NAACL 2016
Business Meeting

15 June 2016
San Diego

Agenda

- NAACL financial support

  - => Treasurer's report

- NAACL initiatives

- 2017 conference promos

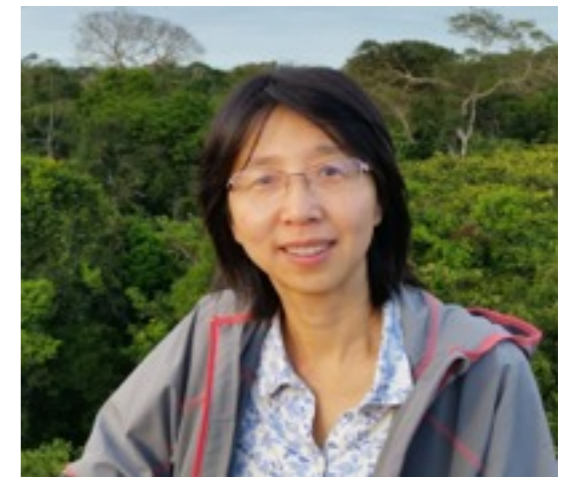- Open floor for discussion

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:

US	539
UK	55
Germany	47
Canada	28
Japan	25

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

- Treasurer's report

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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