

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS

England & Wales · Charity number 264800

Details

Other names BAAL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1975-02-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION BY FOSTERING AND PROMOTING, BY ANY LAWFUL CHARITABLE MEANS, THE STUDY OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS, AND THE FOSTERING OF INTER-DISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION IN THIS STUDY. TO FURTHER THESE OBJECTS, THE ASSOCIATION WILL ORGANISE AND UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE: MAINTAINING A MAILING LIST; ORGANISING AND SPONSORING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND OTHER EVENTS; SUPPORTING EARLY CAREER ACADEMICS AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS; FACILITATING THE RUNNING OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS); PROVIDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS; AWARDING AN ANNUAL BOOK PRIZE; AND PUBLISHING A NEWSLETTER.

Activities: Our overall aim is to promote applied linguistics in the UK. We run an annual conference., the proceedings of which are published. Special interest groups within BAAL also organise seminars

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£60,610	£38,232	-	-
2024-05-31	£87,764	£43,334	-	-
2023-05-31	£53,274	£39,389	-	-
2022-05-31	£57,494	£25,135	-	-
2021-05-31	£47,471	£26,699	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Tagg		2015-09-05
Celia Antoniou		2025-09-06
Ceri Morgan		2025-09-06
DR Ho Cheong LEUNG		2014-09-04
Dr Bettina Beinhoff		2015-09-03
Dr Vander Viana		2019-08-30
Elvis Rescue		2025-09-06
Gee Macrory		2018-09-01
Maria Arche		2022-09-03
Mel Evans		2021-09-10
Pawel Szudarski		2021-09-10
Peter Browning		2024-09-06
Piotr Wegerowski		2024-09-06
Robbie Love		2024-09-06
Sal Consoli		2018-08-09
Sathena Chan		2021-09-10
Stephen Pihlaja		2025-09-06
Sultan Turkan		2021-09-10
Tim Hampson		2024-09-06
Yi Zhang		2023-08-24
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Trustee names:

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- o Treasurer: Bettina Beinhoff
- o Secretary: Alex Ho-Cheong Leung
- o Media Coordinator: Mel Evans
- o Meetings Secretary: Gee Macrory
- o Membership Secretary: Vander Viana
- o Newsletter Editor: Robbie Love
- o Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator: Timothy Hampson
- o Publications Secretary: Sal Consoli
- o SIG Coordinator: Sathena Chan
- o Seminars Coordinator: Paweł Szudarski
- o Web Editor: Celia Antoniou
- o CLIE Representative: Maria Arche
- o Ordinary Members: Elvis Rescue, Peter Browning, Piotr Wegerowski, Yi Zhang, Zoe Handley
- o Co-opted member - Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator: Ceri Morgan
- o Co-opted member - LOC representative: Stephen Pihlaja

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ACCOUNTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MAY 2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Membership Subscription	49,696	51,247
Bank interest	1,182	894
Book Prize Entries	1,200	800
Annual Conference Income	-	34,140
Donations - funding for EDI Workshops	6,500	-
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	32	683
Seminars	2,000	-
	<u>60,610</u>	<u>87,764</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to SIGs	400	320
Book / Poster/visual rep./ prizes	-	50
Linguistics Olympiad	2,000	4,000
BAAL Scholarship	-	3,695
Applying Linguistic Fund	840	6,001
Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses	14,061	14,312
Research, Development Workshop	7,341	-
Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses	3,179	4,694
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subscriptions	715	8,298
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	6,930	-
Insurance	717	652
Bank Direct Debit,collect & Sevice Charges	156	159
Conference expenses	-	644
Postage,Publication & Printing Costs	9	-
Accountant's Fees	1,225	990
Sundry expenses (Allowable)	659	615
	<u>38,232</u>	<u>44,430</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>22,378</u>	<u>43,334</u>

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS**BALANCE SHEET****31 MAY 2025**

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Other debtors		26,519		26,487
Bank deposits		126,731		123,855
Cash at bank		156,740		137,035
		<u>309,990</u>		<u>287,377</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		<u>1,225</u>		<u>990</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>308,765</u>	<u>286,387</u>
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FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			286,387	243,053
Net surplus for the year			<u>22,378</u>	<u>43,334</u>
Balance carried forward			<u>308,765</u>	<u>286,387</u>

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Basis of Independent examiner's report

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YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Membership Subscription	51,247	47,513
Bank interest	894	124
Book Prize Entries	800	720
Annual Conference Income	34,140	4,868
Donations	-	49
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	683	-
	87,764	53,274
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to SIGs	320	23
Book / Poster/visual rep./ prizes	50	50
Linguistics Olympiad	4,000	-
BAAL Scholarship	3,695	4,022
Applying Linguistic Fund	6,001	4,352
Net Expenditure - Special Interest group	-	1,110
Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses	14,312	14,332
Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses	4,694	4,952
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subscriptions	8,298	5,229
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	-	2,621
Insurance	652	709
Bank Direct Debit,collect & Sevice Charges	159	77
Conference expenses	644	408
Postage,Publication & Printing Costs	-	4
Accountant's Fees	990	975
Sundry expenses (Allowable)	615	525
	44,430	39,389
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	43,334	13,885

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MAY 2024

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CURRENT ASSETS				
Other debtors		26,487		30,804
Bank deposits		123,855		57,861
Cash at bank		137,035		155,363
		<u>287,377</u>		<u>244,028</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		990		975
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>286,387</u>	<u>243,053</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>286,387</u>	<u>243,053</u>
FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			243,053	229,168
Net surplus for the year			<u>43,334</u>	<u>13,885</u>
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INCOME		
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Bank interest	124	4
Book Prize Entries	720	640
Annual Conference Income	4,868	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	100
Donations	50	7
Annual Conference Sponserhip	-	1,500
Seminars	-	1,913
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EXPENDITURE		
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Accountant's Fees	975	875
Sundry expenses	525	734
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SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u><u>13,885</u></u>	<u><u>32,359</u></u>

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Funds with SIGs and Float with York Uni		30,804		26,914
Bank deposits		57,861		80,683
Cash at bank		155,363		122,446
		<u>244,028</u>		<u>230,043</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		975		875
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>243,053</u>	<u>229,168</u>
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FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			229,168	196,809
Net surplus for the year			13,885	32,359
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Friday 2nd September 2022, 5-6pm
BAAL conference 2022, Queen's University Belfast

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Chair's Report

In my first year as Chair of BAAL, my work is focused on understanding and mapping BAAL priorities into action plans, developing and supporting AILA-related initiatives, overseeing, supporting various strands of BAAL activities and EC members, and representing BAAL in affiliate meetings and supporting. I would like to note my thanks to all of you for your input and support.

Understanding and Identifying BAAL strategic priorities

Several priorities have emerged from the AGM feedback, conversations with BAAL members and EC meetings. These are:

- Multilingual representation
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Support and recover from the pandemic
- Engage with and influence UK government and HE policies
- Develop an international outlook

We are planning a BAAL 55th Anniversary Big Survey (see below) to seek members' views on key issues and priorities concerning the association. We value your views and advice.

Implementation of BAAL strategic priorities

We have implemented a number of action points closely associated with our strategic priorities. These include:

- Establishing the practice of sharing resources and recordings via YouTube and Member's websites.
- BAAL's very own YouTube channel is now available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqQk2hsoopTscPD7Q3zZKcQ>
- The EDI statement is now available on the BAAL website and an EDI advisory group is being formed.
- Incorporated the 'EDI statement' into BAAL activities, for example, the funding calls for BAAL/CUP Seminar and Researcher Development Workshops.
- The Applying Linguistics Fund 2022-2023, in line with BAAL's commitment to EDI, prioritises the following themes: minority languages, sign languages, multilingualism, discrimination, language rights, and linguistic citizenship.

- The BAAL Newsletters devotes a section celebrating the history, diversity and international representation of BAAL in Issue No. 120. It trials a new section *Multilingualism In Focus*, to create space for multilingual writing in Issue No 121.
- Closely engaged with AILA and AILA-Europe network (see the report below).
- While we are moving to in-person events where appropriate, we will continue to explore the use of online and hybrid formats to connect with our (international) members and to make our events inclusive.

BAAL 55th Anniversary Big Survey

We are planning to conduct a BAAL 55th Anniversary Big Survey. The questionnaire aims to seek members' views on key issues and priorities concerning the association, the community and the discipline, and to generate a bigger picture of the status quo of our times. We are currently carrying out a pilot study with the aim of launching the questionnaire in the Autumn Term.

REF 2021 Results

Applied linguistics research has been acknowledged in Modern Languages and Linguistics and English Language and Literature units of assessment and received positive feedback in the Education unit of assessment, particularly in relation to multilingualism. A reflection piece written by Susan Hunston is published in the latest issue of the BAAL Newsletter (No 121). The BAAL EC is planning to organise an impact seminar showing the range of impact activities led by applied linguists.

As a nominating body for REF2021, BAAL has worked closely with REF panels to ensure a good representation and understanding of Applied linguistics on relevant panels and we will continue to do so in the future.

QAA Benchmarking statement panel members nomination

We have worked with QAA to ensure the representation of Applied Linguistics on the Linguistics and Language, Culture and Society subject benchmarking statement panels. Many thanks to the panel members for their expertise and willingness to serve on the panels. The panel member list can be found at <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-reviews-2022>.

These statements will be the first to incorporate consideration of how practice within disciplines addresses the wider social goals of equality, diversity and inclusivity; Education

for Sustainable Development; requirements of disabled students; and enterprise and entrepreneurship.

Lobbying

Unfortunately, several universities have announced their proposals to cut language/linguistics courses and staffing. In close consultation with Caroline Tagg (Secretary) and Mel Evans (Media Coordinator), I have written on behalf of BAAL to the senior management teams of the following universities: Goldsmiths in response to their plan of 52 compulsory redundancies affecting English and History departments, Roehampton with its plan to close the BA (Hons) English Language and Linguistics and MA TESOL programmes; and Huddersfield with their decision on redundancies in the School of Arts and Humanities. We will continue to look into ways of supporting applied linguistics programmes and subject areas in collaboration with other associations.

UK university strikes

To show solidarity to BAAL members who took part in the industrial strikes this year, BAAL EC have taken the following actions:

1. The EC not to post any messages related to BAAL activities to the BAAL mailing list or on social media during the strike days.
2. Postponed BAAL-funded or BAAL EC led activities to a later date.

We shall revisit these practices in the event of future strikes.

UPDATES FROM BAAL AFFILIATES

AILA (International Association of Applied Linguistics)

Links with AILA were consolidated through the following channels and activities.

Revised BAAL's Recommendations on Good Practice in Applied Linguistics (2021) was endorsed by AILA EBIC in August, 2021.

Links with AILA were highlighted in a special edition (Issue No.120) of the BAAL Newsletter and AILA Newsletter in celebration of lives of UK-based applied linguists who made significant contributions to BAAL and AILA (e.g., John Trim, Pit Corder).

Links with AILA Europe Network are further consolidated through hosting the AILA Europe Network Junior Researcher Meeting as part of BAAL annual conference at Belfast and the publication of special issue of the European Journal of Applied Linguistics (thanks to the

network coordinator, Gregory Miras). I attended AILA Europe meeting in October 2022. Gregory Miras (AFLA) has been elected as AILA Europe Coordinator replacing Alesandra Gnach. The main focus of the meeting is about Junior Researcher meeting (PGR) hosted annually. They consider 3 formats for the JRM: standalone conference, pre-conference of an affiliate conference, or as part of an affiliate's conference.

