2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

Introduction

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Business Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

1. Recap of 2022-2023 Initiatives (Danielle) [5 min]
   We continued the Newsletter this past year (4x this year; Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Spring 2023, Summer 2023)
   We continued our webinar series (12/16/22 Ruey-Ying Liu; 2/10/23 Pentti Haddington; 5/5/23 Steven Clayman)
   We put in for one special session (Philippe Sormani)
   We continued our mid-year council meeting (Fri Jan 13, 2023)
2. Treasurer's Report (Alex/Jason) [5 min]
3. Membership Report (Jason) [1 min]
4. ASA Papers Submissions Report and Programming (Danielle) [1 min] - 21 total submissions; able to accept/empanel 18 submissions - Thanks to Dirk vom Lehn for securing an additional regular paper session
5. Election results (Jason): Welcome new council members Sylvaine Tuncer, and Gordon C. Chang; and thank you to outgoing council member: Anssi Peräkyla [1 min]
6. Thanks to our continuing Information Officers (Danielle): Andre Buscariolli & Andrew Chalfoun [2 min]
7. Next ASA (Jason): 2024 will be in Montreal [August 9-14] [1 min]
8. Awards: - Graduate Student Paper Award (presented by Kaoru Hayano) [2 min] – Distinguished Book Award (presented by Jakub Mlynář) [2 min] - Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship (presented by Danielle Pillet-Shore) [8 min]

Approximately 40 members were present at the section business meeting.

Council Meeting
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summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

1. Thanks to outgoing council members (Anssi Peräkyla)
2. Introduce incoming council members (Sylvaine Tuncer and Gordon C. Chang)
3. Solicit council news from members on other ASA committees
4. Input on initiatives to increase membership, including an invited panel which we aim to submit next April to ASA; and report from Philippe Sormani on 2023's submission results (thematic session proposal to ASA 2024, The "Lived Body" Remediated: Embodied Interaction, Digital Divides, and Critical Inquiry)
5. Council meeting in addition to ASA annual meeting (January 2024)
6. Solicit council's ideas for 2023 Election Coordinator, possible candidates for next cochairs and new council members

Members present: Jason Turowetz, Danielle Pillet-Shore, Gordon C. Chang, Sylvaine Tuncer, Kaoru Hayano, Alex Dennis, Philippe Sormani, Christian Grieffenhagen

Awards

Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award: Yuchen Yang
Distinguished Book Award: Kenneth Liberman
Garfinkel-Sacks Award for Distinguished Scholarship: Paul Drew

2023 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2023 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2023. Please account for any substantive differences.

The section allocated $777 for the Annual Meetings of the ASA in August 2023. Total expenses were $712, so we were $65 below budget. As of the period ending August 31, 2023, the section's net assets had increased from $1,283 to $1,384.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

In collaboration with our section information officers, Andre Buscariolli and Andrew Chalfoun, we produced and distributed three section newsletters that shared section news and information about events, including three webinars that were held between Sept 2022-Aug 2023. The newsletter also profiles faculty and graduate students, spotlighting their research and contributions to the section. The current co-chairs (Danielle Pillet-Shore and Jason Turowetz) posted news announcements on the section's ASA Connect forum, where we also made current and past newsletters accessible to members. These electronic media (including recordings of our webinars) are currently being relocated following the closure of ASA Connect.

Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

We made every effort to have a diverse membership in terms of geography, race/ethnicity, abilities, genders, and sexualities. We have a robust number of international scholars who are members of our section, and people come from all over the world to attend our meetings and events. Our council members are also quite diverse and have the potential to draw a diverse audience. We also created newsletters and webinars to reach and attract graduate students and faculty from many different countries and socioeconomic backgrounds. These efforts were in keeping with our members' commitment to celebrate and promote diversity through our research, writing, and teaching.

Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

The current co-chairs and Section Session organizers (Danielle Pillet-Shore and Jason Turowetz) worked closely with the Regular Session organizer (Dirk vom Lehn) to maximize EMCA member participation at ASA 2023. We held four paper sessions, each with audience sizes of approximately 40 people. We also scheduled an in-person social hour/reception, a business meeting during which we presented awards, and a council meeting. Leading up to and during these events, we encouraged an intellectual exchange of ideas, aiming to give voice to various perspectives and methodologies relevant to our EMCA section's interests. We also supported mentoring and networking among our students and faculty, so that all interested parties felt welcomed and included.

Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g., webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

We scheduled and publicized virtual/remote webinar sessions in December 2022, March/April 2023, and May 2023. We recruited and retained two graduate student Information Officers/Newsletter Editors who are in regular communication with fellow EMCA students and can help us design our events and programming to fit the interests and needs of junior scholars. Each of our virtual events has mentoring and networking potential built into it, which makes them attractive and useful for early career members. We also met with the EMCA Council via Zoom in January 2023 to review Section business mid-year and discuss ways to increase membership, ideas for future webinars, and discuss panel topic proposals to submit to ASA for a possible invited panel.