# Annual General Meeting
## Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain 2021-2022
# **Minutes**

Time: 15:00 BST
Date: 11th April, 2022
Place: Lecture Theatre C, 40 George Square, University of Edinburgh and Online (MS Teams)
Minutes: Louis Van Steene (National Secretary)

**Agenda**
1. Annual Report
2. Financial Report
3. Amendments to the Constitution
4. Resolutions
5. Proposals for and election of the next host institution
6. Election of the National Committee
7. Election of Institutional Representatives
8. Close of meeting

**National Committee Members**

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| Cliodhna Hughes (CH) | Lydia Wiernik (LW) |
| Hafren Vaughan (HV) | Stephanie Jat (SJ) |
| Louis Van Steene (LVS) | Tom Williamson (TW) |
| Beatrix Livesey-Stephens (BLS) | Roma Dhasmana (RD) |
| Caitlin Wilson (CW) | Eloise Parr (EP; absent) |

**ULAB Subcommittee Members in attendance**

**Local Committee**: Nicole Chan (NCh), Elif Yıldız (EY), Joana Počopkaitė (JP), Trudy Kalvynaite (TK), Olivia Szczerbakiewcz (OS), Keyu Dong (KD), Michael Goessler (MG), Clara Braun (CB), CH, BLS

**Institutional Representatives**: MG, RD, MM, CT, Emily Shepherdson (ES)

**JouLAB Editorial Committee**: Liam McKnight (LM), CH, LW, Zsófia Varga (ZV)

**U-Lingua Editorial Team**: OS, TW, Alessandra Terranova (AT), Kitty Liu (KL), EY, CW, OS, TW

**Other Members Mentioned By Name**

Riley Crouch (RC), Kimmy Wang (KW), Jade Pathak (JP), Kazune Sato (KS), Matthew Hale (MH), Kirsty Gardiner (KG), Naomi Black (NB)

**Total attendance (peak)**: 40 in-person + 7 online / **Duration**: 2 hours, 30 minutes

# 1. Annual Report

- CH presents the annual report.
- General:
    - Continued to expand the organisation.
    - 42 people on ULAB committees + subcommittees.
    - Lots more National Committee members than previous years (7 to 11!), which worked well for our purposes.
    - Taken on new initiatives to help ULAB further fulfil its aims.
    - ULAB continues to be highly active throughout the year, not just at conferences.
- U-Lingua:
    - SJ added columnists to expand our readership by allowing space for more conversational and approachable pieces.
    - Introduced themes for cohesion within issues.
    - More social media marketing.
    - Received £450 from LAGB to print and distribute physical copies.
    - Next year's Editorial Team should focus on growing social media following and marketing, achieving more printed copies, and encouraging more puzzle submissions, which has been an issue this year.
- JoULAB:
    - Submissions received: 12.
    - Acceptance rate: 50% (2 Accept with minor corrections, 4 Accept with major corrections).
    - Reviews completed: 38 (25 first round, 13 second round).
    - Reviewers recruited: 21 (60 total reviewers, 33 total institutions, 11 total countries).
    - New fields represented amongst recruits include neurolinguistics; sign language phonology; gesture studies; dialect mapping; health communication.
    - Twitter: 173 tweets; 266 followers gained; 150,000+ impressions; Q3 had highest engagement rate (start of the academic year).
    - Instagram: 34 posts; 85 followers gained; 3,257 impressions and 555 accounts reached in the last 90 days.
    - Copyediting: 4 days per copyedit, 10 days per article, 1 month to produce Issue 2.
    - TW entered discussions with Cambridge University Press (unsuccessful) and Elsevier (ongoing) about publication.
    - Forming an advisory board of academics, in part to enable joining the Directory of Open Access Journals.
    - Cut average review time from 4 months to 72 days [just over 10 weeks; 2.5 months].
- Online Events:
    - EP revamped the public calendar for linguistics events around the world.
    - Hosted a range of unique online events, both social and academic.
    - Successfully changed an in-person dinner into an online one to adapt to current events.
    - Now that things are opening up, a possible goal for next year is to try to run more