A bid for AILA Congress 2027. A Birmingham bid for AILA Congress 2027 was put forward to the AILA EBIC meeting held on 9th August, 2022. It was a very close call and unfortunately our bid narrowly lost to the Vancouver one. I would like to note the EC's thanks to the local organising committee led by Professor Susan Hunston, Professor Suganthi John with Professor Tim Grant, Dr Marcello Giovanelli, Dr Andrew Kehoe and Dr Tatiana Grieshofer, and the ICC conference centre for their outstanding effort in putting the bid together.

In the AILA EBIC meeting, I have urged the future AILA congress organisers to keep the registration fee as low as possible.

If you have not subscribed to AILA newsletter, please do so at <https://aila.info/contact/>.

AcSS (Academy for Social Sciences, UK)

The Academy of Social Sciences represents academics, learned societies and practitioners in the Social Sciences and promotes Social Science in the UK for the public benefit. The BAAL Chair receives regular updates from AcSS and attends a meeting with representatives from their affiliated learned societies (of which BAAL is one) three times a year. In addition, I also sit on AcSS / ESRC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working group and AcSS / ESRC EDI Data Subgroup.

- A new President, Will Hutton FAcSS, and the launch of the new website and visual identity – www.acss.org.uk.
- The latest policy report [*The Place to Be*](#), sponsored by SAGE Publishing, uses case studies to demonstrate how social scientists in higher education are already working in partnerships with national and local governments and the private sector to help improve places in the four nations of the UK.
- The Campaign for Social Science launched a [Levelling Up Hub](#) where leading social scientists set out evidence-based priorities for making levelling up a reality. The [COVID-19 Hub](#) also continues to highlight the vital role of social science in helping us understand the impact of the pandemic and provides insights into managing social and economic recovery from it.

- AcSS and Lancaster University have published [new research](#) spotlighting how the social sciences in UK higher education have navigated the unprecedented challenges triggered by Brexit, COVID-19 and higher education policy changes since 2020. The [key findings and press release](#) and the [full report](#) are available here. Two findings are particularly of relevance to BAAL. One is that the report had identified two groups of researchers who have been mostly negatively impacted by COVID. They are early careers researchers and postgraduate students. The other is greater vulnerability of some post-92 institutions to the disruption. We have invited Professor Tony McEnery, the Co-PI, to be part of the EC invited colloquium in the BAAL Annual Conference at Belfast and will take the findings into consideration in our planning.

AcSS and ESRC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working group. I attended a meeting on 29 November 2021 and 18 July 2022. The meeting discussed the possibility of HESA data sharing, identifying gaps and intersection points, and establishing the priorities of the project.

- Attended AcSS / ESRC EDI Working Group meeting on 18 July 2022. The UKRI EDI strategy is now scheduled to be launched in the Autumn 2022. This is slightly later than anticipated due to the high number of responses received to the public consultation which needed to be analysed. The ESRC EDI Action Plan will be published alongside the UKRI EDI Strategy.
- The ESRC EDI Caucus was launched in June 2022 with £4.5million of funding. The call closes in September (<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/equality-diversity-and-inclusion-caucus/>). The aim is that the caucus will benefit the whole sector by synthesising existing evidence, addressing evidence gaps and enabling pilots and experimental actions to be taken forward.

Fellowship nomination. Through our affiliation with AcSS, the BAAL EC are invited to nominate individuals for the Academy of Social Sciences Fellowship Awards. There are two calls per year for nominees and we usually nominate one or two people per call (though it is more important to make strong nominations than frequent ones). I am delighted to minute that fellowships have been conferred on Professor Fiona Copland and Professor Rodney Jones over the past twelve months. Many congratulations to Fiona and Rodney!

British Academy

I attended British Academy Learned Societies and Subject Associations Network meeting on 28 April, 2022. Several initiatives under 'languages' for attention:

- The Academy has continued to work with ASCL (the Association of School and College Leaders), Universities UK, the British Council and AHRC to take forward the proposals for a national strategy for languages published in July 2020.
- The creation of the LanguagesUK portal as a collaborative web-based resource for sharing existing messages, information, and resources, and stimulating links between different parts of the language education and skills community. This site aims to launch in late Spring 2022.
- The Academy, together with the University Council of Modern Languages, has launched Strategic Committee for Languages in Higher Education. The Committee will discuss trends in the provision of languages in the UK and concerns surrounding the acceptance of qualifications in 'home languages' or 'community languages' in the UK.
- The Academy's response to the consultation on reforms to GCSE qualifications in modern languages called for a renewed focus on cultural learning to widen the appeal of the discipline. The Academy also supported a statement by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages calling for the Department for Education's review to be paused to allow additional evidence and expertise to be considered.
- Ahead of the Spending Review in October 2021, the Academy, together with the APPG for Modern Languages and the Association for School and College Learning (ASCL) submitted a Budget for Languages containing five proposals for action to promote language learning across the UK.

BA is keen to work with learned societies through the BA ECR Network. The BA ECR network currently roughly at the halfway mark of the pilot, focused primarily on arts and humanities/social sciences with some leeway and focusing on postdoctoral researchers who are given the scope to self-define as ECRs (generally within 10-years of doing their PhD). Primary aims of the Network which were mentioned included giving ECRs, who are generally on the edge of the world of academia, the opportunity to learn and develop skills; provide more opportunities for overlooked universities and marginalised disciplines; and focus on EDI concerns to create opportunities for researchers from marginalised groups in academia as well as those working outside of universities. Benefits for members include meeting each other, engaging with funders such as ourselves and other organisations and using BA convening power to engage with policymakers. Program is currently a pilot and the team is still looking at how best to engage the ECRs and structure the Hubs and wider program.

AMLUK (Association for Modern Languages UK)

I spoke in the AMLUK symposium 'Modern Languages and Inclusivity: Sharing Ideas and Practices' on 13 May. I talked about BAAL's experience of developing EDI statement. Full programme and a recording of the symposium are available at <https://modernlanguages.sas.ac.uk/events/event/25364>.

IMLR, the lead of AMLUK has signalled that they would like to work with the presenters and organisations represented to address inclusivity issues through a series of seminars in 2022/23.

UKLO (UK Linguistics Olympiad)

Gee Macrory and I convened a meeting with Richard Hudson, the UKLO committee chair. We discussed the issue of state school participation and the representation of girls in the competition. Richard has helpfully produced a briefing report which has been circulated to the EC for feedback. We have approved a funding of £1000 to support their activities. This is the half of the annual funding of £2000 pre-pandemic.

UCGAL

The work has been focused on putting together activities around the theme of 'World of Linguistics' for the BA Summer Showcase Schools' Day on Friday 17 June, 2022, led by UCGAL. It is good to see a spread of strands represented in the Showcase.

Zhu Hua, August 2022

Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months I have dealt with various routine secretarial tasks/queries to BAAL (as per the job description):

- Welcomed new EC members and organised regular BAAL EC meetings
- Checked the minutes and action points from each BAAL EC meeting
- Sent regular updates on our activities to the AcSS for their monthly eBulletins
- Reviewed three books for the annual BAAL book prize
- Coordinated the annual AGM meeting (and notified the membership of this)
- Requested that all members of the EC update their terms of reference in preparation for the upcoming elections (this is required on an annual basis)
- Advertised EC vacancies – elections to be held at the BAAL AGM
- Proposed changes to the BAAL constitution for approval at the AGM
- Continued to follow up on the possibility of BAAL's involvement in AILA 2027
- Helped to drive the EC's development of equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives
- Acted as a point of contact for a range of EC-related questions and queries raised by EC members and general BAAL membership
- Supported the Chair in making various other decisions and carry out actions
- Sent monthly BAAL updates to the AcSS eBulletins.

BAAL Annual General Meeting 2022: There are 2 Ordinary Member posts coming up for election in September. The following officer posts are also available:

- Meetings Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Seminars Coordinator
- Website Editor
- SIGs Coordinator

All of the posts have been publicised to the BAAL membership with expressions of interest being sought (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/documents/> for role descriptions). The election will be held at the BAAL AGM. Those officers who have only served one term are permitted to be elected to a second term, if desired (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/committee/> for information on the current committee).

Thank you: I would like to say a big thank you to the officers and ordinary members for the hard work and commitment to BAAL during their time on the EC, as well as to Sophie Flood and colleagues at Mosaic for their administrative support.

Caroline Tagg, August 2022

Treasurer's Report

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME		
Membership Subscription	53,330	43,010
Bank interest	4	6
Book Prize Entries	640	908
Miscellaneous Income	100	3,000
Donations	7	3
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	-	544
Annual Conference Sponserhip	1,500	-
Seminars	1,913	-
	57,494	47,471
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to SIGs	200	805
Book / Poster/visual rep./ prizes	321	200
Linguistics Olympiad	1,000	1,000
Applying Linguistic Fund	3,853	2,250
Net Expenditure - Special Interest group	330	-
Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses	14,591	13,065
Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses	318	-
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subscriptions	814	4,798
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	-	1,410
Insurance	689	587
Bank Direct Debit,collect & Sevice Charges	1,026	1,378
Conference expenses	375	-
Postage,Publication & Printing Costs	9	67
Website Costs	-	264
Accountant's Fees	875	875
Sundry expenses (Allowable)	734	-
	25,135	26,699
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	32,359	20,772

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

BALANCE SHEET

31 MAY 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Other debtors - funds with SIGs		26,914		27,244
Bank deposits		80,683		53,506
Cash at bank		122,446		116,934
		<u>230,043</u>		<u>197,684</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		875		875
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>229,168</u>	<u>196,809</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>229,168</u>	<u>196,809</u>
FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			196,809	176,037
Net surplus for the year			<u>32,359</u>	<u>20,772</u>
Balance carried forward			<u>229,168</u>	<u>196,809</u>

Bettina Beinhoff, August 2022

Media Coordinator's Report

This has been my first year as Media Coordinator, and it has been a privilege to support BAAL's outreach and engagement via social media.

The BAAL Twitter account has risen from to 6952 (August 2021) to a current total of 8093 followers (August 2021).

The main BAAL Twitter account continues to promote details of the annual conferences and BAAL-related events and activities. We have included spotlight threads on BAAL EC members (Sultan Turkan and Vander Viana, so far), provided links to the Pit Corder blue

plaque launch livestream, and have also tweeted in support of colleagues at language and linguistics departments affected by redundancies and closures.

The @__BAAL handle is regularly included in tweets by both individuals and organisations to publicise non-BAAL related events and announcements, and we retweet appropriate content/subject-matter. Looking to the next 12 months, we hope to engage more with Applied Linguistics researchers and students outside of Anglophone Twitter, and use the interactive functionality of the platform to gain input and opinions from the applied linguistics community, supplementing established channels such as BAALmail.

There has been no interaction with news media companies or institutions so far in 2022.

Mel Evans, August 2022

Meetings Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months, I have been liaising with the LOCs and potential hosts of BAAL's annual conference. In this report, I outline the organisation and the latest developments of BAAL 2022 and 2023.

1. BAAL2022

Preparation is going well for BAAL2022 at Queen's university Belfast. A small group from the EC recently went over the draft plan and the budget and everything we discussed was on track. There are 353 registered delegates and the team expect to make a reasonable surplus.

2. BAAL2023

The York LOC and Mosaic had regular contact with the chair, treasurer, secretary, and me to iron out issues with a contract in preparation for BAAL2023. We have now got to a position where the chair can sign it and the local team can begin booking rooms and facilities.

3. BAAL2024

The University of Essex team have agreed to host BAAL2024. I will get in touch soon to start our two-year countdown and review the milestones we need to focus on.

4. BAAL2025

As previously reported, a team from the University of Glasgow have agreed to host BAAL2025.

Glenn Hadikin, August 2022

Membership Secretary's Report

A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined BAAL over the course of 2021-22 and to all existing colleagues who have renewed their membership!

