

SSILA EC 2024 Q1 meeting

3/27/24 (online), 5 pm EST

Minutes:

In attendance: Pattie Epps, Gaby Caballero, Raina Heaton, Jaime Pérez González, Jack Martin, John Powell.

- We have an open position on the Program Committee. The EC recommended several possible candidates. Martin will begin contacting them.
- The LSA has announced that their next annual meeting will be in-person in Philadelphia, January 9-12, 2025. The EC discussed whether to meet with the LSA or whether to meet online. John Powell described the results of a survey sent to members. Some EC members favored meeting with the LSA: it felt good to see people in person again. Those who favored meeting online recalled problems we faced last year: some presenters had visa problems; LSA registration was very expensive; SSILA members had to pay LSA registration and also had to pay for AV costs; we were only able to afford AV for one room; we were asked to sign an MOU with the LSA before we learned how expensive the conference would be.

The EC is in that same situation again: we have to put a call out soon for organized sessions, but we don't know how much the meeting in Philadelphia might cost us. After careful consideration, the EC favored meeting online for the next meeting, with the possibility of returning to the LSA in future years. We also discussed other options, such as having a smaller footprint at the LSA (limited to workshops and/or jointly-organized sessions).

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm EST.