

# Committee for Linguistics in Education

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Dear Neil,

I am replying to your letter of 21 June 1983. You will have seen from the most recent minutes that CLIE discussed the BAAL/LAGB proposals briefly at its June meeting. The response of members to your joint proposals was positive and favourable. We welcomed the expression of continued support for CLIE, and the concern shown for a regularisation of the representation of BAAL and LAGB on CLIE.

In discussions since that time, both in and out of Committee, suggestions for effecting the changeover from the present ad hoc arrangements have been floated. The consensus appears to be that the process of replacement can start as from now; we feel, however, that we ought to take care that the continuity within CLIE should not suffer from the way the changeover is carried out. This can best be ensured by staggered replacements.

Since we anticipate that the positions of Chairman and Secretary will switch to BAAL and LAGB respectively, and since most current representatives enjoy joint membership of the two Associations, it would seem sensible to draw up a plan for a phased and ordered changeover. I look forward to your views on this suggestion.

In the meantime, we have agreed to invite a member of the LAGB Executive to attend our meetings on a regular basis; this would be in addition to yourself as Chairperson. Dr A Crompton is a name that has been mentioned in Committee, but CLIE must obviously leave the choice to the LAGB Executive. The BAAL Executive is already represented by Bill Littlewood.

One final point, which I raised with Chris Brumfit at a brief meeting we had in the Summer vacation - would it be possible to accord to the two CLIE officers the courtesy of an invitation to those times during their respective Association's Executive committee meetings at which CLIE matters are to be discussed?

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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