The membership of BAAL has grown steadily and consistently in recent years. Currently, BAAL has a total of 694 full-rate individual members and 420 reduced-rate members, a total of 1,114 individuals. There are also 11 individuals nominated under a total of 4 Associate memberships and 193 individuals nominated under a total of 46 Institutional memberships. Total membership of BAAL in July 2022 stood at 1,368, an increase of 7 per cent since July 2021. We are indebted to the team at Mosaic for their continued high-quality support of the BAAL executive committee and membership.

BAAL is keen to keep expanding its membership base and to further strengthen its voice. If you know of a colleague or student who is not yet a member of BAAL, please encourage them to visit the website and sign up at: <https://www.baal.org.uk/join/>. Our online application form and payment system are integrated into one webpage, making it simple for applied linguists from across the globe to join us. All memberships run for a period of 12 months, with a membership term of January to December. Members who are not resident in the UK are very welcome to join BAAL.

If your institution has yet to join BAAL, why not consider an Institutional membership? The annual subscription for Institutional membership of BAAL is £120 and allows for four individuals from the institution to be nominated as full members. Individual membership subscription is priced at £50 per annum (£20 for full-time students or retired/unwaged members), so Institutional membership represents a 40% discount for each nominated institutional member.

When you join BAAL, you get full access to:

- [Special interest Groups](#)
- Seminars in association with Cambridge University Press, with discounted registration
- BAALmail, our membership mailing list
- Special publisher discounts on a range of books and journals, sent via BAALmail
- Our bi-annual BAAL newsletter
- Membership of [AILA](#), the International Association of Applied Linguistics, including a discount for the triennial AILA World Congress

- Opportunities to apply for funding for projects and to host events, e.g. BAAL Applying Linguistics, BAAL/CUP Seminar and Researcher Development Workshop
- A discounted fee for our annual conference (usually held in September)

BAAL is always looking at new ways to support its members, so please feel free to get in touch with me (r.wicaksono@yorksj.ac.uk) if I can be of assistance. Thank you for supporting BAAL and we hope you enjoy your membership.

Rachel Wicaksono, August 2022

Newsletter Editor's Report

This was my first year of term as BAAL Newsletter Editor after completing a year in my co-opted capacity. During this year, I continued to build upon my previous experience and have managed to increase the number of contributions from the membership, thereby showcasing more vividly the diversity of talents, expertise, and ambition among the members of the association. I encouraged PhD candidates and ECRs to contribute as well as other established BAAL members based both in the UK and abroad. The section, *Success Stories during COVID*, has fulfilled the intended goal of bringing together the community to share narratives of resilience, stamina, and success in the face of challenging circumstances.

The Newsletter therefore continues to grow in breadth and scope by inviting a wide range of contributions about new and ongoing projects, as well as events and insightful commentaries or debates which are relevant to the community. Importantly, the new section, *Multilingualism In Focus*, invites colleagues to write in English and/or in languages other than English. I look forward to more creative contributions for this section to reveal the multilingual diversity and richness of our community and celebrate our linguistic identities!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for making the past editions so rich and fascinating!

BAAL News is for all members, so if you would like to see something in our newsletter, please get in touch with me (sal.consoli@polyu.edu.hk).

The call for contributions for the next edition of BAAL News will go out in late October. The deadline for sending contributions is in early January 2023 and the planned publication date is in February 2022.

Sal Consoli, August 2022

Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer's Report

Postgraduate/ECR Facebook group

The membership of the PG and ECR Facebook group is currently at 1,877 members as of 9th August 2022, which is an increase of 40 followers in one year. Out of the 40 new members, approximately one quarter have actively used the page since joining. The Facebook page is used to promote the BAAL Researcher Development Workshops, other BAAL events, and upcoming calls for papers. While each new member is welcomed, the page is not very active and there is little feedback from members.

Any EC members can have information posted in the group by contacting the postgraduate officer or they may join and promote events themselves. The group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/40190066151/>.

Twitter BAAL ECR Events

Previously, quarterly Twitter events were hosted with academics on a range of different topics. These events did not run this year but have been planned to resume from September 2022.

Angie Baily, August 2022

Publications Secretary's Report

It is my pleasure to write my first AGM report as the Publications Secretary of BAAL following the online election held before the BAAL 2021 conference. Since I assumed the role, I have discussed the handover with my predecessor, Zhu Hua. I would like to note my thanks to her for her guidance and kind advice. I also want to thank Sophie Flood and her colleagues from MOSAIC for their administrative support.

My main tasks in this year's work cycle involved coordinating the book prize review, liaising with and maintaining a good working relationship with affiliated publishers, and setting up a working group to explore the possibility of diversifying the book prize.

1. BAAL Book Prize 2021

We received 22 nominations from 9 different publishers for this year's book prize. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the publishers' continuous support for our book prize (and other BAAL activities and initiatives). Thanks also go to EC members and external colleagues who contributed to the reviewing process.

The six titles that have been shortlisted are listed below in alphabetical order:

Community, Solidarity and Multilingualism in a Transnational Social Movement by Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà, Routledge

Language as Symbolic Power by Claire Kramsch, Cambridge University Press

Language in a Globalised World: Social Justice Perspectives on Mobility and Contact by Khawla Badwan, Palgrave Macmillan

Linguistic Penalties and the Job Interview by Celia Roberts, Equinox

The Routledge Handbook of Language, Gender, and Sexuality by Jo Angouri and Judith Baxter, Routledge

Transcultural Voices: Narrating Hip Hop Culture in Complex Delhi by Jaspal Naveel Singh, Multilingual Matters

The runner-up and winner will be announced at the book prize event at the annual conference to be held in Queen's University of Belfast on the 1st of Sep 2022.

We also want to encourage BAAL members to volunteer their service to support future book prize reviewing. Details will be shared via BAALmail in due course.

2. Diversifying the book prize

As part of BAAL's continued effort to reflect on multilingualism representation, decolonisation and decentring of the field, we are in the process of exploring ways to diversify the book prize. As a first step I have written to one of the past Publications Secretaries, Bernadette O'Rourke, a few journal editors/review editors, and our affiliated publishers to seek their input. While those who got back are supportive of such an initiative, there are various operational challenges that have been raised as well. We hope to open the discussion to the wider BAAL membership once we have established a more concrete foundation. We would very much welcome input from BAAL members and we are keen to find out your experience with local/regional publishers who work with different languages.

I would like to conclude my first AGM report by thanking my EC colleagues for their support on various BAAL activities, including those under my remit as the Publications Secretary.

Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, August 2022

Seminars Coordinator's Report

BAAL has continued to work hard to support its members in the 2021-22 academic year, and we have had another extremely productive year with several seminars and workshops. I would like to thank all colleagues who have been involved in these events:

- Cambridge University Press, who have agreed to continue to support our joint seminar series;
- fellow BAAL EC members, who have reviewed submissions and represented BAAL at the events;
- seminar and workshop organizers, who have carefully worked in the design and implementation of the events;
- attendees, who have participated so enthusiastically in this year's events.

In 2021-22, we supported two BAAL / Cambridge University Press seminars as indicated below. These two proposals were extremely strong, and the feedback received from colleagues who attended the seminar was overwhelmingly positive.

- "Going meta: Bringing together an understanding of metadiscourse with students' metalinguistic understanding" (04 May 2022, 24 May 2022 and 07 June 2022), organized by Prof. Debra Myhill (University of Exeter), Dr Abdelhamid Ahmed (Qatar University) and Dr Esmaeel Abdollazadeh (University of Exeter).
- "Researching vulnerable multilinguals: Developing an inclusive research practice" (10 June 2022), organized by Dr Alexandra Georgiou (University of West London) and Dr Sara Ganassin (Newcastle University).

With the easing of COVID restrictions, these seminars were offered in different formats. The first one was a hybrid seminar with two online sessions and one on-site session at the University of Exeter. The second seminar took place on-site at the University of West London.

During the 2021-22 academic year, we additionally supported three events under the BAAL Researcher Development Workshops. These workshops, which have become part of BAAL's portfolio of activities, are specifically aimed at doctoral students' and early-career researchers' development. However, all BAAL members are welcome to attend the workshops. No registration fee is charged for these workshops, thus being yet another benefit of being a BAAL member.

- "All eyes on-line: Curating an academic digital presence" (06 October 2021 to 03 November 2021), organized by Ms. Hannah M. King (London Metropolitan University & Birkbeck, University of London) and Dr. Gonzalo Perez Andrade (London Metropolitan University).

- “Our first years in academia: Managing research alongside teaching and admin” (1-3 December 2021), organized by Dr. Jill Boggs (Swansea University).
- “Professional development in Applied Linguistics for graduate students and early-career researchers” (12 November 2021 to 29 April 2022), organized by Dr. Sin Wang Chong (Queen’s University Belfast).

BAAL has taken an institutional subscription of Zoom in 2021-22 to facilitate the organization of online events. This has proven helpful to workshop and seminar organizers, especially given the challenges we have faced with the pandemic. We will review the use of this institutional account in due course.

New calls for both seminar and workshop proposals were launched on 06 May 2022, and I would encourage all BAAL members to consider making an application. The deadline for submissions is 23 September 2022, so there is still time to prepare an application. I am very happy to clarify any questions that colleagues may have on the calls and/or their proposals ahead of the submission deadline. To do so, please contact me by e-mail as indicated on the BAAL website.

Vander Viana, August 2022

SIG Coordinator’s Report

Special Interest Groups continue to make an important contribution to BAAL’s activities and identity. Current active BAAL SIGs are:

- Corpus Linguistics
- Health and Science Communication
- Intercultural Communication
- Language and New Media
- Language, Gender and Sexuality
- Language in Africa
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Language Policy
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum
- LKALE (Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education)
- PAWBL (Professional, Academic and Work-Based Literacies)
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment
- Vocabulary

- Multilingualism
- Research Synthesis in Applied Linguistics (established in 2022)

Annual reports and annual financial audits have been received from each of the SIGs.

As Covid restrictions have been lifted throughout the year, some SIGs have resumed their face-to-face activities whilst others have continued with online or hybrid formats.

SIG events

In the 2021-2022 academic year, the following SIG events took place:

Language, Gender and Sexuality

Online seminar series 2021-22

Corpus Linguistics

Past, Present, Potential

13 May 2022

University of Leeds/Online

Language in Africa

Bringing the outside in: Multilingual realities and education

15-16 July 2022

University of Essex

LKALE

Empowering students via knowledge of language variation and change

29-30 April 2022

Online

PAWBL

4th PAWBL Symposium: Literacy Practices in Workplace Contexts

24 June 2022

Online

Testing, Evaluation and Assessment

Horizon scanning: What next for language testing?

24 June 2022

British Council, London

Vocabulary

BAAL Vocabulary SIG Annual Conference 2022

18-19 July 2022
University of Exeter

Approved events for 2022-23:

Language and New Media

The Anti-Social Network

16 September 2022

Aston Institute for Forensic Linguistics

Research Synthesis in Applied Linguistics

Inaugural event

21 October 2022

Online

Please see the BAAL newsletter and SIG websites for reports on these events.

BAAL Annual Meeting 2022

The BAAL annual meeting for 2022 (organized and hosted by Queen's University, Belfast) is scheduled to take place in person on 1-3 September 2022. Face-to-face SIG talks and a SIG convenors' meeting will resume at the annual meeting.

New SIGs and SIG closure

A new SIG – Research Synthesis in Applied Linguistics – has been set up this year. The SIG committee has been elected and an online inaugural event is scheduled for 21 October 2022. BAAL will review the SIG's development and activities in one year.

Two further SIG proposals are currently under development – *Language and Citizenship* and *Language, Race and Ethnicity*.

