

TRACALA Report to the ALA Business Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Sheraton Hotel

Burlington VT

I. Administration

During the past year, the TRACALA Executive Committee has been busy developing an administrative framework, particularly a post-launch communication base, for the smooth running of the caucus.

II. ALA 2009 -- TRACALA-sponsored Activities:

3 panels :

- "Blackness, Gender, Feminism: Continuities and Discontinuities in African, African Diaspora and New African Diaspora Aesthetics"
- "The Task of Translating Linguistic Innovation in Postcolonial African Literatures" and
- "Soundings: Readings in African Mother tongue Languages -- an evening of readings in 8 African languages -- Yoruba, Krio, Igbo, Tigrinya, Xhosa, Hausa, Gikuyu, Arabic.

III. The Luncheon

The luncheon was well attended (tickets sold out early). The luncheon speaker was Kwame Anthony Appiah on the topic: "Globalization in/and Translation."

IV. ALA 2010

The executive committee has begun working on ALA 2010, refining suggested panel and round table activities.

V. Membership

The membership drive is in full swing. The membership as of today numbers about 42 paid up members.

VI. General Business Meeting

There was no business meeting due to the rescheduling on the program. An E-membership business meeting will be effected no later than by the end of May 2009. Consequently, the meeting time listed on the program (Sunday, April 19, 7-9) will not take place.

VII. The Executive Committee has worked extremely hard during the past year and has accomplished most of the administrative and organizational tasks it set itself. However, the one task it was unable to accomplish is the ELECTIONS. The Executive Committee is therefore going to request from its membership another year to put in place all mechanisms, ready for elections to be held in 2010.

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