

British Association for Applied Linguistics
Linguistics Association of Great Britain

Language Steering Committee

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Dear Dr Smith,

I thought that it might be useful to write to you about the Language Steering Committee, and to propose a meeting.

The LSC originally came into existence following a joint BAAL/LAGB Seminar held at Bromsgrove in July 1978. I believe that everyone involved saw its existence as an essentially short-term one, leading to a further seminar at the most. In the event, however, the Committee has found itself involved in a continuing and important task of co-ordinating the contribution of linguistics to the school curriculum. Currently we are involved in discussions with the NCLE as to a potential relationship, we are acting as consultants to the HMI working party on the new post-16 unified English examination, and we are proposing to hold further seminars at Easter 1982 and 1983. The topics for these are 'Children's language and teachers' linguistic assumptions', * and 'Children's language and teachers' linguistic targets'.

The BAAL Executive Committee felt that the continuance of the LSC necessitated a more formalised constitution, and one has now been prepared and discussed by the Committee itself. I wonder whether you might find it of value to have an informal discussion of this, and of the activities of the Committee, before matters go any further.

I have to be in London on December 16th, and could easily arrange to stay overnight for a meeting on Wednesday 17th, if you could spare the time on that morning. I hope that you will be able to find time for this meeting, as I am sure that it would be of value both to the Committee and LAGB.

Yours sincerely,

John Rudd

JOHN RUDD

* New approach by BAAL.
1st Seminar 6-8/4/82 (Easter 12.4.82)
" " 4.4.83

Workshop seminar proposal for 1982.

Terms of reference
(DRAFT CONSTITUTION) FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR LINGUISTICS IN EDUCATION

1 Name

The joint committee set up by the British Association for Applied Linguistics and the Linguistics Association of Great Britain shall be called the Committee for Linguistics in Education (hereinafter called the Committee).

2 Purposes

to determine how
The purposes of the Committee shall be to represent the interests of the two sponsoring organisations insofar as they relate both to linguistics as a separate school subject and in relation to *disseminating information in* other educational areas where the insights of linguistics are relevant.

3 Activities

The Committee shall pursue these purposes by such means as may seem appropriate. These means might include the organisation of seminars, discussions with teachers, the drawing up of discussion documents, compiling and distributing information relevant to its purposes and the circulation of a newsletter.

The Committee will not, however, publish anything which might be taken to commit its sponsoring organisations without their prior approval. Nor shall it organise any public activities without such prior approval.

4 Membership

- i) Each of the sponsoring organisations shall nominate *up to* three members to the Committee. *+ wherever possible.*
- ii) Two members of HMI shall be invited to attend all meetings with full rights of membership.
- iii) Members shall be co-opted on the nomination of the following organisations:
 - NATE (two)
 - NAAE (one)
- iv) Representatives of further organisations may be co-opted as shall seem appropriate to the Committee.
- v) Up to three members may be co-opted in a personal capacity.

5 Officers of the Committee

A chairman and secretary shall be appointed annually by the Committee. One shall be chosen from each of the sponsoring organisations.

The Committee shall appoint such other officers as shall be required.

6 Meetings of the Committee

Meetings shall be held termly, one of which shall be the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the Autumn Term.

7 Report to sponsoring organisations

Representatives of the sponsoring organisations shall make regular reports to their organisations in the form specified by the organisation.

8 Funds of the Committee

The secretary of the Committee shall keep detailed record of the funds of the Committee, and shall submit accounts for approval by the Annual Meeting.

9 Conduct of Correspondence

The secretary shall normally conduct correspondence in the name of the Committee and shall maintain a file of all the Committee's correspondence.

10 Committee papers

Members of the Committee are permitted to make any appropriate use of Committee papers provided that a clear acknowledgement is made of their provenance, and that the Secretary is informed, for record purposes, of any such use.

The Secretary shall report to each meeting of the Committee all such uses.

All Committee papers shall be dated.

11 Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Committee its assets shall be divided equally between the sponsoring organisations.

*Suggest 5th member of Committee -
eg. Connie Cullen
check with GP.
(to add to RAAH + Mike Riddell).*

Committee members.

*BAAAL have Mary Wiles.
(+ John Stamford
John Riddell)
NACO. Davick Sharp
Arthur Brooks (Durham Union)
Admiral of Egham. Dennis Rood
Edwille Guffey Thaxter
HARRI Peter Gannon
{ Ben Arnold (of Bristol Report)
+ Sally Tuite*

Next meeting:

*27. 2. 81 (in London)
12. 6. 81 (= Birmingham)
13. 11. 81 (to be)*

Funding of L.S.C.

EEC funding possible if foreign go involved.

Check with John Lyons a possibility of getting EEC funding

Institutional base for L.S.C. at B'ham with John Sinclair

Check with L.S.A. - compare details there.

[Faint, mostly illegible text from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like "The Secretary shall report to each meeting of the Committee all such", "All Committee papers shall be dated", and "The Secretary shall be responsible for the classification of the Committee's assets"]

17th December, 1980.

Ms. Connie Cullen,
Department of Linguistics,
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Cottingham Road,
Hull HU6 7RX.

Dear Connie,

At the LAGB committee meeting on January 30th we have inter alia to discuss the nomination of a third member of the LAGB/to membership of the joint BABB/LAGB Language Steering Committee. The current LAGB representatives are Dick Hudson and Mike Riddle, and as it seems desirable that the third member be on the committee of the LAGB, Gerald and I hoped that you would be prepared to accept nomination. Both Mike Riddle and John Rudd (with whom I had a meeting this morning) have asked very forcefully that if at all possible you should be the third member. Perhaps you would let me know what you feel about the matter informally before our meeting on the 30th January. Incidentally, a further reason for asking preliminarily now is that the next meeting of the LSC is the 27th February 1981 - i.e. rather shortly after our own next committee meeting.

Greetings to Steve. With best wishes for a happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

N.V.Smith.

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14th January 1981

Dr Neil Smith,
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Dear Neil,

I enclose six copies of the 'Terms of reference' of the Committee for Linguistics in Education. Once this has been seen by the LAGB Committee, I look forward to hearing who your third representative is to be.

Yours sincerely



JOHN RUDD

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2nd February, 1981.

Mr. J. Rudd,
92, Bath Road,
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Dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of 14th January, and the "terms of reference" of the Committee ~~of~~ Linguistics and Education.

At a committee meeting of the L.A.G.B. on Friday we duly nominated Connie Cullen to be the L.A.G.B.'s third representative on the Committee. I was also asked to convey to you and Mike Riddle the enthusiasm that the L.A.G.B. feels for this venture.

I am still attempting to find sources ~~of~~ financial support, but so far, I ~~fail~~ without success. I will keep you informed.

Perhaps you could communicate directly with Connie about future meetings of the C.L.E.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

N.V.Smith.

cc Connie Cullen
Gerald Gazdar