**2017 North American Systemic Functional Linguistics Association Meeting Minutes**

Organizer: Ruth Harman, University of Georgia

*Sun, March 19, 2017, 12:25 to 1:50 pm: Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront Portland OR, Columbia Room*

1. 12:25-12:30 pm: Welcome and Introduction

* The president Ruth Harman introduced the annual meeting agenda.
* Reviewed of last year’s minute by Marianna Ryshina-Pankova.

2. 12:35-12:45 pm: Money transfer from former NASFLA president to the current president

* Discussion about ways to transfer money from the former NASFLA president Bernie Mohan’s account to the current president.
* The president proposed a motion that Alfredo Ferreira would take a deputy role on behalf of Bernie Mohan and transfer the money to the current president. The motion was approved.

3. 12:45- 12:50 pm: Newsletter and Webmaster

* Introduction of newsletter editors—Rachel Pinnow, University of Missouri, and Andrés Ramirez, Florida Atlantic University
* Ramirez explained that future newsletters would use new styles and produce a bibliography on SFL.
* Sangchil Lee from UMass Amherst volunteered to serve as an assistant Webmaster.

4. 12: 50- 1:25 pm: NASFL promising scholar award

* Zak Lancaster will take over Shanan Fitts’ position for the emergent scholar award committee
* Zak Lancaster delivered a presentation on *Bringing Darkness to Light*.
* Zak Lancaster’s introduction of this year’s emergent scholar award recipient Ryan Miller from Kent State University and his scholarly work.
* Announcement of gift to the award recipient: an Equinox one-year subscription to their online SFL eBook package

5. 1:25 – 1: 30 pm: GRADNASFLA

* The president introduced the schedule and scope of the first GRADNASFLA meeting at the University of Georgia.
* Alfredo Ferreira explained Bernie Mohan’s previous support for graduate student conferences.

6. 1:30- 1:40 pm: Social announcement and member introduction

* Announcement of NASFLA social at tonight 7:00 PM @ Deschutes by Silvia Pessoa
* All attendees introduced their affiliations and research interests to the whole group.

8. 1:40- 1:50 pm: 2018 ISFL Congress at Boston College

* Yolda Kaveh delivered a presentation about the 2018 ISFL Congress at Boston College –the college, the city, committees, volunteers, and proposal submission.