NAACL 2016
Business Meeting

15 June 2016
San Diego
Agenda

• NAACL financial support
  • => Treasurer’s report

• NAACL initiatives

• 2017 conference promos

• Open floor for discussion
Thank you!

• General Chair: Kevin Knight

• PC co-chairs: Ani Nenkova & Owen Rambow

• OMM chair: Joel Tetreault

• Local arrangements: Priscilla Rasmussen
Your NAACL Exec Board

• Emily M. Bender (chair)
• Colin Cherry (secretary)
• Joel Tetreault (treasurer)
• Matt Post
• Fei Xia
• Marie-Catherine de Marneffe
• Julia Hockenmaier
• Hal Daumé III (past chair)
• Graeme Hirst (ACL treasurer)

http://naacl.org/officers/officers-2016.html
Who’s here?

- 878 attendees, including 330 students
- 41 countries represented

**Top 5:**

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NAACL support: NACLO ($5k)

- ~1800 high school students participated in US and Canada at >150 sites in the 9th NACLO

- NACLO winners constitute US & Canada teams to ILO; this year in Mysore, India in July
  - Last year (Bulgaria) US+Canada won 8 medals in the individual contest; US Red team took 2nd in team contest

- Interested in helping out?
  - Write problems
  - Host a site
  - Make a donation

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Hey, other countries
Win this cup
The US has had it for 6 of the last 9 years and has had it for three years in a row.
Give us a challenge!
International Linguistics Olympiad http://www.ioling.org
NAACL support: Emerging Regions Fund
2x $1500

- "Computational Semantics with Frames and Constructions" at the 9th International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG9)
  - Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil
- Colombian national meeting of researchers in computational linguistics and corpus linguistics
  - Instituto Caro y Cuervo/Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia
- Conference reports will be available from http://naacl.org/posts/index.html
- Record number of submissions! (11)
JSALT Summer School at JHU

- Scholarships of $10k total, supporting 5 students

- 11 applications

- Awarded to students from US (2), Argentina (2), and Brazil (1)

- Priority to students from schools that don’t already have strong NLP programs
Over to Joel

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NAACL initiatives:
Video recording

• NAACL 2016 is also being video recorded
  • Videos will be available on techtalks.tv mid-July
  • For long-term sustainability: seeking video sponsor

• Popularity of videos
  • Have you watched a video of a NAACL 2015 presentation?
  • Does the availability of videos affect your decision to attend the conference?
NAACL initiatives:
Best paper policy

- NAACL board voted to remove “best student paper” category
  - Overall number of papers recognized unchanged
  - Removes question of relative value of “best student paper” v. “best paper”, given high prevalence of students authors on (best) papers
- Proposal currently under consideration:
  - Recognize “best new data source”
  - Other types of papers to recognize?
Survey by Joel Tetreault and Fei Xia of NLP/CL researchers in Mexico & Central & South America

- Get feedback from Latin American researchers on what role, if any, NAACL should play in helping promote NLP in the region
- Gain an understanding of the backgrounds of the researchers in the region
- Develop an up-to-date mailing list of the community
- 129 respondents

- Strong interest in ties to research in US/Canada
- Idea: Workshop that brings US/Canada researchers to location in region
- Idea: Shared tasks on processing of Spanish and Portuguese
- Idea: Financial support for researchers to attend (NA)ACL
- Full results of survey available soon
NAACL initiatives: Improving START/softconf

- Please email thoughts, complaints, praise, bug reports, UI/UX ideas
- All perspectives welcome: submitting, reviewing, area chairing, general conference management
- Matt Post (post@cs.jhu.edu) will be in contact with the START developer
- Please share your experiences!

http://tinyurl.com/start-wishlist
NAACL initiatives:
Expanding the size of the board

- NAACL rules on who can fill various roles (esp Chair) leave us in a precarious position

- Our community has been growing

- Considering expanding the size of the board by one member

- Input?

- Look for an item on the ballot this fall
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