Minutes of the 2nd **IACS General Assembly Meeting**

22 June 2016, Lublin, Poland

Minutes taken by Esther Pascual

Minutes checked by Peer Bundgaard & Todd Oakley

Todd opens the session at 12:45.

The secretary for minutes and 2 people to check them are chosen, as well as those to count votes

Issues to be discussed:

- Next IACS in 2018
- Financial report
- Report on the journal
- Nomination of the Board

Next IACS in 2018

- Todd Oakey presents the candidacy of Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio): an easy place to get to from NYC or Atlanta, with easy access from the international airport to the University Centre, plenty of hotels around; one of the most livable places in the USA, with one of best natural history museums, musical hall, sports game, etc., as candidates for the conference social event(s).

The most likely time is 20-23 October, to get space: limited options in terms of time outside this period.

Todd is optimistic that it can work out in Cleveland, but will hear more at the end of the summer. Caveat: the university is going through a financial recovery period until 2020, which means we cannot count on specific financial support from the Dean. However, there is real good space for holding the conference, and we do have resources at IACS and membership fees. It is thus very likely that Cleveland will be able to come up with a nice program with conference fee that are comparable to the present one at Lublin for 100-120 .delegates

- Peter Coppin (OCAD University, Toronto) and Jamin Pelkey (Ryerson University, Toronto) present their candidacy for Toronto. Both universities are closed to each other, making it easy for the two universities to organize the conference together. Toronto has a very enthusiastic President who'd likely be excited about such events.

The preferred time is the summer (late June-early July).

Holding the conference at Toronto would have a symbolic value, since Toronto is the historical capital of semiotics, as it originated there in the mid '70s, giving rise to a number of semiotic institutes. It'd be good to get new breeze in old semioticians.

The Toronto universities have access to research council of Canada grants and can count on very likely support from the university boards.

Count: 18 votes for Cleveland; 17 for Toronto.

Decision: the 3rd IACS in 2018 will be held in Cleveland, with Toronto as back-up option.

Financial report

IACS president Oakley tells the members that the IACS has a more informal or open-ended mechanism to run the association, to make decisions etc. than bigger associations like the ICLA, for instance.

Treasurer report:
Last report from 2014
Income: 0
expenses: 0

Since then:
A bank account and a Paypal account have been established
Balance : 0

Membership collected since then: 4.780 euro
Income: 3.600 euro
Sum: 4.935 euro
Expenses (websites, 75 euro; bank account fee, 40 euro:
Total balance as of 6/22/16: 4780.00 euro.

Some members dropped, probably due to the conference payment procedures.

The board granted 5 student travel grants (out of 11 applicants) of 200 (1.000 euro) for IACS 2016 (that still do not figure in the accounts, as it's still being processed)

We might be able to give some additional travel grants next time.

<u>Report of the board of the journal of *Cognitive Semiotics*</u>

Editor Peer Bungaard informs that the journal exists since 2007, changed publishers two years ago, as is now been published by de Gruyter Mouton.

General information on the journal:
- 2 issues per year,
- 5 issues the 6th to appear in December
- no theme issues, but theme blocks of 3-4 papers
- nicely indexed journal, good place to publish
- favorable subscription prices for students
- the contents of the issues can be checked from the website, and all issues published by Peter Lang are open access.

The editor invites delegates to submit papers to the journal.

How to manage relations between journal and membership:

- there is no direct link between the *Cognitive Semiotics* journal and the IACS membership, but they are coordinated. When one signs up for IACS membership, the signer's name will go to de Gruyter as potential, although the possibility exists of indicating that one does not want to have one's name to go to De Gruyter. This is a compromise, since we want subscribers for the journal, and it is in everybody's interest, but it is not OK to have mandatory subscription to subscribe to journal to become an IACS member.

<u>Nomination process</u>

- Election of IACS president

- Election of 5 board members

1. secretary
2. president
3. public relations
4. past president
5. treasurer
6. extra person

Tasks of the board: at least one meeting a year (held virtually). Every year vote anew.

Current President Todd Oakley expresses his will to stand for another term.

Close the meeting, results in 1 hour.

Members of the organisation will be nominated, but this is a new election, so they may not get re-elected.

Nominees for Board:

1. Hanna Little
2. Mónica Tamariz
3. Kristian Typen
4. Peter Coppin
5. Goran Sonesson
6. Jordan Zlatev
7. Joel Prathmore
8. Mats Andrean
9. Gareth Roberts (Pensilvania)
10. Slawomir Wacewicz
11. Peer Bungaard
12. Donna West
13. Piotr Konderak
14. Esther Pascual

The meeting closes at 13:30pm, results of election expected within 1 hour.

Election Results

President:

Todd Oakley

Board members:

1. Mónica Tamariz
2. Kristian Tylén
3. Jordan Zlatev
4. Hannah Little
5. Piotr Konderak
6. Esther Pascual