

BAAL/LAGB Committee for Linguistics in Education

MINUTES of meeting 16 held in Room 705, Institute of Education, London.

16.1 Attendance

Connie Cullen, Peter Gannon, David Hoffman, Dick Hudson, Bill Littlewood (Secretary), Helen Lunt, Mike Riddle (Chairman), John Rudd, Mary Willes.

Apologies were received from Arthur Brookes, Vlasta Smith, Geogrey Thornton, John Trim and Sally Twite.

16.2 Minutes of meeting 15

16.2.1 re 15.3.4 "selection" should read "section".

16.3 Matters arising

re 15.8 It was reported that a report of the Language Awareness Working Party was to be published by CIIL for NCLIE in early 1984. Copies of the LAWP Newsletter were obtainable from Alison Piper, School of Language Studies, Ealing College of H.E., St. Mary's Road, Ealing, London W5 5RF.

16.4 Chairman's report

The Chairman of LAGB had agreed that the changeover of CLIE members should not occur too abruptly. The Language in Teacher Education project was thriving. It was agreed that CLIE should receive reports.

15.6 Secretary's report

Funds now stood at £20.13. BAAL had agreed to support CLIE with £20 per year for office expenses, in addition to support with BAAL representatives' travel expenses.

16.6 Reports from representatives

16.6.1 BAAL

The Executive Committee of BAAL was to discuss CLIE's terms of reference at its next meeting.

16.6.2 LAGB

The next LAGB meeting will be held in March at Hull. The Committee suggested that the Educational Linguistics section should take as its topic the relationship of speaking and writing with special reference to discourse structure. Speakers to be approached might include Gillian Brown, Henry Widdowson, Mike Stubbs and Mike Hoey.

16.6.2 NAAE

David Hoffman reported that NAAE had invited CLIE to offer a $\frac{1}{2}$ day or whole day presentation at its next annual conference (September 1984). Peter Gannon, Dick Hudson and the Chairman will plan a presentation under the title 'linguistic Equality', bearing in mind when approaching speakers that the interest of the conference is mainly focused on secondary education. The Chairman will send a letter to the NAAE Secretary and a progress report on the preparations will be made at the February meeting of CLIE.

16.7 Working party reports

16.7.1 Language Awareness in Schools

CLIE will respond to a report which will be issued by NCLE in January 1984.

16.7.2 'A' level Linguistics

Dick Hudson was pessimistic about the future of the syllabus, especially since there was now more overlap in other proposed syllabuses with 'A' Level Language. A review will be made at the next meeting of current 'A' level syllabuses in preparation and of the linguistic content of Modern Language 'A' levels.

16.8 Description of CLIE

A description replacing that of two years ago, re-stating CLIE'S aims, had been drawn up by the Chairman for circulation to BAAL, LAGB and the British Linguistics Newsletter. The Chairman will reformulate the description to take account of the comments of committee members and present the revision to the next meeting.

16.9 Reading for Learning in Secondary Schools

Individual members had been interested in these materials but did not feel that comment by the Committee in answer to the letter from Dennis Pepper of the Schools Council would be appropriate. The Chairman will write a reply to this effect. Members felt that whether or not consensus is reached, discussion of this kind of paper by CLIE is useful.

16.10 'A' Level English Language

The JMB and other papers will be considered at meeting 17.

16.11 Publications

16.11.1 CLIE Working Paper No. 1 - Linguistic Equality by Dick Hudson - had been circulated. The author stressed that the paper was for linguists and not for teachers. The Committee welcomed it as a factual record of the debate at Newcastle in September 1983 and hoped that someone might write a version suitable for a wider readership in the field of education so as to facilitate further debate. The paper will be advertised in newsletters. Copyright will rest with the author who will welcome acknowledged quotations or translations from the paper. A form of words to protect copyright on CLIE working papers was suggested by John Trim*.

16.11.2 It was agreed that BAAL should be approached by the Chairman in December for a small advance to be used for launching publications. It was hoped, however, that CLIE Working Papers would eventually become self-supporting.

16.11.3 Peter Gannon's book "Assessing Writing" is to be published by Edward Arnold in Spring 1984.

16.11.4 H.M.I. is to publish a series of pamphlets for secondary teachers, including one on the teaching of grammar.

16.12 Correspondence

16.12.1 The Secretary had received an enquiry about CLIE from Steve Whitley.

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- 16.12.2 The Chairman had received a letter from Derrick Sharp about NATE's withdrawal from CLIE.
- 16.12.3 John Mountford had sent a letter of withdrawal to the Chairman. No replacement has yet been made.
- 16.12.4 The Chairman had received an offer of a paper to be written by Bob Shafer.
- 16.13 Co-options - nil
- 16.14 The next meeting of CLIE will be held on Friday 3 February 1984 in Room 705 of the Institute of Education from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m. Members able to attend lunch will meet at 12.45 in the S.C.R.

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