- in-person events.
- Opportunities:
  - EP created an info doc for postgraduate opportunities.
  - Regularly advertised linguistics-related opportunities in the ULAB Discord.
  - Next year there could be more of a focus on creating links with linguistics-related companies in industry.
- Newsletter:
  - LVS continued sending a monthly newsletter to our mailing list.
  - Keeps members informed of online events, opportunities, submission deadlines, conference registration etc.
  - Now more than 200 subscribers.
  - New mailing list exclusively for members, eg. for early access U-Lingua and EGM information.
- IR Board:
  - Recruited 12 IRs in total from UK institutions.
  - 2 international representatives (Oregon and Alicante).
  - CW held monthly meetings to discuss event planning, outreach, and feedback from students at the represented universities.
  - Introduced policy where IRs should hold ULAB-themed events at their institutions: 4 have completed their events and 3 more have planned theirs for after the conference.
  - Next year's committee should focus on making sure all IRs hold an event and that they all take place while they are still IRs.
- Archives:
  - LW recovered basically 100% of archive – did not have any prior ULAB conference materials before, now theoretically have all materials directly linked.
  - Defining 'directly linked' as conference programs, committee member lists, constitutions, etc. Materials we do not yet have may be termed 'indirectly linked' and include photos, personal correspondences, and other information that individual presenters may have.
  - Major endeavour undertaken in searching for materials – tracking down and contacting prior ULAB members, huge amounts of digging but greatly successful and rewarding.
  - Used Linkedin, Academia.edu, personal websites, ResearchGate, Wayback Machine.
  - Started from oldest conference and working up.
  - Connected with past ULAB members all the way back to 2011.
  - Spreadsheet continuing to be filled with contact information for all presenters since 2011.
  - 2013, 2014, 2015 'lost' presenters + their presentations found (these were not listed at all on website before).
  - Connected with ULAB co-founders Richard Littauer and David Arnold.
- Social Media:
  - RD, BLS and RC continued to improve our social media presence.
  - On average, our tweets earned 1.1k views a day from January 5th–April 5th this year (91 day period).
  - LinkedIn very recently revived.

- ○ Insta followers +221; Twitter followers +285; Facebook likes +255; Facebook follows +282.
- Website:
  - ○ LVS completely updated the infrastructure of the website to be both more stable and easier to use, ensuring that it can last for many committee iterations to come.
  - ○ Improved the layout and design of various parts of the site, most notably for JoULAB.
- UKLO Markathon:
  - ○ HV organised the second ULAB UKLO markathon.
  - ○ 18 markers from 3 universities.
  - ○ Marked 224 papers in total.
  - ○ Took place between 12th and 19th February.
- New Initiatives:
  - ○ Buddy scheme:
    - ■ Very popular, 49 sign ups.
    - ■ We grouped people together but had very little communication after that, so in future it would be good to follow up with the buddies.
  - ○ Essay competition:
    - ■ 11 submissions.
    - ■ 1 winner, 3 runners up, from a range of institutions indicating wider university engagement with ULAB.
    - ■ Provided another opportunity for undergraduates to showcase and gain recognition for their work, in line with ULAB's aims.
- Charity status:
  - ○ A resolution made at the 2021 AGM.
  - ○ We were not successful this year as it's a big job, but next year's committee can continue to pursue this goal.
- 2022 Conference:
  - ○ First in-person conference since QMUL in 2019!
  - ○ Secured funding for BSL interpreters but were unfortunately unable to find enough available for this weekend.
  - ○ Hybrid element allowed us to invite plenary speakers from all over the world.
  - ○ Social events were held everyday but only for in-person guests (in future should run events for online guests).
  - ○ Secured lots of funding, so were able to reduce conference ticket prices and made an effort to ensure that all funds were used to make the conference as accessible and enjoyable as possible for all attendees, for instance by paying for dinners.
  - ○ Registrations:
    - ■ 123 total registrations (more than ever before?!?).
    - ■ Of which 27 online.
    - ■ 18 universities represented.
    - ■ Of these, 6 universities were outside of the UK.
    - ■ 49 submissions, 47 accepted.

■ 3 school student presentations, all accepted.

## 2. Financial Report

- Overall:
  - Amount remaining at last report (2021-04-18): £1109.97
  - Amount remaining as of 2022-04-11: £1541.81
- Main source of funding for conferences was the SSIF funding used on merch (got some additional money to print t-shirts but weren't able to get these in time so used this on keep cups instead), catering (including dietary-specific meals), socials (taskmartie; ceilidh, dinner); speaker expenses, photographer.

