

# NAACL Treasurer's report

## May 2010



The Chapter's bank account held \$136,771.90 at the end of Apr 2008, well more than at the same time last year (\$71,530.32). Income for the year was about \$88K, primarily from booking the surpluses for past conferences following catch-up accounting: a huge \$57K surplus from NAACL 2006 and \$30K as our 50% share of the strong surplus from ACL 2008. Expenses are also up (though less) at \$23K, comprising \$12K which JHU eventually billed for WS2007 and WS2008, \$1.5K for JHU WS2009 travel fellowships, \$5K in support of NACLO 2009, \$2.5K for two events under the Latin American fund (STIL and Propor), and \$2K for NAACL 2009 student travel support. Other income and expenses are in process. I'm delighted to report a surplus of \$14K from NAACL HLT 2007. (Phew! I'm amazed.) Draft accounting for NAACL HLT 2009 (thanks Graeme and Chiaki!) suggests a surplus of about \$12K (probably an upper bound). We are also giving \$1K for a Pacific Northwest NLP meeting, \$5K for support of NACLO for 2010, and continuing to support the JHU summer workshop. We are giving further support from the Latin American fund for people attending the Young Investigators workshop and the ELiC winter school, and giving support to student authors who need funds to attend NAACL.

One chart below shows the NAACL account balance from 2006 on. It's a different story from the American federal account balance! The other shows our yearly income from conferences.

This has been a sea change year for the NAACL Treasury, with successful initiation of 3 new funds for using money to support our constituency: the NAACL HLT student travel support fund, the Latin America fund, and the regional conferences fund, as well as continuing previous support for U.S. summer workshops and NACLO. We relearned the wisdom that it's a lot of work dispensing money, and while I certainly think that we should continue initiatives like these, we also have to think a bit about how to make the work involved sustainable. For the moment, all is fine with the NAACL Treasury. For the future, we should pay attention to generating the surpluses necessary to sustain such activities (neither NAACL 2007 nor 2009 yielded sizeable surpluses) and continue to look at trends in corporate sponsorship and opportunities for links with the broader text mining/processing/search community (e.g., get feedback from the NAACL 2010 General Chair, Ron Kaplan, who recently spoke at the Text Analytics Summit 2010).

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