

**Society for Text and Discourse
Draft of Minutes for Business Meeting
August 2, 2004**

Attendance

14 member of the society were in attendance.

Welcome: Susan Goldman

Approval of the minutes

Neal Norrick moved to accept the minutes. Jenny Wiley seconded the motion.

Welcoming of Governing Board Members and officers

Governing Board Members

Art Graesser, 2004 - 2010

Franz Schmalhofer, 2004 – 2010

Michael Schober, *ex officio*, in his new role as Editor of *Discourse Processes*

Treasurer

Jennifer Wiley, *ex officio*, in her role as treasurer

Thanking outgoing Governing Board members and officers

Governing Board Members

Richard Golden

Leo Noordman

Treasurer

Max Louwerse will be stepping down as treasurer. Max's service to the society was acknowledged.

Editor of Discourse Processes

Art will be stepping down as editor for the journal. His service as editor for the past decade has been invaluable to the field and the society.

Thanking Conference organizers, reviewers and student workers

Thanks to student workers

There were several student workers from UIC and NIU who were instrumental during conference preparation and registration.

Thanks to the review committee

Jenny Wiley got 50 reviewers to review submissions, which made the review process go very smoothly. This is substantially more reviewers than is typically solicited.

There were 15 papers rejected from the conference this year. As such, the review panel has helped ensure the quality of the conference.

Thanks to symposia organizers

Symposia were vital to success of conference and bringing in new faces.

Thanks to Larry Erlbaum and LEA

Larry Erlbaum's financial and moral support to the society continues to be invaluable.

Report from the Editor of *Discourse Processes* (Art Graesser)

Issues of the journal have been filled through next year. There is a concern regarding a lag between acceptance and publication of articles.

Michael Schober is the new editor of *Discourse Processes*. Although his tenure officially begins January 1, 2005, He has started receiving new submission.

The new associate editors will be Susan Goldman, Charles Goodwin, and Art Graesser.

Subscribers to the journal can now access online versions of the articles.

Michael wants to move from hard copy to electronic submissions. He is informally requesting that submission be made via e-mail attachments. A formal policy will be instituted at the start of his tenure as editor.

Michael wants to explore the possibility of providing multimedia attachments to online version of papers.

Treasurer's report (Max Louwerse)

Database tools have been fully implemented to facilitated automatic registration on ST&D servers.

The bugs have been resolved in the Membership Status Tools, and members can check their status throughout the year.

New Logo and new web page has been implemented

There has been a change in the societies server from the University of Memphis to UIC.

There are several new and ongoing benefits to members of the society:

- Subscription to *Discourse Processes*
- Access to online copies of *Discourse Processes*
- Discount on a range of LEA books
- Conference Discounts

The number of the members of the society remains stable. The majority of the members are from the United States and within the discipline of psychology.

The number of attendees to the 2004 conference is comparable to prior conferences.

The treasurer would like to thank Hue Wang for his help in setting up the new website and server at UIC.

The treasurer would also like to thank Jenny Wiley, who will be taking over duties as treasurer after the conference.

Announcement for the next annual meeting

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting for the Society for Text and Discourse will take place Amsterdam, NL from July 6-9. A call for proposals will be posted soon.

No site has been chosen for the 2006 conference. This site must be chosen soon.

Discussion items

Educational Initiatives

There was a discussion regarding instituting educational initiatives to benefit the student members. Art Graesser suggested that the society consider offering workshops for students. It was decided that a committee of Governing Board and student members could explore potential topics.

Conference themes

It was suggested that conference themes could be identified for future conferences. However, given the size and diversity of the society membership, it was a concern that themes may narrow submissions for conferences. Symposia may be the best approach to make sure that the society addresses current debates and topics during the annual conferences.

Closing