

MwALT Business Meeting Minutes (2013)
Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
 International Center, CIP 115

Meeting during Lunch

(1) Calling the meeting to order:

First caller: Carol Chapelle Second caller: Debra Crusan

(2) Approval of 2012 minutes: Approved

(3) Activities

1. Acknowledgement of outgoing members:
 - a. Pedro Cordova (treasurer)
2. Call for nominations of new treasurer, to begin two-year term Jan. 1, 2014
 Dan Reed self-nominated himself. Members voted Dan in as new treasurer.

(4) Future MwALT meetings – Announcements made:

1. MwALT 2014 – at Cambridge Michigan Language Assessment (CaMLA), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
2. Bid from University of Iowa for MwALT 2015 to be in Iowa City, Iowa
 - a. Graduate students from the University of Iowa presented their bid for MwALT 2015. It was unanimously accepted by the members.
3. Please consider being a host of MwALT 2016

(5) Treasurer’s Report by Pedro Cordova (presented on his behalf by Paula Winke).

1. Current balance as in table below.
2. Membership dues in 2013 were collected by MSU
3. MwALT 2013 pre-conference registration fees also collected by MSU
4. Membership collected at the 2013 conference as well.

MWALT Budget Report Sept 2013

	Substractions	Additions
Oct 2012 Beginning balance		\$7581.30
Membership dues 2012		\$275.00
Registration fees 2012		
Dividend		\$16.22
Money order fee		
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$7872.52
Total		\$7872.52

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

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

(7) Member-at-large by Mark Chapman

- 5th year for paper award
- 6 students submitted papers this year, a record number

(9) Old Business: None

(10) New Business

From Debra Crusan = unofficial rotation of MwALT conferences: **2014 U Michigan, 15 U Iowa, 16 Purdue?, 17 Wright State, 18 Iowa State, 19 Illinois, 20 MSU** (Debra said Wright State will bid for 2017.) This rotation may not be strictly

MwALT 2013 Officers

President: Paula Winke, Michigan State University, winke@msu.edu

Treasurer: Pedro Cordova, University of Illinois, Chicago, pcjr@am3inc.net

Secretary: F. Scott Walters, Southern Connecticut State University, fwalters@hotmail.com

Member-at-Large: Mark Chapman, Cambridge Michigan Language Assessment (CaMLA), chapman.m@cambridgemichigan.org

Graduate Student Representatives:

- Ji Betsy Lavolette, Michigan State University, betsy@msu.edu
- Stephanie Gaillard, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, gaillard1@illinois.edu
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- Hyejin Yang, Iowa State University, hjyang@iastate.edu

followed. We discussed having other universities join as potential MwALT sponsors. We also discussed that there are now only two active regional conferences, MwALT and ECOLT (East Coast Organization of Language Testers). SCALAR (Southern California Association of Language Assessment Researchers) has disbanded for now. Meg Malone noted that ECOLT has approximately 125 attendees each year. Paula Winke noted that MwALT had almost 100 registrants in 2013. Dan Douglas noted that these regional conferences are now bigger than the early International Language Testing conferences, which had around 30 attendees at first. We discussed an idea from Micheline Chalhoub-Deville to have a single national language testing conference, but ECOLT and MwALT presidents (Malone and Winke) suggested that the regional ones are needed because they fulfill certain niches, in that they are affordable and (happily) geared mainly for graduate students.

Meeting Adjourned at : ___1:30 PM___