

MwALT Business Meeting Minutes (2014)

Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Meeting during Lunch

(1) Calling the meeting to order:

First caller: Paula Winke

Second caller: Lia Plakans

(2) 2013 minutes: Approved.

(3) Activities

1. Call for nominations of new president, to begin 2- or 3-year term beginning January 1, 2015
2. New MwALT website. Dan Reed & others will be caretakers. URLs: <http://mwalt.msu.edu> and <http://mwalt.public.iastate.edu>. Content reviewers of the website will be India Plough & Lia Plakans, & Jayantee Banerjee. After the site is up, Paula Winke will tell Dan Douglas to take the IA site down.)

A question arose regarding publishing a membership list on the listserv. It was decided not to publish emails of individual members, but to list members' institutions only.

News about L2 assessment in the Midwest (on website) – ECOLT: nuttin'; other sites are really neat. If possible, Paula will update the website (going thru India, Lia, & Jay).

There will be an announcement on L-LTEST when the site is up and running.

Have some PPT slides from past conferences up on the website. (Like M C-D as archivist for LTRC.)

3. There was also discussion about getting an updated list of email circulated at this conference.

(4) Future MwALT meetings – Announcements made:

1. University of Iowa for MwALT 2015 to be in Iowa City, IA. Mark Chapman will contact TC at OSU to ask whether they want to come. Lia passed out flyers on MwALT 2015 and talked about the next conference. Website is live, though scant.
2. It was decided to ask other institutions to consider being host for MwALT 2016. Should hosting be done on a volunteer basis or in regular turns? It was considered that perhaps IU and Purdue could co-host. Paula will begin arm-twisting after the business meeting.

(5) Treasurer’s Report: Money moved from Pedro in Chicago to Dan at MSU. Anna Davis (at MSU) is taking care of the account.

MWALT Budget Report November 2013 – Sept 2014

	Subtractions	Additions
Beginning balance		7876.49
Remaining revenue from 2013 conference		2082.02
Membership dues 2014		
Registration fees 2014		
Dividend		
Monthly service fee (\$5/mo Nov 13 – Sep 14)	50.00	
Subtotal		
Total		9908.51

This budget reflects dividends from September 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

(6) Secretary’s Report by Scott Walters
(All’s well!)

(7) Report by Member-at-large Mark Chapman re: Best Student Paper award:

- The award this year went to Meghan [last name?]. There were only 3 candidates this year (as opposed to 6 last year).
- Mark stated that the language in the call for papers had been simplified – this may have halved the response rate. This will be changed for the next call.
- India proposed that the call could be sent out early and Deborah proposed that it be announced today also at the end of the conference.
- It was decided that the Best Student Paper award would be announced at 4:45.

(9) Old Business:

- About 80 attendees at MwALT 2014 (as of yesterday, 10/3).
- Regarding the grad student representative list, it was considered that this should be revised, as many wonder “where they are.”
- Alert! We need to nominate a new president – Paula’s stepping down b/c her term is over (3 yrs) and also b/c she has been up to her ears developing the MwALT website. The election should be announced online.
- We need to make sure officer positions are filled
- Make sure the grad students are on the website.
- The website should “operationalize” what the organization is all about.
- It was considered that we need to contact non-MwALT people before the conference. E.g., ILTA asked to be an affiliate – thus, we would need to contact the members. We would need a point person for this, but it probably would not be a lot of work.
- Organizing the conference is the main goal of the organization
- It was suggested that we put bylaws on the website.

(10) New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.