Due to difficulty in running the SIG in the past two years, after a period of consultation with its members, the EAL (English as an Additional Language) SIG was closed in February 2022. The SIG treasurer is working with BAAL treasurer to return the remaining fund.

In the previous report, it was noted that the *Language Learning and Teaching* SIG had been inactive. No SIG events have been run for the past two years and the SIG website appears to have expired. However, there looks to be an active *Language Learning and Teaching* SIG track under development for the annual meeting. Therefore, the status of the SIG will be reviewed after the annual meeting has taken place.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

SIGs have been encouraged to consider the ways in which they currently, or could in the future, embed EDI issues into their activities. Some suggested activities were circulated and SIGs have been invited to share further good practice via their annual reports.

Helen Sauntson, August 2021

Web Editor's Report

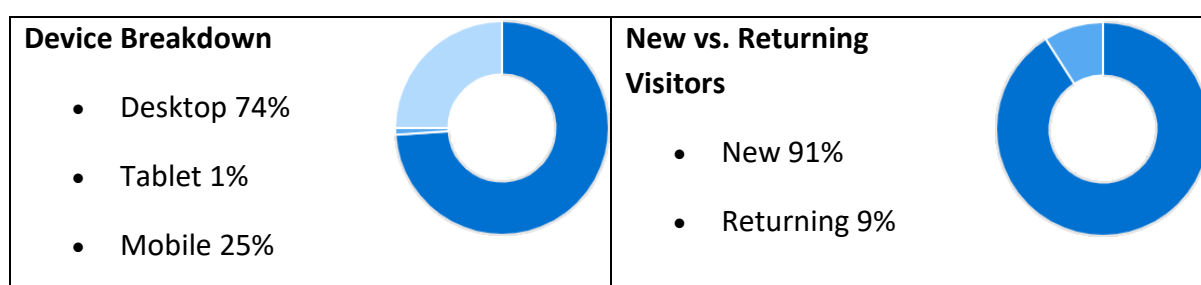
Over the past 12 months, the website has only undergone routine updates to inform the community of various events and news in the field of Applied Linguistics. This has included updating the website with the relevant newsletters, information about the 2022 conference, book prizes and information about how the pandemic affects planned events.

Analytics for the website are outlined below. The website has received approximately **40,000 visits** this past year. The most popular months to visit the website are January, July and September. This coincides with funding announcements, announcements about the annual conference, and during the conference itself. However, for all months we receive more than 2000 visits.

Month	Visitors
June 2021	2,761
July 2021	3,470
August 2021	2,739
September 2021	3,946
October 2021	2,731
November 2021	2,865
December 2021	2,712
January 2022	3,480
February 2022	2,991
March 2022	3,737
April 2022	2,345
May 2022	3,284
June 2022	2,939
July 2022	2,039
August 2022 (up to 12th August)	877



Most visits to the website are via desktop computers rather than mobile devices. This likely reflects that fact that the website has primarily been designed with desktop traffic in mind, and the website design is not particularly mobile-friendly. Additionally, the overwhelming number of visits to the website are unique rather than return visits. This suggests that most visitors to the website are searching for specific information. This statistic does not account for people visiting on different devices, computers or whether visitors clear their browser cache between visits, however, so may not be reliable.



That people visit to search for specific information is backed up by their engagement once they land on the homepage. Over the past 30 days, there have been 1,399 visits and 2,135 page views. This means that the majority of visitors view two pages, including the homepage. Additionally, each visit typically lasts just over 30 seconds, meaning that visitors tend to leave quickly once they have identified the information they need. The most popular page is the homepage, which indicates that most visitors either type the address into their browser or visit from a search engine. The second most popular page is for the annual conference. Visitors also look for information about other upcoming events, SIGs and how to join BAAL. The top searches that lead visitors to the website are as follows:

Top Searches

baal
 baal membership
 baal membership fee

baal jobs
baal membership renewal

Sessions (last 30 days)	Pageviews (last 30 days)	Avg. Session Duration (last 30 days)
1,399	2,135	33 seconds

Top Posts/Pages (last 30 days)

1. British Association for Applied Linguistics - BAAL	650
2. Conferences - BAAL	329
3. Sociolinguistic Events Calendar - BAAL	137
4. SIGs - BAAL	97
5. Committee - BAAL	90
6. Seminars - BAAL	87
7. Join BAAL - BAAL	84
8. Newsletter - BAAL	63
9. Book Prize - BAAL	43
10. BAAL membership benefits - BAAL	39

Other than search engines, most visitors come to the website from Twitter, which suggests that many BAAL website users are also very active on social media, but access this also via their computer, rather than using mobile devices.

Top 10 Referrals (last 30 days)

1.  t.co	98
2. english-linguistics1.uni-bayreuth.de	10
3.  en.wikipedia.org	8
4.  m.facebook.com	7
5.  biuned2022.weebly.com	6
6.  corpora.lancs.ac.uk	6
7.  cvent.com	6
8.  en.m.wikipedia.org	5
9. qmul.pfalzgraf.net	5
10. baalvocabsig.wordpress.com	4

The majority of visitors to the site are based in the United Kingdom. Interestingly, the second-most common country to access BAAL from is China (N.B. data for Hong Kong is recorded separately by the software used for compiling these statistics). Third most popular is the United States.

Top 10 Countries (last 30 days)

1. United Kingdom	468
2. China	207
3. United States	196
4. Japan	74
5. Hong Kong	46
6. Germany	37
7. Spain	23
8. Philippines	21
9. Turkey	20
10. Canada	18

Nathaniel Owen, August 2022

CLiE Representative's Report

The Committee on Linguistics in Education (CLiE) (www.CLiE.org.uk) is a joint committee of BAAL and LAGB that brings together approximately eighteen associations and organisations with interests in language and languages in the UK education system, from primary school through to teacher education. The main purpose of CLiE is to share information and contribute expertise in linguistics and applied linguistics to benefit the curriculum in institutional settings, the professional education of teachers, and policy-making.

Members and roles

BAAL has four members on CLiE: Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University) (from February 2016); Cathie Wallace (UCL IoE), Maria Arche (University of Greenwich) and Ursula Lanvers (University of York). Either the Secretary or the Chair of CLiE sit on the BAAL Executive Committee. The roles of Secretary and Chair of CLiE usually alternate between one member of BAAL and one member of LAGB. Dr Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University, BAAL) is the current but outgoing chair of CLiE and sits on the BAAL Executive. Dr

Eva Eppler (University of Roehampton, LAGB) is the current secretary of CLiE and assumes the Chair from October 2022. Maria Arche will take up the role of Secretary from October 2022.

Meetings

The committee normally meets three times a year in London. However, the first two meetings in the academic year 2021-2022 have taken place over Zoom, while the third and final meeting was held in London on 10 June at the new British Council premises in Stratford.

The third and final meeting of CLiE in the academic year 2021-22 was held in London at the new British Council premises in Stratford on 10 June 2022. This was the first face-to-face meeting since before the pandemic, and we are very grateful to Vicky Gough for enabling this. As previously reported, John Cloughton accepted an invitation to address the meeting to talk about the WoLLoW project (<https://theworldoflanguages.co.uk/>). John Cloughton is a retired head teacher of a school in Birmingham who has set up a collection of resources for teachers with the aim of bringing together teachers of different languages. This proved to be a stimulating and interesting discussion, and the Powerpoint is available on the CLiE website. It was agreed that we would keep in touch with John and the work of WoLLoW.

Undertakings

CLiE and groups of its members are operating various subprojects. Recent activities and discussions include:

1. UKLO (UK Linguistics Olympiad)

As reported previously, the UK first competed in the International Olympiad (IOL) in 2009. In the last two years, significant disruption was caused by Covid-19. At the time of our June 2022 meeting, the report from UKLO noted that Round 1 attracted a record number of competitors: 4,979 at all levels. The percentage of entries from state schools also increased from the Covid years: 30%, up from 15%. Round 2 went smoothly and allowed the selection of 13 competitors for the training camp, which was generously (and very well) hosted by the University of Warwick and allowed the selection of 8 competitors for the IOL (the international competition in the Isle of Man). This was held in July and the UK squad did really well: one Gold, four Silvers, one Honourable Mention, one Best Solution and one of our two teams won the Bronze medal for the team competition. For further details see <https://www.uklo.org/uklo-2022-iol-results/>.

The website has been rebuilt and should be ready for relaunching soon. It is intended to also have a new portal ready for the new academic year. However, the cost of this combined with the unusually high registration cost of the IOL has put finances under pressure so that reserves are at their lowest level since the early years.

2. LASER (Linguistics Across Schools for Education and Research)

LASER has continued its work with supporting universities interested in developing outreach programmes with schools on topics in linguistics. The LAGB Education Session in 2022 will focus on LASER, with contributions from across UK HEIs. Members of LASER were also involved in the UCGAL-led event at the British Academy, which showcased to school children and their teachers the diversity of linguistics in the UK.

3. Ongoing projects and recent activities

KAL GAP/KAL Upskilling

Since the last AGM, we have continued working on a small-scale research project on what we have named the KAL GAP, that is, the gap between what teachers need to know about language and what they actually do know. We considered the fact that CLIE potentially has an impact on English as first language, EAL, MFL and cross-curricular approaches, both in terms of curriculum and of teacher education. As a reminder, we are addressing the following questions:

- 1) What linguistic knowledge do teachers *need* as implied or explicitly stated by curricular documents, guidelines etc?
- 2) What linguistic knowledge do teachers actually *have*?

We have made some progress this academic year. At a meeting in March, we agreed the following points:

- That we would focus on primary English for now
- Our aim is to enable more support for new and practising teachers
- We discussed how best to have an impact – whether top-down or bottom up. General agreement on latter.
- Our focus has changed from the idea of a ‘gap’ as this has a deficit feel to it. The nature of the proposed paper has therefore changed – we should reframe this as the importance of language in the curriculum, starting with the idea that teachers bring skills to the classroom, including, for example, skills of literary analysis. Thus we are

seeking upskilling support rather than filling a 'gap'. Essentially this means building upon language awareness in order to develop the skills of language analysis.

-We also need to look at the implications of the ITE market review for subject content in teacher education

-Audience for the piece:

- 1) NATE primary journal
- 2) NATE secondary journal
- 3) Languages Today – ALL
- 4) Research Ed (www.ResearchEd.org.uk)
- 5) Longer term – press/ITE/linguistics departments

This has informed our thinking about the forthcoming discussion forum which we are presenting at BAAL 2022 on 1 September.

CLiE forum at BAAL 2022

The possibility of a CLiE slot at the annual BAAL conference was agreed with Glenn Hadikin and Zhu Hua and a proposal was accepted by the CLiE committee at the February meeting. We propose to follow the pattern of the Education Committee session at the annual LAGB conference. Thus, the following proposal was accepted by the team at QUB and the event will take place on 1 September at BAAL 2022:

Committee for Linguistics in Education (CLiE) round table (forum)

Chaired by Gee Macrory, Terry Lamb, Ursula Lanvers, Cathie Wallace

Come and meet representatives of [Committee for Linguistics in Education](http://clie.org.uk) (CLiE) (clie.org.uk), a joint committee of BAAL and LAGB, find out who we are and what we do – and join in the discussion. This is your opportunity to have your say, ask questions and engage in the debates about important issues to do with language in the curriculum. The event will be in three parts, followed by open discussion:

Gee Macrory and Cathie Wallace: Introduction

This will outline the range of issues CLiE addresses including, Knowledge about Language in the curriculum, phonics, literacy, A level English language, multilingualism and MFL + list of full range of organisations represented on CLiE. We problematise and critique issues and policies in the UK but drawing upon research and our experience of other contexts.

