

## **Constitution for the UK-Cognitive Linguistics Association**

1. The Association shall be known as the United Kingdom Cognitive Linguistics Association (abbreviated UK-CLA).
2. The purpose of the association is to promote Cognitive Linguistics at the national and international levels in a range of ways. In particular, the UK-CLA will organise biennial conferences.
3. In addition, the Association will support, among other things, contacts and cooperation between its members, the development of research projects, curricula and international graduate and doctoral programs in Cognitive Linguistics, as well as the organisation of conferences and workshops.
4. A key aspect of the work undertaken by the Association will be cooperation between the International Cognitive Linguistics Association, and in particular, other European Cognitive Linguistics Associations.
5. Applicants for membership are expected to support the goals of the Association.
6. The outlook of the Association will be international in nature. Thus, applicants for membership may be of any nationality, and may be based in a country other than the UK.
7. Responsibility for setting up and administering the Association falls to the Governing Board.
8. The Governing Board will be elected by members of the Association for a two-year term or until the subsequent election at the business meeting during a regular UK-CLA conference. Nominations for these positions can be made by any member by prior notification to the President or from the floor during the Assembly of the Association. The candidates for office should be affiliated with UK-based institutions.
9. The Governing Board will consist of the President (to include responsibility for the Association's finances), the Vice president, the membership secretary, the publicity officer (to include responsibility for maintaining the Association's website), the rep to the UK's University Council of General and Applied Linguistics (UCGAL) and up to three other regular elected members. There may also be ex-officio members who sit on the Governing Board, at the invitation of the Governing Board. These members may include the Chair of the Organising Committee for the next biennial meeting of the UK-CLA, and editors of a UK-CLA journal, *Language & Cognition*. In the case of a tied vote the President will have the casting vote. The quorum will be five.
10. The composition of the Governing Board should reflect a variety of cognitive linguistic fields, languages, and UK universities and research institutions.
11. The Governing Board will be charged with the following:
  - a. maintaining a website in order to facilitate membership applications, and to promote the interests of the Association.
  - b. setting and collecting membership fees in order to support the activities of the Association, including the journal.
  - c. appointing a suitably qualified editorial team for the journal, and agreeing terms of appointment – in consultation with the publisher.

- d. organising a biennial UK-Cognitive Linguistics Conference in conjunction with a local organising committee.
- e. Reporting on activities and developments to the Association's members during the business meeting at each regular UK-CLA conference.
- f. engaging with and exploring collaborations with other Cognitive Linguistics Associations.
- g. engaging in any other activities that support and promote the aims and interests of the Association and its members.

12. Proposals for amendments to any aspect of the constitution, or nominations for Governing Board officers will be accepted on the basis of a proposer and a seconder. Such proposals will then be voted on.

13. For officers of the Governing Board to be elected, those achieving the highest number of votes in a secret ballot for each position, in the case of two or more candidates for one post, will be elected.

14. The constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of UK-CLA members present at the Business Meeting during a UK-CLA biennial conference.