

BAAL/LAGB Committee for Linguistics in Education

MINUTES of Meeting 18 held in Room 703, Institute of Education,  
on 22nd June, 1984

18.1 Attendance

- 18.1.1 The Chairman welcomed Sarah Death (representing CILT), Andrew Crompton and Mike Stubbs (LAGB representatives to replace Dick Hudson and Mike Riddle).  
Also present: Ron Arnold, Tom Bloor, Arthur Brookes, Chris Brumfit, Dick Hudson, Bill Littlewood (Secretary) and Mike Riddle (Chairman).
- 18.1.2 Apologies were received from Peter Gannon, David Hoffman, Neil Smith, Geoffrey Thornton, Mary Willes.

18.2 Minutes of Meeting 17 were amended to take account of the following inaccuracy:  
re 17.4.2 'within one year' should read 'by the end of 1984'.

18.3 Matters arising

- 18.3.1 re 17.3.2 It was noted that John Sinclair would shortly report on the Language Awareness Working Party to the NCLE Assembly. Tom Bloor and Chris Brumfit would be present as representatives of BAAL. The Committee would welcome any further opportunity for the same person to represent his or her organisation on both CLIE and NCLE.
- 18.3.2 re 17.3.4 A revised description of CLIE was circulated.
- 18.3.3 re 17.3.5 The letter to NATE would be postponed (see also 18.11.3 below).
- 18.3.4 re 17.13 UKRA had put forward Joyce Morris; John Chapman had agreed to deputise. LITREP and NATESLA had not yet been approached and it was agreed to postpone this approach for the present.

18.4 Chairman's report

Mike Riddle wished to retire from the Chair as from the end of Meeting 18. It was decided that, until June 1985, there should be an interim arrangement and that Connie Cullen should be asked to take the Chair at meetings. This would create the option, on the present Secretary's retirement by June 1985, of appointing a BAAL member to the post of Chairperson and an LAGB member to the post of Secretary.

18.5 Secretary's report

- 18.5.1 Financial report: £20 had been received from BAAL towards office expenses. LAGB might also wish to contribute. Funds now stood at £32.63.
- 18.5.2 The revised Terms of Reference had been approved by BAAL Executive Committee and were to be examined shortly by LAGB Executive Committee.

18.5.3 Resignations had been received from Mary Willes (who was to take up a post in Macau) and David Hoffman (due to pressure of work and difficulty with expenses). BAAL were expected to nominate a new representative in September. David Hoffman had asked NAAE to nominate a representative living near London. Thanks were expressed to both members for their contributions to CLIE.

#### 18.6 Reports from representatives

18.6.1 LAGB Mike Stubbs reported that the RSA proposed to set up an examination syllabus in the area of Language Awareness, probably leading to a teacher-education certificate. He agreed to report on further developments.

Dick Hudson reported that future topics for the Educational Linguistics section at LAGB Conferences were to be Sexism in Language (organised by Jenny Coates) and Traditional Grammar.

18.6.2 BAAL CLIE Working Paper No.1 had been offered to BAAL Newsletter. BAAL had agreed to provide a cash float to help publish the paper but this was no longer needed.

18.6.3 CILT Sarah Death reported that CILT were to move in September, to a location as yet unknown. The library would be split between CILT and the British Council.

18.6.4 DES Ron Arnold noted a danger emerging that the statement of a minimum time to be devoted to language in teacher education might lead, in some cases, to less time being available, since minima tended to be regarded as new norms.

18.7 Working Parties: nothing to report.

#### 18.8 Language and Linguistics in School

Dick Hudson had circulated a paper entitled 'Guidelines for evaluating school instruction about language', proposing minimum levels of knowledge about language ('metalinguacy') which children should acquire at school. The proposals were discussed with great interest and support. Dick Hudson agreed to make any appropriate amendments and write the proposals up as a CLIE Working Paper.

#### 18.9 Modern language teachers and linguistics

The papers by Mike Byram were discussed with interest. It was decided that he should be invited to provide a short paper summarising (with indications of priority) what he feels to be the most important contributions that linguistics and applied linguistics can make to modern language teachers.

18.10 Future developments: discussion was deferred.

18.11 Publications

- 18.11.1 The revised CLIE Working Paper 2 (by John Walmsley) and CLIE Working Paper 3 (by Dick Hudson on 'The higher-level differences between speech and writing') were received.
- 18.11.2 Chris Brumfit reported that the BAAL Newsletter was currently without an editor and that in the interim period one issue might consist of (say) the first three CLIE Working Papers.
- 18.11.3 The Secretary would compose an announcement of the first four titles in the CLIE Working Papers and send it to appropriate journals.
- 18.11.4 It was suggested that a useful step towards a dialogue with NATE might be to send copies of the Working Papers to a prominent member (e.g. Douglas Barnes) and ask for a paper in response. The Secretary would do this.

18.12 Correspondence had been dealt with at other appropriate points in the agenda.

18.13 Cooptions

The Committee had reached its defined quota of three personal cooptions. It was noted that invitations to attend (relevant parts of) meetings could also be made, in appropriate circumstances. It was agreed to discuss further, at a future meeting, the question of cooptions. The Secretary would also seek guidance as to the point at which he should regard a member as having withdrawn de facto from CLIE, when for a sequence of meetings that member neither attended nor communicated apologies.

18.14 Date of venue of next meeting

Meeting 19 will be held on Friday, 21st September, from 1.30 to 4.30, at the Institute of Education, subject to a room being obtainable there.

18.15 Any other business

Thanks were expressed to Dick Hudson and Mike Riddle for their very considerable contributions to CLIE.

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