Ursula Lanvers: Language Awareness in MFL

We will discuss opportunities of applying knowledge about language to the learning and teaching of MFL, in the context of the UK and beyond. I refer to recent research examples applying multilingual pedagogical approaches, as powerful pathways into breaking hegemonic stances towards English, validate other languages, and address social injustice in languages.

Terry Lamb: Plurilingualism and democracy in Europe

Here we will share developments on a European level, in particular the Council of Europe, with reference to the recent Council of Europe Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the importance of plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture. The Recommendation addresses many issues of interest to CLiE, such as the promotion of a holistic approach to language learning, including the development of language awareness, the teaching of languages in interaction with each other.

This event is intended very much to be a discussion forum and each of the three presentations will last only 10 minutes, to be followed by 20 minutes discussion of the topic. The event is scheduled for two hours, thus this leaves 30 minutes available for further discussion. The aim of the event is to publicise the work of CLiE and to stimulate debate and discussion. Materials will be uploaded to the CLiE website after the conference.

BA summer showcase, 17 June 2022

This year, the possibility of participating in a joint activity at the British Academy Summer Showcase arose. UCGAL coordinated a joint proposal to showcase Linguistics as a discipline, in which we participated. This was led by Lesley Jefferies, Chair of UCGAL (University Council of General and Applied Linguistics). We all felt it important to showcase Linguistics as a discipline, since it is not a school subject and can therefore seem to be something of a mystery to schoolteachers and students at times. The subsequent event was led by UCGAL and entitled *Our Languages: Our World* and was held successfully on 17 June 2022 at the British Academy. Both Gee Macrory and Eva Eppler were present to help staff the stall.

NATE GCSE English language position paper

Earlier in the academic year, the Common English Forum (CEF) was involved in discussions regarding GCSE English Language, and CLiE had been asked to provide a document in response to work by NATE on the subject. Following discussion with the DfE, the proposals

from NATE and CLiE (among other groups) were amended within the existing framework, rather than a statement of wholesale reform, which was reset as a longer-term goal. CEF set up a small working group to achieve this aim, at which Graeme Trousdale represented CLiE.

Reading and phonics

One issue raised earlier in the year was the recently published research report by Wyse and Bradbury (["Reading wars and reading conciliation"](#)) a report aiming to rebalance approaches to reading, which received good media coverage. It was agreed that Gee and Cathie Wallace would in the first instance liaise on short response to "Reading wars and reading conciliation" as a precursor to potential position paper. Phonics is to be on the agenda for our next meeting, as we recognize this as an ongoing issue in schools. This will also be part of our presentation at QUB.

4. Change of Chair and Secretary

Finally, we wish to report that I am retiring as Chair of CLiE after four years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Chair and to represent CLiE on the BAAL Executive. I would like to extend my thanks to all those colleagues who have worked with me, and a particular thank you to Eva Eppler who has been exemplary in fulfilling her role as Secretary. I also wish Eva well in her new role as incoming Chair. We are delighted that Maria Arche has agreed to take up the role of Secretary.

Gee Macrory, Chair of CLiE

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ACCOUNTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MAY 2022

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME		
Membership Subscription	53,330	43,010
Bank interest	4	6
Book Prize Entries	640	908
Miscellaneous Income	100	3,000
Donations	7	3
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	-	544
Annual Conference Sponserhip	1,500	-
Seminars	1,913	-
	<u>57,494</u>	<u>47,471</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to SIGs	200	805
Book / Poster/visual rep./ prizes	321	200
Linguistics Olympiad	1,000	1,000
Applying Linguistic Fund	3,853	2,250
Net Expenditure - Special Interest group	330	-
Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses	14,591	13,065
Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses	318	-
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subscriptions	814	4,798
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	-	1,410
Insurance	689	587
Bank Direct Debit,collect & Sevice Charges	1,026	1,378
Conference expenses	375	-
Postage,Publication & Printing Costs	9	67
Website Costs	-	264
Accountant's Fees	875	875
Sundry expenses (Allowable)	734	-
	<u>25,135</u>	<u>26,699</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>32,359</u>	<u>20,772</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MAY 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Other debtors - funds with SIGs		26,914		27,244
Bank deposits		80,683		53,506
Cash at bank		122,446		116,934
		<u>230,043</u>		<u>197,684</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		875		875
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>229,168</u>	<u>196,809</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>229,168</u>	<u>196,809</u>
FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			196,809	176,037
Net surplus for the year			32,359	20,772
Balance carried forward			<u>229,168</u>	<u>196,809</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees (Executive Committee) of British Association for Applied Linguistics

I report on the attached accounts of the association for the year ended 31 May 2022

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Association's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993) for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

1. To examine the accounts (sec.43(3) of the 1993 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (sec.43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act)
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the association and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements have not been met: or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**KURBAN ABJI
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THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS

England & Wales - Charity number 264800

Accounts



BAAL AGM

Friday 10th September 2021, 1:45-2:45pm
BAAL conference 2021, Northumbria University

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Chair's Report

This is my final meeting as Chair of BAAL, as I have sadly come to the end of my three year term in this role (I took over as Chair in September 2018). Working as Chair of BAAL has been an interesting and fulfilling, albeit sometimes challenging, experience. The past eighteen months, in particular, have been an unsettling and challenging time for the membership, with COVID-19 impacting on every part of our professional and personal lives. With the rollout of vaccinations and easing of lockdown, it is beginning to look like the worst of the COVID-19 crisis is now behind us (thank goodness). It is likely to take a very long time before we move back to any form of 'normal' practice, but at least there is a little more hope of such on the horizon. I would like to extend my gratitude to all members of the executive committee and membership for being so adaptable to change during this period, and for their on-going support, enthusiasm, dedication and hard work in ensuring that BAAL continues to go from strength to strength. It has been a real honour to work at the helm of such a supportive and proactive association and I am sure BAAL will continue to develop, expand and flourish further into the future. I wish the incoming Chair the very best in leading the next few years of BAAL's journey.

UPDATES

I have spent the past 12 months period responding to general queries from the membership, EC and BAAL affiliates, establishing/maintaining contact with key partners and members, and considering strategic future directions for EC and BAAL in general. Some notable points/actions follow.

BAAL 2020

As you all know, the BAAL annual meeting was postponed until 2021 (i.e. the current event that this AGM is taking place at), with an alternative online one-day event held in 2020 instead. This comprised a single-track event, with talks from some representatives of the BAAL SIGs, an ECR workshop, the BAAL book prize, a CUP workshop, the AGM and the first official BAAL quiz. I wanted to minute my thanks to all members of the EC for supporting/helping to coordinate what was a very successful and well attended event. A brief overview of feedback from this event follows:

- 100% of respondents (59 of over 300 who signed up to attend) rated the conference as excellent (49.15%) or good (50.85%).
- The majority (over 80%) said that the conference met with their expectations, with 98.31% saying that they would attend a BAAL online or face-to-face conference again in the future.

- The majority of attendees also strongly agreed with the following statements:
 - It was a worthwhile conference to attend online (69.49%, with a further 28.81% responding with 'agree')
 - I would recommend future BAAL conferences to others (67.80%, with a further 27.12% responding with 'agree')
 - It was well managed (71.19%, with a further 25.42% responding with 'agree')
 - Zoom webinar worked well (59.32%, with a further 35.59% responding with 'agree')
- The majority of respondents also agreed/strongly agreed that the conference provided the opportunity for presentation of important papers and instigated well-informed discussions (49.15% and 40.68% respectively).

When quizzed about the highlights of the conference, respondents were particularly impressed by the quality of the presentations, the ECR workshop and the book prize, the quiz, the smooth running of the conference, the sense of community created and maintained on the day, and the fact that the cost was not 'inhibitively expensive this year'. The AGM was also held online as part of this event and more than 60 members were in attendance – this is perhaps a record for a BAAL AGM! Let's hope we can beat that record again at this year's AGM.

When asked about preferences for the delivery of the conference, many commented that they would prefer a face-to-face format, although the online delivery worked well (in the current/on-going circumstances). Others suggested that a blended approach might be something for us to consider for the future. The affordability and accessibility of the online format was also commended. Some recommendations for improvements follow:

- Include more speakers, in a multi-track conference, over more than one day
- Better use of the Q&A chat
- Ensure that we stick to the schedule/timings
- Further breakout rooms/opportunity for socialising

We have attempted to take this feedback on board with the running of the current conference. We hope you are enjoying BAAL 2021 thus far!

Mosaic

December 2020 marked the end of our initial 2-year contract with Mosaic (our membership consultants). Our experience with Mosaic has been fantastic – they have proven to be highly

competent, flexible, supportive, informative and a real pleasure to work with. We have agreed to extend the contract with Mosaic for an additional two-year period so will continue to work with them. As you will see in the Treasurer's report, the fees for Mosaic's services are a little higher this year (and onwards) - this is because Mosaic are offering additional support for SIG Convenors and additional help with the book prize, amongst other things. If any members have any questions about the specifics of these additional services, we will be happy to respond to these during the meeting.

BAAL guidelines for good practice in AL research

An updated version of BAAL's Recommendations on Good Practice in Applied Linguistics was launched on the BAAL website on 3rd March 2021. This current, fourth edition (2021) was drafted by Sarah Atkins and me (coordinators), with contributions from Paul Baker, Kate Barber, Fiona Copland, Tim Grant, Jai Mackenzie and Alison Wray. I would like to note my appreciation of each of these individuals for the time and effort they have put into this work. Thanks, also, to members of the EC who provided comments on the revision of this guide – this feedback was appreciated. These updated guidelines were discussed as part of the BAAL EC colloquium entitled 'Ethics and Social Justice', held at the current BAAL annual conference. Members of the EC are urged to spread the word about the release of these guidelines – tweet, share etc. AILA and UCGAL have also been informed about the release of these updated guidelines.

REF 2021

BAAL is a nominating body for REF2021. Last year I sent out a call for nominations of REF panel members (i.e. any panel) and impact and output assessors in the summer, with an additional call for nominations for an output assessor for sub-panel 26 (Modern Languages and Linguistics) in the area of British Sign Language / Deaf Studies. In the call, I emphasised the fact that we were keen to ensure there is a good representation and understanding of Applied Linguistics on relevant panels, so encouraged members to put forward their names to be considered for nomination to these roles by BAAL, or to encourage others in our discipline to do so. We eventually put forward four nominations to REF and the following BAAL nominees were successfully appointed to a panel:

- **Zhu Hua**, University of Birmingham – assessor, sub-panel 23 (Education)
- **Susan Hunston**, University of Birmingham – member, sub-panel 27 (English Language and Literature)

I would like to note my congratulations and thanks to Zhu Hua and Susan. I'd also like to express my thanks to everyone else who put themselves forward or otherwise helped in the process.

AHRC - consultations

I was contacted by AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council) to participate in a formal interview with their Senior Investment Manager in February 2021. The interview sought to help AHRC gain a better understanding of the range of linguistics grants that they fund but also to get a steer from the academic community (including BAAL) on how the disciplines under the AHRC remit are currently faring. They also want to get a more general understanding of some of the disciplines and learned societies that are broadly relevant to AHRC. We spoke about the following (amongst other things):

1. The structure and composition of BAAL: its membership, the achievements and impacts BAAL has had and is hoping to have and the future plans of the association
2. The effects that the COVID pandemic has had on the discipline and sub-disciplines represented in/by BAAL
3. The state of the discipline(s – as represented by BAAL) in general, including what the (current) big areas of interest are, what the emerging areas of interest are, what challenges BAAL members are facing and how BAAL members typically engage with the range of funds that come out of UKRI

I consulted members of the EC, some heads of department (in applied linguistics and related subject areas), an advisory board and previous PIs from large-scale AHRC-funded projects for some input on these matters before I met with AHRC. I would like to note my thanks to all of those who contributed their ideas/thoughts on these matters (the list is too long to include individual names here!). I will endeavour to send on any updates/feedback from AHRC as relevant in due course (I have yet to receive any).