## 3. Constitutional Amendments.

- CH describes the process for submitting amendments, which must be done via an online form, and the procedure for voting, as described in the constitution.
- CH: We are starting with the amendments submitted before the meeting. Members present may submit further amendments until we move onto the next agenda item.

**Amendment 1: New Clause (4.2 item 4) - Disallow PhD students from becoming IRs**
Points of discussion:
- TW: sounds good!
Vote (For/Against/Abstain): 34 / -
The amendment passes.

No further amendments are proposed.

## 4. Resolutions

**Resolution 1: "There shall be a Social Media Subcommittee"**
Points of discussion:
- None.
Vote (For/Against/Abstain): 40 / -
The resolution passes.

No further resolutions are proposed.

CH announces a 5 minute break (28 minutes into the meeting).

# 5. Proposals for and election of the next host institution

- CH explains the procedure for election as per the constitution. Note that University of Edinburgh and University of Aberdeen are not eligible, as they have hosted the conference too recently.

**Candidate 1: University College London (proposed by Kimmy Wang)**
Speech:
- Currently 2nd year in linguistics
- UCL in Bloomsbury central London; lots of cultural heritage & architecture; would be a good place for people from around the UK to visit
- The psychology and language faculty of UCL is world renowned; speciality in psycholinguistics; world-class institution both for undergraduate and postgraduate students, so would love to see people from different institutions.
- London is quite expensive! But, UCL will have funding for food and accomodation. Even if you want to buy your own food, with student discount it will be cheap.
- UCL has lots of international students, and so is really rich! So will definitely get more funding than this time [LC is somewhat dismayed at this boast].
- KW has organised large scale events in the past and so has relevant transferable skills.

**Candidate 2: University of Manchester (proposed by Jade Pathak)**
Speech:
- Why ULAB in the great vibrant city of Manchester? Biggest communities in ULAB currently are Edinburgh and Cambridge, and Manchester is a good central point. London to Edinburgh by coach is ✨not fun✨.
- Located near lots of other universities that have great programmes but that don't really have a ULAB presence, so would be a good place to drum up support from these places.
- Linguistics at Manchester itself needs to grow – linguistics society went through a less popular period, which is unfortunate since linguistics and languages students are active in other societies so ULAB would be a great way of reviving it.
- Manchester is very accessible; not as big as London (being a Londoner that lives in Manchester JP is well placed to say this) lots of cheap hostels that could potentially have discounts for large groups of students.
- JP can't say much about funding; but the linguistics departments (and international student fees) should be sufficient.
- Great nightlife scene, lots to see, JP has personally offered to show people around.
- Promote events and charities to secondary school children, good at promoting things especially if it's something I really believe in and would love to promote this institution especially to those universities that are not as active in ULAB.

No further Members present wish to bid to host.

**Points of discussion:**

- RD: any aspects of the conference that you would like to do differently from this year?
    - KW: this year pretty good / good enough; things can be improved.
        - Ask UCL to find a bigger conference hall; try to encourage international students to participate more; many Edinburgh students but potentially could be more diversified.
    - JP: Edinburgh has done a really good job so not much comes to mind; one thing - more integration between groups from different unis, especially since here there was a large Edinburgh contingent, so more activities enabling mixing/networking would be great
- BLS: how confident are you about forming an LC and how would you do this?
    - KW: very confident. Know many students at the linguistics faculty, and will be able to ask them to participate.
    - JP: linguistics society at Manchester is going through a revival but can co-opt the committee members from there; with a project to work behind will be great to coordinate. Lots of students with combined degrees, so could also pitch the ULAB conference to language societies.
- KS: what kinds of socials will you run?
    - JP: great question! Lots of things to do in Manchester; great student union that runs lots of social events; active music and band society, so could host a music night paid in exposure (?!); perhaps something with the quiz society, linguistics puzzles and such.
    - KW: many great student societies at UCL which KW could ask to host e.g. jazz night and other interesting events, making use of e.g. the parks in London.

KW and JP leave the room.

