attribution; see the attached for details of the plans. These include a series of workshops and a panel presentation at the LSA in 2017. This project is being undertaken now partly because of the requirement from funding agencies for data management plans, plus the amount of data that is now available in digital archives. The committee is concerned that data be properly credited. It is addressing issues such as the following:
> How do you reference things in an archive?
> What are common needs in subfields?
The goal of the committee is to develop standards, and get them incorporated into relevant software

Various questions and ideas came up in discussion. Some archives have standards, but these are often not followed. Audio material could be stamped with the attribution. Issues around human subjects and confidentiality were raised.

The Committee recommended that an editor of an areal journal be invited. Some specific journals were mentioned – American Speech, Linguistic Geography. It was also suggested that Hope Dawson, as copy editor of Language, be invited to attend the workshops.

Leipzig Glossing Rules
The committee discussed a request from Balthazar Bickel about having the Leipzig Glossing Rules on the CELx website. The committee members present agreed that this was an excellent idea. Greg will contact Balthazar Bickel.

In addition, there was discussion of the website, with the sense that it should be hosted by the LSA rather than at Madison. Greg will discuss this with Alyson, with the idea of moving it to the LSA website as soon as it is feasible.

Publications Committee report
The Publications Committee has prepared a document concerning standards in LSA publications. There was some discussion around anonymity and conflicts of interest, and it was recommended that there be guidelines for authors on how to anonymize a manuscript. There was also discussion about the value of anonymity.

Length of papers
Ellen noted that papers in Phonology are increasing in length, and others agreed that this is happening more broadly. There was brief discussion about a paragraph in the Publications Committee report about fragmentation ("Authors should avoid fragmentation of their work where practical, so that the submitted manuscript is as comprehensive and authoritative as possible.") and whether this might lead to longer manuscripts.

Ellen also noticed an increase in number of submissions.

Guidelines for reviewers
David Pesetsky discussed with Keren about the development of a kind of code of ethics for reviewers. His particular focus were reviews that recommended rejection because the reviewer did not accept the author's theory and/or assumptions. It was agreed that such a document would be of value. Joe and Greg (in an advisory capacity) agreed to work on this, and David Pesetsky is interested in being part of the group as well. Keren can also help out (although no longer an editor).

Publishing Symposium
A symposium on publishing was held during the meeting at the LSA, aimed at helping to demystify the publishing process including discussion of taking a course paper/thesis and preparing it for journal submission, choosing an appropriate venue to submit to, peer review, what goes on once the paper is submitted, and revising and resubmitting. The symposium was well attended, with many questions. The slides will be posted.

Developing Standards for Data Citation and Attribution for
Reproducible Research in
Linguistics

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- Series of 3 workshops and **1** panel presentation bringing together stakeholders to develop and promote standards for data citation and attribution for linguistic data sets.
    - o Language archivists
    - o Journal editors
    - o Reps from subfields of linguistics
    - o Experts in data management outside of linguistics
- Why now?
    - o Funders (NSF) now requiring data management; DEL requires archiving plan. More primary data will be publicly available than ever before.
    - o Shifts in technology have resulted in rapidly growing volumes of digital language
        data
    - o More than half of the world's languages are endangered, and soon archival data will be the only source of information on those languages

Project activities:

Workshop 1: September 18-20, 2015. Boulder
CO. Workshop 2: April 2016. Austin TX.
LSA Panel/Workshop 3: LSA Meeting, January 2017, Austin TX.

Outcomes:

Position paper on data citation and attribution.
Proposal to LSA for resolution on citation and attribution.