Lobbying

I have been engaged with a number of lobbying activities over the past twelve months on behalf of BAAL. Details of these follow:

- AcSS (Academy for Social Sciences) provided a written response to UKRI (United Kingdom Research and Innovation) on proposed cuts to funding that were supported by Official Development Assistance. This includes the UKRI's Global Challenges

Research Fund (GCRF), the Newton Fund and the university QR funding for GCRF. I signed this letter on behalf of BAAL. More details can be found [here](#).

- UCML (University Council of Modern Languages) sent a letter to the UK Government to request that they retain membership of Erasmus; permit the devolved administrations to retain membership should they so wish; ensure that the Turing programme retains all the benefits of the current Erasmus programme and is fully and appropriately funded on a multi-annual basis to ensure stability for partnerships. I co-signed this letter on behalf of BAAL. The letter was delivered to the Prime Minister and other dignitaries (including the Minister of State at the Department of Education). Obviously, our plea didn't work and, as you will know, the UK Government have announced they will withdraw their commitment to the scheme, as part of the BREXIT deal.
- Following consultations with the BAAL Executive Committee, I sent a letter, on behalf of BAAL, to the VC and Head of the College of Social Science regarding their proposals to cut English Language and Linguistics at the University of Leicester. In the letter we emphasised that the removal of long-established areas of curriculum for perceived short-term gains is both short-sighted and harmful. We suggested that by planning to exclude the key subject discipline of English Language, the university risks being seen to imperil academic freedom, to diminish both teaching and research at the university, and to impact negatively on both student experience and student success. I've received a response from the President and VC of the University who reiterated their intention to restructure the English department but provided reassurances that BAAL's views and feedback would be considered as part of the ongoing consultation exercise. The restructuring has now taken place and unfortunately English Language and Linguistics are being phased out of the University.

UPDATES FROM BAAL AFFILIATES

AcSS (Academy for Social Sciences)

The Academy of Social Sciences represents academics, learned societies and practitioners in the Social Sciences and promotes Social Science in the UK for the public benefit. The BAAL Chair receives regular updates from AcSS and attends a meeting with representatives from their affiliated learned societies (of which BAAL is one) three times a year. Key points of discussion from the last meeting follow (27th April 2021):

- Running a learned society: sharing good practice and providing a useful insight into how to carry out a governance review

- COVID-19 - ongoing concerns for learned societies: including running hybrid events in terms of audience engagement and technology, membership maintenance and support
- Learned Societies Survey: to highlight the dominant areas of work for societies affiliated with AcSS
- Policy matters: including UKRI funding cuts, discussions regarding Open Access, uncertainties regarding EU Horizon project support (from the UK Government)

The next meeting is in September 2021 and the next Chair will attend. An update on matters will be circulated to the membership, as relevant.

On 30th September 2020 AcSS launched a report entitled 'Vital Business: The Essential Role of the Social Sciences in the UK Private Sector'. Based on detailed interviews with business leaders across eight different industries, the report showcases the many ways social sciences help businesses succeed and challenges some of the common myths that social sciences are valued mainly for their 'soft' skills, or are less valued than STEM. The report can be found [here](#).

On 13th April 2021, I joined a select working group comprising members of the AcSS board and some other affiliate representatives to discuss plans for updating and expanding the AcSS website. The goal of the update/expansion is to provide affiliated learned societies with a more prominent profile on the site. This is an on-going process.

Through our affiliation with AcSS, the BAAL EC are invited to nominate individuals for the Academy of Social Sciences Fellowship Awards. There are two calls per year for nominees and we usually nominate one or two people per call (though it's more important to make strong nominations than frequent ones). I am delighted to minute that fellowships have been conferred on the following BAAL nominees over the past twelve months:

- **Paul Baker**, Lancaster University: Paul has made world-class contributions to a range of linguistics disciplines, including: corpus linguistics, discourse analysis, media language, language variation and change, sexuality, gender, and health communication. His work engages across the social sciences, and has been particularly influential in migration studies, religious studies and terrorism studies. Paul has an impressive funding capture and publishing record and an outstanding record of collaboration with practitioners and the public.
- **Jeannette Littlemore**, University of Birmingham: Jeanette has an internationally regarded reputation for research on figurative language, and its role in language teaching and learning, cross-linguistic communication, the experience of

bereavement due to miscarriage and stillbirth, contemporary perceptions of witchcraft, and marketing and advertising. Her work engages with researchers from different areas of the social sciences, including psychology, nursing and law, and the significance and impact of her work is wide-reaching.

- **Adrian Blackledge**, University of Stirling: Adrian has an internationally regarded reputation for his research on multilingualism across social and educational settings, and for his expertise and innovations in linguistic ethnography as theory and method. The impact of Adrian's work can best be exemplified by his pervasive outreach and engagement activities. He has made extensive media appearances on his work and has been twice cited in the House of Lords, including by Lord Judd (his research on language testing) and by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants in their evidence to a House of Lords inquiry, amongst other activities.

It is really pleasing to see our discipline recognised in this way, and we note our warmest congratulations to Paul, Jeanette and Adrian. The next call for nominations will be circulated by the incoming Chair in due course.

AILA (International Association of Applied Linguistics)

The 19th AILA World Congress was postponed by a year due to the pandemic and will be held in Groningen, Netherlands from 15-21st August 2021. I will be attending the AILA EBIC (Executive Board and International Committee) meeting on 14th August. I will pass on any relevant information from the meeting to members of BAAL (this report was written before the meeting/conference had taken place). As with previous years, I will be providing a general association update to AILA at the meeting.

Last year (and the previous one), I send out a call for nominations for a variety of roles on the AILA committee. I received no nominations from either the BAAL EC (Executive Committee) or membership, despite several calls - so did not put forward any names from BAAL on this occasion.

I notified AILA that that we had updated the Guidelines for Good Practice in Applied Linguistics and they have confirmed that they will bring this updated version to their Endorsement Committee for discussion. If endorsed by this committee, AILA will add links to BAAL's guidelines on their website and will recommend them for use by all affiliate associations. Again, the membership will, in due course, be updated on how these discussions progress.

British Academy

The British Academy, together with the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Australian Academy of the Humanities, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and The Royal Society of Canada, published 'The Importance of Languages in Global Context: An International Call to Action' towards the end of 2020. This unprecedented joint statement highlights the key role that language skills play in international cooperation, especially during global crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic and calls on governments, policy makers, educators and industry to take 'concerted, systematic and coordinated' action to increase capacity for easily accessible education in a broad range of languages. The statement followed proposals from the British Academy and partners for a national strategy for language learning in the UK, published in July 2020. Although BAAL was not directly involved in preparing this statement, the BA acknowledges privately its appreciation for the ongoing support of our association and others. The statement can be found [here](#).

I attended a meeting with the British Academy on Friday 26th March 2021. The main items discussed during this meeting were as follows:

- Updates from the Academy on its higher education and research policy activities and publications over the last year
- Sustainability of the learned societies and subject associations focusing on: the main challenges faced by BAAL over the past year (and whether they were financial, practical or about people) and how we have worked to overcome these; what BAAL is doing differently as a result of the pandemic; what the Academy can do to support our activities; what the relative benefits of the pandemic have been (if any) and whether it has changed the way we work for the future (and the better)
- EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion?): this included a short update on work the Academy has undertaken in this area (including the appointment of a Fellowship and EDI Officer, as well as the continuation of work across both the Fellows' and Staff EDI working groups). It also enabled affiliate representatives to share updates on our own EDI work
- The termination of the ERASMUS+ and introduction of the Turing Scheme

The British Academy are beginning a new initiative in Partnership with the Wolfson Foundation. This scheme aims to develop a UK-wide Network for all Social Sciences and Humanities Early Career Researchers (ECRs) from a broad background, including those that are Academy funded and those that are not. The objectives of the ECR Network are:

- To support the individual ECRs to realise their potential by providing opportunities that ECRs do not currently have access to.
- To contribute to equality of opportunity for ECRs through encouraging diversity and inclusivity.
- To develop networks to nurture and facilitate greater engagement between and across ECRs and wider research community, regionally and nationally.
- To draw on the Academy's unique ability to convene and nurture intersectoral collaboration to create unique opportunities for ECRs.

I have reached out to the Academy to request that BAAL becomes involved in this exciting new initiative. I have yet to receive any further details about this – a further update on this will be provided to the membership in due course.

Dawn Knight, July 2021

Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months I have dealt with various routine secretarial tasks/queries to BAAL (as per the job description):

- Welcomed new EC members and organised regular BAAL EC meetings
- Checked the minutes and action points from BAAL EC meeting
- Sent regular updates on our activities to the AcSS for their monthly eBulletins
- Reviewed three books for the annual BAAL book prize
- Coordinated the annual AGM meeting (and notified the membership of this)
- Requested that all members of the EC update their terms of reference in preparation for the upcoming elections (this is required on an annual basis)
- Advertised EC vacancies – positions to be announced at the BAAL AGM
- Supported the chair in responding to Covid-19 outbreak and social restrictions by:
 - monitoring the situation and seeking opportunities to intervene
 - collaborating with other associations on various initiatives
 - working with SIG coordinator to set up a SIG event fund with deadlines in November and February
- Continued to follow up on the possibility of BAAL's involvement in AILA 2027
- Helped to drive the EC's development of equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives
- Acted as a point of contact for a range of EC-related questions and queries raised by EC members and general BAAL membership
- Supported the Chair in making various other decisions

BAAL Annual General Meeting 2021: There are 3 Ordinary Member posts coming up for election in September. The following officer posts are also available:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Media Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Publications Secretary
- Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator
- SIGs Coordinator

All of the posts have been publicised to the BAAL membership with expressions of interest being sought (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/documents/> for role descriptions). The results will be announced at the BAAL AGM. Those officers who have only served one term are permitted to be elected to a second term, if desired (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/committee/> for information on the current committee).

Thank you: I would like to say a big thank you to the outgoing officers and ordinary members for the hard work and commitment to BAAL during their time on the EC.

Caroline Tagg, August 2021

Treasurer's Report

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Membership Subscription	43,010	44,181
Bank interest	6	18
Book Prize Entries	908	480
Surplus - Conference	-	21,774
Miscellaneous Income	3,000	-
Donations	3	-
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	544	1,785
	47,471	68,238
EXPENDITURE		
Grants/ Payments to SIGs	805	200
Book / Poster/visual rep./ prizes	200	900
Linguistics Olympiad	1,000	2,000
BAAL Scholarship	-	2,436
Applying Linguistic Fund	2,250	5,223
Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses	13,065	13,260
Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses	-	2,689
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subscriptions	4,798	3,987
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	1,410	169
Insurance	587	756
Bank Direct Debit,collect & Sevice Charges	1,378	1,178
Postage,Publication & Printing Costs	67	21
Website Costs	264	264
Miscellaneous costs	-	250
Accountant's Fees	875	875
	26,699	34,208
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	20,772	34,030

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

BALANCE SHEET

31 MAY 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Other debtors & Funds with SIGs		27,244		49,147
Bank deposits		53,506		39,901
Cash at bank		116,934		87,864
		<u>197,684</u>		<u>176,912</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		875		875
		<u>875</u>		<u>875</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			196,809	176,037
NET ASSETS			196,809	176,037
FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			176,037	142,007
Net surplus for the year			20,772	34,030
			<u>196,809</u>	<u>176,037</u>
Balance carried forward			<u>196,809</u>	<u>176,037</u>

Bettina Beinhoff, August 2021

Meetings Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months, I have been liaising with the LOCs and potential hosts of BAAL's annual conference. In this report, I am going to outline the organisation and the latest developments of BAAL 2021 and 2022.