**Points of discussion (second debate):**
- LW: would be good to go to Manchester as we haven't been there before so it could be a good place to expand to and increase the opportunity we're generating.
- MM: am from Lancaster, so would also be good for that reason. At the same time, London is the capital, and so it might be a bigger sell for our international audience.
- MH: revival of linguistics community at Manchester would benefit both societies. Manchester also has a big airport, so should be fine for international delegates.
- EY asks the audience who has been to London and who to Manchester. [There is a show of hands]. London wins, so let's go to Manchester!
- ZV: JP may be moving to a different university, which could be a major problem.
    - KL: whether or not JP herself needs to be there is not so important as a more personal matter; with a committee around her this shouldn't be a problem.
    - CH: there are procedures for this in the constitution. Up to you to decide whether you're voting for a person or an institution
- BLS: within JP's proposal BLS really saw how her plans really fit into ULAB's future, setting a trend for getting more universities involved.
- EY: UCL will likely secure more funding
    - TW: don't forget that Manchester is (one of the) biggest unis in the UK.
    - RD: don't just have to get funding from the host institution, e.g. this conference has had

funding from multiple sources.
- CH: ULAB has never been held in either UCL or Manchester, so will be exciting either way.

Votes: (UCL / Manchester / RON): ███████

**ULAB 2023 will take place at the University of Manchester. Jade Pathak is duly elected Local Chair.**

# 6. Election of the National Committee

**National Chair**
**Candidates: Hafren Vaughan (University of Aberdeen), Re-Open Nominations**

Candidate 1: HV (seconded by TW)
Speech:
- 2nd year L&L student at Aberdeen and current National Vice-Chair. Absolutely love everything about linguistics (favourite is morphology or syntax).
- ULAB means so much to HV, started undergraduate degree in 2020, from her bedroom, so ULAB allowed HV to get involved with a community that offered a great sense of belonging and helped instil a love of linguistics.
- ULAB is a national organisation which should be promoted across *every* institution across the UK.
- Some things to do:
  - Reconsider the structure of the board of IRs (major part of promotion).
  - Remove restriction of having only one IR at each institution; instead have 1 IR *per year group*.
  - Work more closely with linguistics societies directly, so that we can promote them and they can promote us.
- [time is up]

**Points of discussion:**
- TW: please continue with your speech!
  - HV: new direction for ULAB - having listened to Prof Trousdale's talk, would've loved to get involved with UKLO as a student.
  - Would love to work towards starting 'ULO' (name WIP) - a UKLO-style olympiad specifically for university students.
  - Most importantly, I love ULAB with all of my heartie, please consider me for the role!
- CH: previous leadership experience?
  - HV: Vice-Chair of ULAB and involvement in ULAB for two years; helping CW with board of IRs and helping social media with RC, RD, and BLS.
  - Demonstrated leadership by helping with UKLO markathon, marking 224 papers in total which took a lot of admin and communication skills; since because of errors in the

marking scheme. Also organised the essay competition. Also president of the Aberdeen linguistics society, have hosted numerous events, and have greatly enjoyed the role.

HV leaves the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- KS: would be greatly inspired to have HV as National Chair. Was a part of the markathon team, which was expertly led by HV.
- CT: HV is poggers.
- RD: everything that could have gone wrong did go wrong with the UKLO markathon, and yet HV communicated so effectively to encourage the team of markers to stay motivated, and really pulled everything back together. HV is really good at making people want to do stuff. These are all great qualities for a leader to have.
- CH: having working with HV over the past two years.
- LM: liked HV's ideas; especially the university olympiad is a great idea.
- KG: am on Aberdeen linguistics society committee; could not ask for a better National Chair.

Vote (HV / RON): ▮▮▮▮
**Hafren Vaughan is duly elected National Chair.**

CH: Due to increasingly pressing time constraints, the amount of time allocated to discuss candidates will be reduced from this point onwards.

**National Vice-Chair**
**Candidates: Nicole Chan (University of Edinburgh), Kazune Sato (University College London), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: NCh (seconded by CW)**
Speech:
- 1st year L&L student at Edinburgh; Local Vice Chair and X Coordinator at this conference.
- Would love to be involved in the backbone of ULAB in general.
- Loved working on LC. Helped out with every aspect of the conference.
- Although may not have directly relevant skills, am a fast learner and would love the opportunity.
- Would love to take on HV's responsibilities from this year, including starting new projects.

**Candidate 2: KS (seconded by CH)**
Speech:
- Love linguistics and languages; can speak around 15 languages; love working with people, love the diversity of London.
- Socialisation impacted by covid so have greatly enjoyed the conference.

- Love UKLO, including the markathon and would love to organise these as have had a lot of relevant experience; am motivated to work with IRs to make this work. Would love to set up a subcommittee for puzzles!

