

NAACL 2015

Business Meeting

3 June 2015

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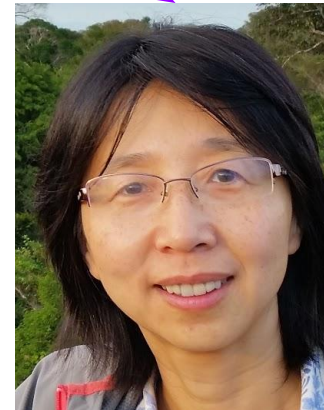
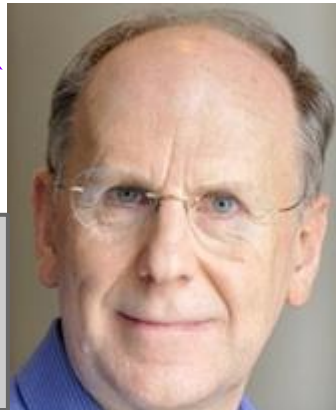
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We do more
than JUST
reject your papers

5 June 2015

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- Hal Daumé III (chair)
- Michael White (secretary)
- Joel Tetreault (treasurer)
- Emily Bender
- Eduard Hovy
- Matt Post
- Fei Xia
- Chris Callison-Burch (past chair)
- Graeme Hirst (ACL treasurer)

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3. Current NAACL exec initiatives
 - a. Central and South America outreach
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Result of last year's initiatives (1/2)

- Continued video recording of NAACL 2015
- Three scholarships for summer school (\$2k)
 - Keith Herbert (USA)
 - Alberto Manuel Orozco Camacho (MEX)
 - Roxana Lafuente (ARG)
- Two requests for funding with the emerging regions fund, both supported (\$3k):
 - Undergraduate student travel to a student workshop at STIL
 - Funding for a NA invited speaker at STIL
- Support for NACLO (\$5k)

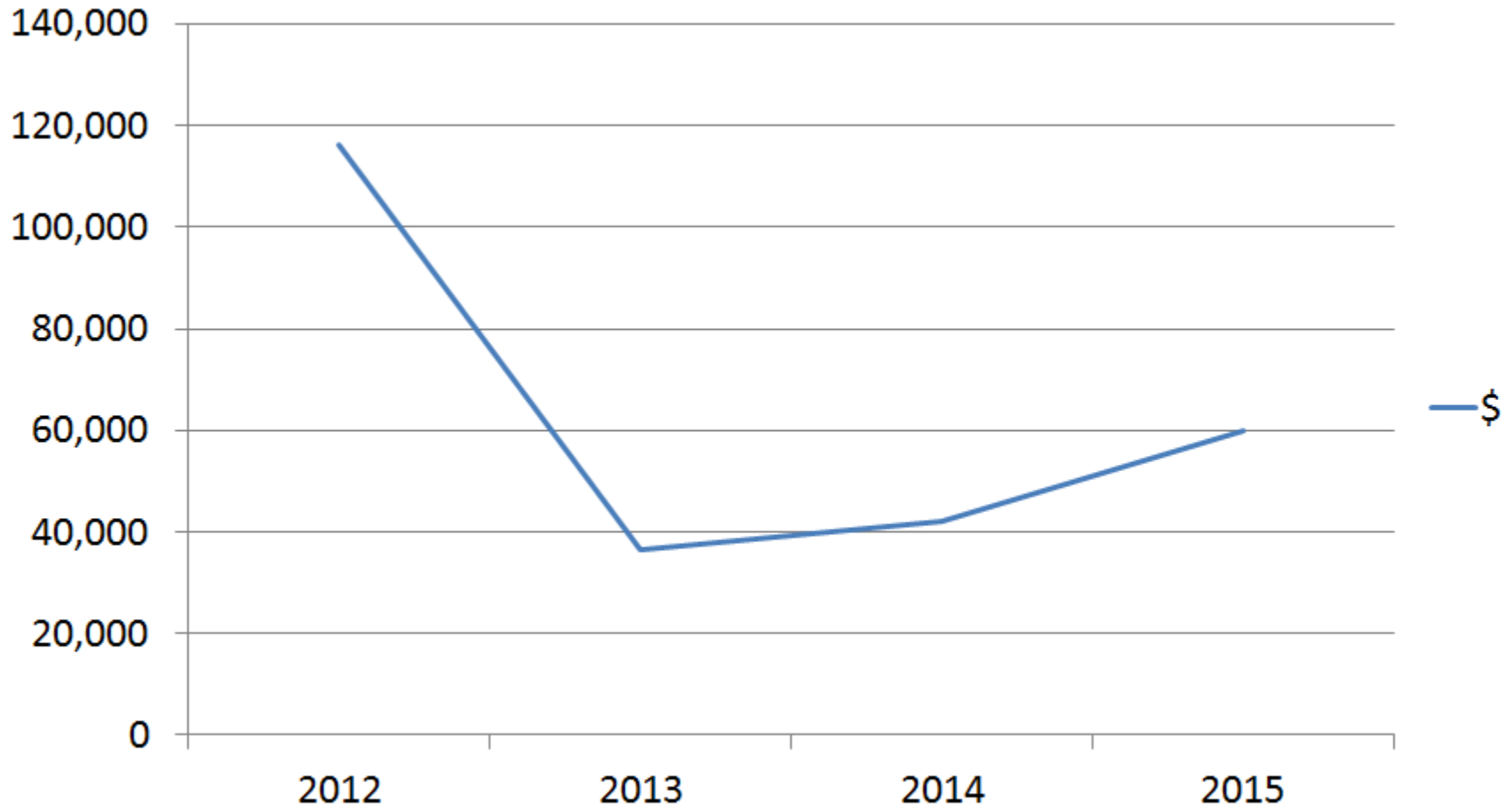
Result of last year's initiatives (2/2)