1. BAAL2021

Preparations have been going well for Alex's team for BAAL2021 Northumbria University. Out of 518 submissions 329 were accepted, 2 are Applying Linguistics awardees, 25 are posters and 6 groups submitted as colloquia.

2. BAAL2022

Preparation is going well for BAAL2022 with Sultan Turkan's team at Queen's university Belfast. The EC recently approved a list of plenary speakers to invite and, with minor modifications, the planned theme of 'Social Justice and Innovation in Applied Linguistics' looks good.

3. BAAL2023

I have been in touch regularly about York University's initial plan to have a larger number of colloquia in 2023. After some discussion with the EC they have stressed that they are happy to be flexible about the numbers and will not rely exclusively on SIG leaders to organise these sessions.

4. BAAL2024

The University of Essex team have agreed to host BAAL2024 after the EC reviewed a very strong bid.

5. BAAL2025

A team from the University of Glasgow have agreed to host BAAL2025 after the EC recently reviewed a modified bid document.

Glenn Hadikin, August 2021

Membership Secretary's Report

A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined BAAL over the course of 2020-21 and to all existing colleagues who have renewed their membership!

The membership of BAAL has grown steadily and consistently in recent years. Currently, BAAL has a total of 689 full-rate individual members and 399 reduced-rate members, a total of 1,008 individuals. There are also 11 individuals nominated under a total of 4 Associate memberships and 131 individuals nominated under a total of 41 Institutional memberships. Total membership of BAAL in July 2021 stood at 1,275, an increase of 10 per cent since July 2020. We are indebted to the team at Mosaic for their continued high-quality support of the BAAL executive committee and membership.

BAAL is keen to keep expanding its membership base and to further strengthen its voice. If you know of a colleague or student who is not yet a member of BAAL, please encourage them to visit the website and sign up at: <https://www.baal.org.uk/join/>. Our online application form and payment system are integrated on one webpage, making it simple for applied linguists from across the globe to join us. All memberships run for a period of 12 months, with a membership term of January to December. Members who are not resident in the UK are very welcome indeed to join BAAL.

If your institution has yet to join BAAL, why not consider an Institutional membership? The annual subscription for Institutional membership of BAAL is £120 and allows for four individuals from the institution to be nominated as full members. Individual membership subscription is priced at £50 per annum (£20 for full-time students or retired/unwaged members), so Institutional membership represents a 40% discount for each nominated institutional member.

When you join BAAL, you get full access to:

- Special interest Groups
- Seminars in association with Cambridge University Press, with discounted registration
- Special publisher discounts on a range of books and journals, sent via BAALmail.
- BAALmail, our membership mailing list
- Our bi-annual BAAL newsletter
- Membership of AILA, the International Association of Applied Linguistics, including a discount for the triennial AILA World Congress

You will also get a discounted fee for our annual conference (usually held in September) and opportunities to apply for funding to host events.

BAAL is always looking at new ways to support its members, so please feel free to get in touch with me (r.wicaksono@yorksj.ac.uk) if I can be of assistance. Thank you for supporting BAAL and we hope you enjoy your membership.

Rachel Wicaksono, August 2021

Publications Secretary's Report

I was elected to the role in September, 2020. The activities this year are mainly focused on 1) updating BAAL book prize nomination and review procedures (including measures in response to COVID-19); 2) moving the timetable forward to allow time for publicity for shortlisted titles; 3) formalising the celebrations event as part of the BAAL annual conference, working closely with the local organiser, Alex Leung. As I will step down from the role in September, I will hand over the remaining dissemination and publicity tasks of this cycle to the incoming Publications Secretary.

I would like to thank all the reviewers and final judges for their help with the competition.

1) Updating procedures.

The following changes with regards to the BAAL book prize are introduced:

- E-books were requested from the publishers for the shortlisting stage with the option of print copies for the final stage (the e-book arrangement needs to be reviewed for the next around)
- Expanding the pool of reviewers: in addition to EC members, reviewers were invited from SIG and BAAL members.
- The review form was revised to clarify the criteria, to add the BAAL conflict of interest requirement and to change the maximum length of review comments to 350 words.
- The payment processing task and direct general queries were handled by Mosaic.

2) Moving the timetable forward to allow time for publicity for shortlisted titles;

The shortlisting deadline was set for May and the shortlist is planned to be announced in August.

3) Formalising the celebrations event as part of the BAAL annual conference, working closely with the local organiser, Alex Leung.

Following the successful BAAL book prize event last year, we are planning to formalise the celebrations event as part of the BAAL annual conference to showcase the shortlisted titles. The authors/editors of the short-listed titles will be invited to talk and discuss about their books and writing process briefly; the BAAL Publications Secretary will share the reviewers' comments and discuss the strengths of the titles and stories behind writing. There may be opportunities for interactions (e.g. Q&A) with the audience if time allows. The final winner will be announced towards the end. We believe that this format works well with on-line delivery. It can be adapted to face to face delivery in the future.

BAAL Book Prize

We received 26 title nominations this year for the BAAL book prize. 5 titles are shortlisted:

- *Academic Irregularities: Language and Neoliberalism in Higher Education* by Liz Morrish & Helen Sauntson (Routledge)
- *Corpus, Discourse and Mental Health* by Daniel Hunt and Gavin Brookes (Bloomsbury)
- *Innovations and Challenges in Applied Linguistics from the Global South* by Alastair Pennycook and Sinfree Makoni (Routledge)
- *Ontologies of English: Conceptualising the Language for Learning, Teaching, and Assessment* by Christopher J. Hall & Rachel Wicaksono (eds.) (Cambridge University Press)
- *The Dynamics of Dementia Communication* by Alison Wray (Oxford University Press)

The Publications Secretary in consultation with the EC has been engaged in discussions with publishers about developing their partnership with BAAL. The aim is to explore a range of initiatives which would benefit BAAL membership including discounts from publishers, free content to certain material on publishers' webpages and special offers to support SIG events.

Updating procedures

Payment from published nominated books has now been streamlined and many now pay via PayPal or bank transfer. Cheque payments is no longer the preferred option. The Treasurer issues an invoice to the publisher and this now allows us to keep track to this procedure.

Zhu Hua, August 2021

Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer's Report

Postgraduate/ECR Facebook group

The membership of the PG and ECR Facebook group continues to grow. We have 1,837 members as of 10th August 2021. The Facebook page is somewhat active, with promotion of Twitter events, the BAAL Researcher Development Workshops, other BAAL events, and upcoming calls for papers. Any EC members can provide information they would like posted in the group by contacting the postgraduate coordinator or they may join and promote events themselves. The group can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/40190066151/>

Twitter BAAL ECR Events

We have quarterly Twitter events with academics in Applied Linguistics. In November 2020, we hosted a Twitter event with Dr Robbie Love on being an early career researcher in Applied Linguistics. In March 2021 we hosted an event with Dr Elisabeth Barakos about publishing a PhD thesis as a monograph. In June 2021, we had another successful event with Tess Fitzpatrick about establishing a career in Applied Linguistics. I recommend these events continue when I leave the post in September 2021.

Chloe Mills, August 2021

Media Coordinator's Report

TWITTER

The BAAL Twitter account has risen from to 5430 (August 2020) to a current total of 6952 followers (August 2021).

The main BAAL Twitter account continues to promote details of the annual conferences and BAAL-related events and activities. I have draw up a set of guidelines for the organisers of BAAL-related events and scholarships to publicise these events and activities. This year, I have facilitated a series of live PGR/ECR events organised by Chloe Mills on the main BAAL Twitter account.

The @__BAAL handle is regularly included in tweets by both individuals and organisations to publicise non-BAAL related events and announcements, but we do retweet anything that is unrelated to BAAL Activities.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

I have had no media contact whatsoever for BAAL.

Owen Minns, August 2021

Newsletter Editor's Report

This was my first year as co-opted BAAL newsletter editor. During this year, I have managed to increase the number of contributions from the membership with a view to showcasing the diversity of the association. I encouraged PhD candidates and ECRs to contribute as well as other established BAAL members based both in the UK and abroad. The new section '*Success Stories during COVID*' has fulfilled the intended goal of bringing together the community to share narratives of resilience, stamina and achievements in the face of the challenging circumstances. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for making the past two editions so rich and insightful.

BAAL News is for all members, so if you would like to see something in our newsletter, please get in touch with me (sal.consoli@polyu.edu.hk).

The call for contributions for the next edition of BAAL News will go out in late October. The deadline for sending contributions is in early January 2022 and the planned publication date is in February 2022.

Sal Consoli, August 2021

Seminars Coordinator's Report

The 2020-21 academic year has proven to be extremely productive for BAAL in relation to its seminars and workshops, and I would like to thank all colleagues who worked hard to ensure that we had a thriving year of events. These events have strengthened our sense of community during the past pandemic year and have played a key role in our continuous professional development.

Given the reduced costs with travel and accommodation, we were able to support three (rather than the usual two) BAAL / Cambridge University Press seminars as detailed below. These events were offered free of charge to BAAL members, and just a nominal fee was charged from non-BAAL members. We had a record number of registered participants for all these seminars (over 100 participants for each), which had not been the case in the past.

- "Corpora in Applied Linguistics: Broadening the Agenda" (Dr. Robbie Love / Aston University; Dr. Gavin Brookes / Lancaster University; Dr. Niall Curry / Coventry University)
- "Language, literacies and learning in the disciplines: A higher education perspective" (Dr. Doris Dippold, Dr. Marion Heron & Dr. Karen Gravett / University of Surrey)

- “Research synthesis in applied linguistics: Facilitating research-pedagogy dialogue” (Dr. Sin-Wang Chong / Queen’s University Belfast)

A new call for BAAL / Cambridge University Press seminars was launched on 17 May 2021. All BAAL members are very much encouraged to submit proposals by the deadline (i.e. 24 September 2021) for 2021-22 seminars.

This year also marked the beginning of the BAAL Researcher Development Workshops, an initiative I had proposed the year before and that had been approved at the last BAAL AGM. These workshops are aimed at supporting doctoral students or early-career researchers who are members of BAAL. One proposal was approved in the first call: “Feedback in the peer-review process of Applied Linguistics journals series: Dialogues with journal editors, peer reviewers, and early-career researchers”, led by Dr. Sin Wang Chong (Queen’s University Belfast) and Dr. Shannon Mason (Nagasaki University). The series consisted of five online workshops which were held between February and June 2021 and which were well attended by BAAL members. The seminars have been primarily attended by doctoral students and early-career researchers, but they have also drawn the interest of other BAAL colleagues.

A new call for BAAL Researcher Development Workshops was launched in 2021, and three applications have been successful:

1. “All eyes on-line: Curating an academic digital presence” organized by Ms. Hannah M. King (London Metropolitan University & Birkbeck, University of London) and Dr. Gonzalo Perez Andrade (London Metropolitan University);
2. “Our first years in academia: Managing research alongside teaching and admin” organized by Dr. Jill Boggs (Swansea University);
3. “Professional development in Applied Linguistics for graduate students and early-career researchers” organized by Dr. Sin Wang Chong (Queen’s University Belfast).

We can all look forward to another productive year on the seminar/workshop front for BAAL members in the upcoming 2021-22 academic year.