**Points of discussion:**
- TW: the role of Vice-Chair is all about arranging special projects, what else would you like to get involved with?
    - NCh: being involved with LC a lot this year, would love to try and help out with any role of the NC or subcommittees.
    - KS: improve platform for allowing people to ask questions, improving accessibility.
- MH: could you highlight your communications skills?
    - NC: have a role in ISAC, asking companies to partner with, and communicating with other committees.
    - KS: part of UKLO involvement is coaching coordinator, so helps teaching pre-university students, which involves communicating with and coordinating teams from schools.

NCh and KS leave the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- CW: NCh stepped up as Local Vice-Chair only two weeks ago and she has been excellent.
- TK: have also enjoyed working with her; she has a clear well-roundedness and exudes trust.
- MM: KS is very enthusiastic; CT: nothing if not enthusiastic.

Vote (NCh / KS / RON): 
**Nicole Chan is duly elected National Vice Chair**

## National Secretary
**Candidates: Ro Dhasmana (University of Aberdeen), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: RD (seconded by CH)**
Speech:
- Greatly enjoyed working on social media over the past year.
- Social Media coordinator is good lead-in to secretary.
- Love ULAB so much.
- Every time we get interactions on social media am very excited.
- We have come so far and yet have to far to go.
- Would love to build upon the newsletter .
- Having been the one publicising it, I'm an expert on ULAB now.
- Good at distilling information into the barebones (thank you twitter char limits!).
- Good to be able to use the newsletter as a more verbose outlet.
- Improve transparency of NC and LC via the newsletter.

- Spotlights for different committee members.
- Also, you don't have any other choice..

Points of discussion :
- BLS: how fast can you type
    - RD: 140wpm (!!!!)

RD leaves the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- BLS excellent communicator (having worked with them on social media and other projects outside of ULAB). Can absolutely vouch for them being a very fast typer and being good at minutes. Also can absolutely get behind their ideas on transparency.

Vote (RD / RON): ███
**Ro Dhasmarna is duly elected National Secretary**

## National Treasurer
**Candidates: Kazune Sato (University College London), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: KS (seconded by CH)**
KS (nom CH)
Speech:
- National Vice Chair was not the only thing I was interested in.
- Know how money flows work.
- Naturally haven't thought about the role having just nominated myself last-minute.

**Points of discussion:**
- BLS: any experience in applying for funding?
    - KS: have applied for personal funding in the past (e.g. scholarships)

KG also puts herself forward to run for the role.
KS expresses interest in stepping down from running, but is dissuaded.

**Candidates (revised): Kazune Sato (University College London), Kirsty Gardiner (University of Aberdeen), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 2: Kirsty Gardiner (seconded by CW)**
Speech:
- First year at Aberdeen. Used to work in HMRC so am experienced with working with money. Have applied for many grants and bursaries.

**Points of discussion:**
- RD: could you tell us more about the role in HMRC?
    - KG: worked in tax, benefits and such. Numbers, money, communication.

KS and KG leave the room

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- LM: needs careful consideration.
- CH: helpful that KG has HMRC experience (useful for applying for charity status!).
- BLS: helpful that KG is at Aberdeen for handover purposes.

Vote (KS / KG / RON): ▮▮▮▮
**Kirsty Gardiner is duly elected National Treasurer.**

## Archivist
**Candidates: Caitlin Wilson (University of Edinburgh), Re-Open Nominations**

### Candidate 1: CW (seconded by CH)
Speech:
- Lots of organisation experience from this year's conference.
- Very passionate about ULAB and think this would be a good way to stay involved.

Points of discussion:
- LW: any plans for any side projects within ULAB?
    - CW: would be nice to make archives more available to people, for instance working with graphics designers, getting members more involved.

CW leaves the room.

Points of discussion:
- MM: CW has been extremely good as IR coordinator.
- CT: CW is also very poggers. Very responsible and great with IRs.

Vote (CW / RON): ▮▮▮
**Caitlin Wilson is duly elected Archivist.**

## Webmaster
**Candidates: Kazune Sato (University College London), Re-Open Nominations**

### Candidate 1: KS (seconded by LVS)
Speech:
- all reps on committee are currently Aberdeen and Edinburgh; we need someone on the committee

outside of Scotland!
- have spoken with LVS and am interested in web technologies; have been involved in administration of UKLO website. Think LVS has done a great job but there are things that can be done to improve.
- would be good to internationalise the website so that people speaking other languages can access the website.