- Reinstated 2yr rotating terms for pubs chairs
- Lots of effort on local/startup funding
- Paper policies:
 - NAACL requires supplementary materials to be anonymous & encourages ACL to follow suit
 - Adopted ACL's policy on preprints (eg arxiv)
 - Guaranteed best papers and runners up
 - Authors should see all scores at response time
 - "Best reviewer" list will always be made & pub'd
- Last year instituted anti-harassment policy
 - Edits based on community feedback
 - Strongly supported in ACL 2014 post-conf survey

NAACL Treasurer Report

- Last two years: austerity
- Now better able to fund important organizations and events
- NAACL 2012 and 2013 had a surplus of \$17k and \$23k respectively
- Cautiously optimistic about ACL14 and NAACL15 surpluses

NAACL Budget Balance



Outlays (2012 - 2015)

	NACLO	ERF	SumWS	LSA	
2012	5k	1.5k	10k	10k	26.5k
2013	5k	1.5k			6.5k
2014	5k	1.5k			6.5k
2015	5k	3k	6k	4.8k	18.8k

Ways to Improve

- Need more sponsorship!
 - Get creative with other companies getting into NLP (finance, gaming, health, etc.)
 - Get creative with emerging regions
- Conference merging
 - could we gain by co-located with Machine Learning and Linguistics conferences.

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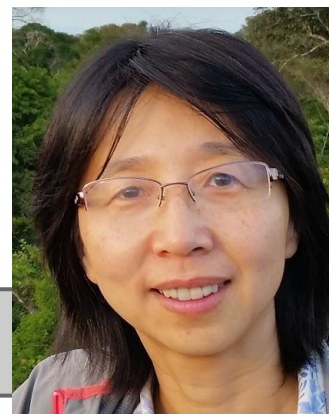
- NAACL is charged with service CA+SA members until they form their own *ACL
- Several years of support via Emerging Regions Fund

- **Big question on the table:**

Should the conference be held in CA/SA?

- When joint with ACL (eg 2017, 2020, ...)?
- When not-joint with ACL (eg 2018, 2019, ...)?
- If so, where?

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Review of Reviewing Policies

- Feedback about review quality?
 - From authors? From ACs?
 - What metrics (thoroughness, constructiveness, etc.)?
 - Privacy issues?
- Use(ful|less)ness of author response?
- Making more information/data public?
 - Reviews (partial or entirely) public after publication?
 - Submitted versions public along side?
- Other ideas?

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Making softconf/START better!

- Anyone with thoughts, complaints, praises, bug reports, UI/UX ideas should email us
- These can be from the perspective of submitting, reviewing, area chairing, or general conference management
- Please share your experiences!

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Open Floor



aka "We're open to suggestions from people
who would like to volunteer!"

Already on the table...

- Accessibility chair for the conference (+papers)
- Best paper -> best of with more awards
- Roommate board for students
- Minimum review length (+general quality control)
- Remove limit on # of references
- Comments on or updates of papers in anthology
- Countdown timer for submission deadline
- NAACL in the springtime?

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