Vander Viana, August 2021

SIG Coordinator's Report

Much of the SIG activity for the 2020-21 academic year has continued to be affected to varying degrees by the ongoing pandemic situation. Despite this, all of the SIGs continue to be active and healthy and make an important contribution to BAAL's activities and identity:

- Corpus Linguistics
- Health and Science Communication
- Intercultural Communication
- Language and New Media
- Language, Gender and Sexuality
- Language in Africa
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Language Policy
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum
- LKALE (Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education)
- PAWBL (Professional, Academic and Work-Based Literacies)
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment
- Vocabulary
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) (Established in 2019)
- Multilingualism (Established in 2019)

Annual reports and annual financial audits have been received from each of the SIGs (available on Dropbox).

SIG events

In the 2020-2021 academic year, the following online SIG events took place:

- 1. *Language in Africa***
African languages and social change: Politics, activism, and justice
June 2021
- 2. *Professional, academic and work-based literacies (PAWBL)***
Creative and collaborative literacies (Annual Symposium)
4 December 2020
- 3. *Testing, Evaluation and Assessment***
Language Assessment Literacy in a Digital Age
25 September 2020
- 4. *Language and New Media***
Focus on the Researcher: Dealing with Distressing Data
14 May 2021

5. Language Policy

Language Policy and Human Movements: Global, Regional, Local
27 - 28 May 2021

6. Health and Science Communication

Showcase seminar series
March-July 2021

7. Language, Gender and Sexuality

Virtual talk series (online – ongoing)

8. LKALE

Knowledge about language and linguistics in different educational contexts
7-8 May 2021

9. Multilingualism

Success stories of refugees in Europe
16 June 2021

10. Vocabulary Studies

Vocabulary annual conference
27 May 2021

Please see the BAAL newsletter and SIG websites for reports on these events.

BAAL Annual Meeting 2021

The BAAL annual meeting for 2021 (organized and hosted by Northumbria University) is scheduled to take place online as a result of the ongoing pandemic.

It is currently expected that face-to-face SIG tracks will resume as usual at the 2022 annual meeting at Queen's University, Belfast.

Proposals for new SIGs

Full proposals are currently being prepared for three potential new SIGs – *Research Synthesis*; *Language and Citizenship*; and *Language, Race and Ethnicity*. The proposals are due to be submitted ahead of the January 2022 EC meeting.

SIG convenors have been encouraged to continue to liaise closely with the SIGs co-ordinator over any other issues which arise as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Helen Sauntson, August 2021

Web Editor's Report

Over the past 12 months, the website has only undergone routine updates to inform the community of various events and news in the field of Applied Linguistics. This has included updating the website with the relevant newsletters, information about the 2021 conference, book prizes and information about how the pandemic affects planned events.

The changes which have occurred to the website over the last 12 months have been to the following pages:

Home (<https://www.baal.org.uk/>)

BAAL recommendations for good practice in applied linguistics research document has been updated.

2021 conference (<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/annual-conference/>)

Covid-19

The BAAL website continues to be a source of information for BAAL members to consult during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic for BAAL-related events.

I worked with the Secretary and Media Co-ordinator to ensure that messages relating to Cov-19's impact on the conference were delivered in a timely and clear manner, and that website messaging was consistent with social media messaging.

Covid-19 caused the cancellation of the proposed 2020 face-to-face conference at the University of Northumbria. As a result of the cancellation of the 2020 conference, further information relating to the forthcoming 2021 conference will also be placed on this page. This page also links to Northumbria's website which also provides updates on the conference.

News (<https://www.baal.org.uk/news/>)

The covid-19 communications have been updated to the following: **BAAL has been closely monitoring the Coronavirus outbreak to ensure we react in line with official UK government advice. The government is advising on-going social distancing measures. BAAL has therefore committed to move online any planned face-to-face events to ensure that all BAAL-related activities and commitments can continue.**

Newsletter 119 has also been uploaded here (<https://www.baal.org.uk/news/newsletter/>).

Nathaniel Owen, August 2021

CLiE Representative

The Committee on Linguistics in Education (CLiE)(www.CLiE.org.uk)is a joint committee of BAAL and LAGB that brings together approximately eighteen associations and organisations with interests in language and languages in the UK education system, from primary school through to teacher education. The main purpose of CLiE is to share information and contribute expertise in linguistics and applied linguistics to benefit the curriculum in institutional settings, the professional education of teachers, and policy-making.

Members and roles

BAAL has four members on CLiE: Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University) (from February 2016); Cathie Wallace (UCL IoE), Maria Arche (University of Greenwich) and Ursula Lanvers (University of York). Either the Secretary or the Chair of CLiE sit on the BAAL Executive Committee. The roles of Secretary and Chair of CLiE usually alternate between one member of BAAL and one member of LAGB. Dr Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University, BAAL) is the current chair of CLiE and sits on the BAAL Executive. Dr Eva Eppler (University of Roehampton, LAGB) is the current secretary of CLiE.

Meetings

The committee normally meets three times a year in London. However, all meetings in the academic year 2020-2021 have taken place over Zoom.

Undertakings

CLiE and groups of its members are operating various subprojects. Recent activities and discussions include:

1. UKLO (UK Linguistics Olympiad)

As reported previously, the UK first competed in the International Olympiad (IOL) in 2009. This year, as last year, significant disruption was caused by Covid-19. At the time of our June meeting, the report from UKLO noted that UKLO had finished Round 1 and were now waiting for the International Olympiad (IOL) in July. Round 1 was held in schools, went as well as could be expected; numbers were only about half of last year's competition (2277 compared with 3781), maybe because schools had only recently returned after the Covid closure. UKLO/Graeme Trousdale provided weekly online tutorial sessions for all those selected for Round 2, and ran Round 2 in schools for everyone who won a Gold certificate in the Advanced competition - 53 competitors in all. From this cohort UKLO selected eight winners for the UK squad, including two girls (one from Year 9) and two boys from state schools. A training camp at the University of Greenwich before the IOL had to be abandoned due to COVID; UKLO is offering a continuation of Graeme's weekly tutorials for the eight squad-members. The IOL was based in Latvia this year, but being run entirely online, with each team in a single location in the home country.

2. LASER (Linguistics Across Schools for Education and Research)

Due to the continuing pandemic, LASER has had fewer meetings than usual, although at the November 2020 CLiE meeting, Graeme Trousdale reported on his communication with Uni4me <https://uni4me.co.uk/> who are keen for LASER to produce set of materials to be made available to school children on language analysis.

3. Ongoing projects

KAL GAP

Since the last AGM, we have been working on a small-scale research project on what we have named the KAL GAP, that is, the gap between what teachers need to know about language and what they actually do know. We considered the fact that CLiE potentially has an impact on English as first language, EAL, MFL and cross-curricular approaches, both in terms of curriculum and of teacher education. As a reminder, we are addressing the following questions:

- 1) What linguistic knowledge do teachers *need* as implied or explicitly stated by curricular documents, guidelines etc?
- 2) What linguistic knowledge do teachers actually *have*?

We are currently focussing on primary English. Our initial bibliography has been updated and sent out to the committee along with the OASIS template and a request for volunteers. It had been agreed that we would prepare a position paper based on available literature, with the DfE as intended audience, and that a later stage could involve some focus group work with teacher educators, once this was more feasible. Last year, Dick Hudson and Cathie Wallace produced a very thorough and detailed document setting out what KAL is needed at primary level and what research tells us about the KAL that primary teachers have, and Willem Hollman has now prepared a brief paper based on this. Willem had prepared a brief paper and Catherine Walter is working with him to make his paper less technical and to ensure it is publication ready and we expect to forward the paper to BAAL and LAGB for approval later in August. The University of Lancaster press office has agreed to support seeking media coverage. This will hopefully include The Conversation, whom we have now approached. Marcello Giovanelli has also provided a list of grammar material suitable for teachers.

4. GCSE MFL proposals

In the spring of 2021, a very real concern of the committee was the proposed MFL GCSE reforms. A sub-group worked on and produced a response from CLiE which was forwarded to BAAL and LAGB to gain their support for our stance. Our response, which was in line with that of many other organisations, was duly submitted to the DfE by the deadline of 19 May. Our response was also circulated to a number of organisations, including the APPG on

modern languages, A.L.L. and on relevant forums such as ITET. A follow up enquiry to the DfE in June produced only a reply that responses were being considered and were currently being analysed and summarised. Full copies of our and other organisations' responses have apparently been forwarded to the Review Panel Chair. They informed us that once their analysis of responses is complete, this and details of main issues, recommendations etc. will go to the Schools Minister who will make decisions on next steps. Following this, the Government's response to the consultation (which includes a report on consultation responses) will be published. They say that they are currently discussing with the Review Panel Chair the possibility of holding a one-off meeting with subject associations before the end of this process, and they will send us an invite should this happen. To date, nothing has been received. In the meantime, Ofsted published in June the fourth in a series of reviews into different subjects across the curriculum and this one was on languages education. Much of the meeting focussed on this and it was generally felt that the perspective endorsed reflected much of the content of the proposed reforms. This suggested to us that the proposals were quite possibly a foregone conclusion.

5. Website

Catherine Walter last year located the original poster which has a flowchart presentation of CLiE, including the relationship with BAAL and LAGB and examples of projects that CLiE has been involved in. Currently, Catherine is making poster more accessible, by translating information on the poster into a word document that is screen-reader compatible.

Graeme Trousdale and Dick Hudson are investigating the best way to integrate the KAL-gap bibliography and Marcello's list of books into resources on the new web-page.

Catherine Walter has also now organised the scanning in of a paper-based archive of documents, which have now been uploaded to the website (<https://clie.org.uk/history/>).

6. Representation/communications

CLiE continues to feature on websites of other associations, including NATE, LA and ALL. We have guest blog, written by Dick Hudson, on the ALL website at <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/secondary/CLiE-and-uklo/>. We are currently in the process of securing a representative from a sign language organisation to join the committee.

7. Meetings

Finally, we had some discussion about the format of meetings post-pandemic. The current agreement is that two meetings a year will be online, but that the June one will be face-to-face when this is permitted. Meetings are now October, February and June, in order to shorten the time gap between May and November that resulted from the previous arrangement (i.e. November, February and May).

Gee Macrory, Chair of CLiE, August 2021

**BRITISH ASSOCIATION
FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS
ACCOUNTS AND EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

	2021		2020
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Membership Subscription	43,010		44,181
Bank interest	6		18
Book Prize Entries	908		480
Surplus - Conference	-		21,774
Miscellaneous Income	3,000		-
Donations	3		-
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	544		1,785
	<u>47,471</u>		<u>68,238</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Grants/ Payments to SIGs	805		200
Book / Poster/visual rep./ prizes	200		900
Linguistics Olympiad	1,000		2,000
BAAL Scholarship	-		2,436
Applying Linguistic Fund	2,250		5,223
Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses	13,065		13,260
Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses	-		2,689
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subscriptions	4,798		3,987
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	1,410		169
Insurance	587		756
Bank Direct Debit,collect & Sevice Charges	1,378		1,178
Postage,Publication & Printing Costs	67		21
Website Costs	264		264
Miscellaneous costs	-		250
Accountant's Fees	875		875
	<u>26,699</u>		<u>34,208</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u><u>20,772</u></u>	<u><u>34,030</u></u>

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS**BALANCE SHEET****31 MAY 2021**

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Other debtors & Funds with SIGs		27,244		49,147
Bank deposits		53,506		39,901
Cash at bank		116,934		87,864
		<u>197,684</u>		<u>176,912</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		875		875
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>196,809</u>	<u>176,037</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>196,809</u>	<u>176,037</u>
FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			176,037	142,007
Net surplus for the year			20,772	34,030
Balance carried forward			<u>196,809</u>	<u>176,037</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees (Executive Committee) of British Association for Applied Linguistics

I report on the attached accounts of the association for the year ended 31 May 2021

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Association's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993) for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

1. To examine the accounts (sec.43(3) of the 1993 Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (sec.43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act)
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the association and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements have not been met: or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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