**Points of discussion:**
- MH: want to publish website in different language but still have to present in English?
    - KS: still useful to have information in different languages to improve accessibility.

KS leaves the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- LM: KS has done great work with UKLO on their website so would be great Webmaster for ULAB.

Vote (KS / RON): ███
**Kazune Sato is duly elected Webmaster.**

## Social Media Coordinators
**Candidates (two positions available): Allessandra Terranova (University of Edinburgh), Matthew Hale (University of Edinburgh), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: AT (seconded by CH)**
Speech:
- Have contributed lots to U-Lingua and would love to help promote ULAB further.

**Candidate 2: MH (seconded by CH)**
Speech:
- Also at Edinburgh so can communicate with AT.
- Works with promotion for another app on social media, so have experience in this field.

**Points of discussion:**
- BLS: how good are you at regularly posting on instagram?
    - AT: don't post on personal account much but used to!
    - MH: knows how to post on insta at least; but would very happy to learn more.

BLS nominates herself to run alongside the existing candidates.

**Candidates (revised; two positions available): Allessandra Terranova (University of Edinburgh), Matthew Hale (University of Edinburgh), Bea Livesey-Stephens (University of Aberdeen), Re-Open**

**Nominations**

**Candidate 3: BLS (seconded by CH)**
Speech:
- Current ULAB Social Media Coordinator.
- Regularly post to twitter and have seen great success, using eye-catching graphics that get us lots of engagement.
- Really enjoy seeing regular updates on social media, brings me great joy.

AT, MH and BLS leave the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- RD: as the other soc coordinator, can say that BLS has done fantastically maintaining consistency which is the most important thing.
- HV: will have a new subcommittee so when we're electing subcommittee chairs hopefully all three can be elected.

Everyone has two votes.
Vote (AT / MH / BLS / RON):
**Matthew Hale and Bea Livesey-Stephens are duly elected Social Media Coordinators.**

**Institutional Representative Coordinator**
**Candidates: Jade Pathak (University of Manchester), Cecilia Tang (University of Manchester), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: JP (seconded by MM)**
Speech:
- If the conference is being held in Manchester it would be great for one of us (JP or CT) to be the IR Coordinator to ensure that the conference is being promoted and to get to know everyone at different institutions.
- JP has met lots of people here at the conference and would be good at the social side of the role.

**Candidate 2: CT (seconded by CH)**
CT (nom CH)
- Have been an IR for the past year so know enough about the role to know what it entails.

**Points of discussion:**
- None.

JP and CT leave the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**

- CT has been an excellent IR; but being both Local Chair and IR Coordinator is a good combination.

Vote (JP / CT / RON): ████████

**Cecilia Tang is duly elected Institutional Representative Coordinator.**

## Journal Editor
**Candidates: Lydia Wiernik (University of Edinburgh), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: LW (seconded by CH)**
Speech:
- 2nd year edinburgh, have had various committee roles.
- Have done lots of graphic design for the journal.
- Goals:
    - Increasing submissions.
    - Publishing more.
    - Increasing accessibility.
    - Promoting diversity.
    - Printing physical copies.
- Focus on social media has been huge on engagement, need to capitalise on this.
- [runs out of time]

**Points of discussion:**
- TK: can we hear the rest of your speech?
    - LW: need to make joulab more approachable - it's for undergrads by undergrads.
    - Break this barrier by promoting outreach.
    - Have grown so much over the past year and have worked with a fantastic team, am really passionate about the journal!

LW leaves the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- LM: couldn't recommend LW enough for the role.
- CH jumps in and agrees.

Vote (LW / RON): ████████
LW is duly elected Journal Editor.

## Magazine Editor-in-Chief
**Candidates: Kitty Liu (University of Cambridge), Olivia Szczerbakiewicz (University of Edinburgh), Steph Jat (University of Cambridge), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: KL (seconded by CH)**

Speech:
- 2nd year at Cambridge doing Linguistics, would love to run.
- Have been a section editor for the past year.
- Very good at deadlines, organised, good at reading which is important.
- Big focus on community building, establish a secure readership base.
- The magazine is great right now, but would love to place more emphasis on empulating the spreading of the joy of doing linguistics.

