The Chapter’s bank account held $67,093.88 at the end of Apr 2008, and we are imminently expecting $8,132.29, NAACL’s share of the profits on ACL 2005 (in Michigan), which will bring the balance to $75,226.17. This is over double the $31,684.97 balance at the end of Apr 2007. This principally reflects the Treasurer’s hard work in dredging through all the records and doing the accounting for HLT-NAACL 2004 (in Boston), which was a strongly profitable event for the chapter. I plan to do the accounting for HLT-NAACL 2006 over the summer.

The major outgoings of the Chapter were limited to 3 items: supporting students to attend the JHU 2007 tutorials/workshop, supporting students to attend the Linguistic Society of America 2007 Linguistic Institute, and support of NAMCLO (The North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad). We welcome suggestions from members of other ways that NAACL can support the interests of computational linguistics and the membership.

The chart below shows the NAACL account balance from since I became treasurer (Jan 2006), projecting the receipt of ACL 2005 profits.

There is no reason why NAACL cannot continue to operate financially just as it has for the last few years. However, I continue to believe that NAACL should be more proactive in raising income, by exploiting commercial connections and other fund raising opportunities, and then finding good ways to use that money to promote the field.

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