**Candidate 1: OS (seconded by CH)**

Speech:
- Workshop panel and plenary coordinator and conference and also columnist on U-Lingua
- Lots of experience eiting academic texts at university.
- Love linguistics and literature and would love to expand the ways we approach linguistics from different fields.
- Would love to keep working on reaching a wider audience.

**Candidate 1: SJ (seconded by CH)**

Speech:
- This year's editor in chief and would love to do it again.
- Believe there is still a lot more work I can bring to the magazine.
- It's important to have consistency.
- Would love to work on expanding the publication and work on reaching out via more fun themes
- Would love to work with more editors.
- Marketing is super important, this is the next step, expanding how many people can access the magazine.

**Points of discussion:**
- ZV: what would you like to change about the magazine?
    - SJ: have a school submissions section to get school age readers as well as school age writers.
    - KL: expanding process of recruiting writers from the facebook group, e.g. by advertising on the mailing list; work with IRs, having presence in departments; perhaps makes sense to rename the "baroque" names of some sections, to improve clarity and accessibility.

OS decides to step down from running.

**Candidates (revised): Kitty Liu (University of Cambridge), Steph Jat (University of Cambridge), Re-Open Nominations**

**Points of discussion (continued):**
- LM do you have plans to continue printing issues?

- SJ: the idea is to hopefully print more; first point of action will be to apply to more funding from a range of different institutions and reaching out to a range of different departments. Printing the magazine is definitely an important goal to reach more people; people like reading hardcopies.
- KL: we should continue printing; will discuss this and work with the National Treasurer and with others on committee.

SJ and KL leave the room.

**Points of discussion (second round):**
- SV: KL will be great as she has a clear plan of what she wants to do and suggestions for changes which sound good to me.
- CH: SJ is a postgrad, KL is an undergrad.

Votes (SJ / KL / RON): ▮▮▮▮▮
**Kitty Liu is duly elected Magazine Editor-in-Chief.**

## Events Coordinator
**Candidates: Trudy Kalvynaite (University of Edinburgh), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: TK (seconded by CH)**
Speech
- Lots of experience making events, volunteering with lots of local communities at home but haven't had a chance to do such things at Edinburgh yet.
- Enjoy problem solving aspect of linguistics and also a part time artist so have creative ideas of events that we can host beyond the academic.

TK leaves the room.

**Points of discussion:**
- OS: TK did great work with this conference so would definitely recommend her.

Vote (TK / RON): ▮▮▮
**Trudy Kalvynaite is duly elected Events Coordinator.**

## Opportunities Coordinator
**Candidates: Cliodhna Hughes (University of Edinburgh), Re-Open Nominations**

**Candidate 1: CH (seconded by CW)**
Speech:
- Enjoyed working to create opportunities for undergrads as NC and would love to make more.

CH leaves the room.

**Points of discussion:**
- General agreement that CH is great.

Vote (CH / RON): ▇▇▇
**Cliodhna Hughes is duly elected Opportunities Coordinator.**


At this point in the meeting (after approximately 2 hours 15 minutes), we are kicked out of the lecture theatre in which the AGM has been held up until this point. We dash outside and gather just outside 40 George Square. The video link is also sustained via an LC member's laptop.


**Accessibility Officer**
BLS was nominated by KS and seconded by CH, but was temporarily not present at the meeting, and so could not officially run. As BLS had previously suggested that she had not intended to reprise her role as Accessibility Officer, it was decided by CH that we would move onto the next item on the agenda and that the role of Accessibility Officer would thus remain unfilled. It was noted that the role could be filled at a later date, if an EGM were to be called.


# 7. Election of Institutional Representatives

**Candidates:**
Zsófia Varga (University College London)
Naomi Black (University of Aberdeen)
Kitty Liu (University of Cambridge)
Nicole Chan (University of Edinburgh)
Jade Pathak (University of Manchester)
Emily Shepherdson (University of York)

Vote (for all candidate IRs, simultaneously, vs RON): ▇▇▇
All IRs are duly elected.


# 8. Close of meeting

- CH: thank you to CW for hosting a fantastic conference!!!
- CW: shout out to NCh for stepping up as Local Vice Chair and CH for being a wealth of ULAB knowledge.
- HV: don't want to keep you waiting but thank you everyone for coming
- HV: if you were elected today, congratulations. please come to me to arrange stuff!