

25 June 2015

Dear IAFL Member,

The Association’s Constitution mandates that officers and “ordinary” members of the Executive Committee “are to be elected at a meeting of the Association” and “may be nominated by any individual Association member or by the Executive Committee.”

At the end of each biennial meeting, the Vice President succeeds to the presidency of the Association. Thus, Dr. Tim Grant will become IAFL President, and as immediate past president I will serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee (EC).

At each biennial meeting, one of the two “ordinary” members of the EC completes a term. This year Peter Gray completes a second term and is not seeking a third one. Yuan Chuanyou—Richard—continues his term as ordinary member for another two years. All other officers serve for two-years and, except for the Vice President and President, may be re-elected. Tatiana Tkačuková has completed a successful term as treasurer and is not seeking a second term.

While the process for nominations and elections is mandated by the IAFL Constitution, revisions are under consideration but have not yet been adequately vetted. This year, though, we are making one change that members may find helpful. Instead of announcing the EC’s nominations at the general meeting of the Association, the EC is proposing its nominees for your consideration beforehand.

With no paid staff members, IAFL officers volunteer their time and energy, and various considerations figure in the EC’s proposing nominees. Ability to carry out the duties of a particular role comes first. Willingness and availability to carry them out comes second. Representativeness of the membership is also desirable. While many Association members are academics, others are attorneys or independent consultants, and our members are geographically dispersed. With those considerations in mind, the EC recommends the nominees below, all of whom have agreed to serve if elected. Combined, these nominees and continuing EC members come from Australia, Canada, China, and the Netherlands, as well as the Channel Islands, the U.K., and the U.S.

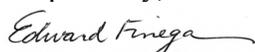
Speaking for myself and other EC members, I am pleased to nominate these members to the Executive Committee. (Brief biographies of each follow below.) IAFL members have cause to be thankful for such generous colleagues, willing to stand for election and carry out the work of the Association.

Vice President: Georgina Heydon
Treasurer: Krzysztof Kredens
Secretary: Isabel Picornell

Publicity Officer: Fleur van der Houwen
Ordinary Member: Jennifer Glougie

Please note that election of these nominees—or of others who may be nominated by any IAFL member at the general meeting—will take place in Guangzhou on Tuesday, July 7th, from 17:20—18:30 in Water Hall. All those attending the biennial conference are welcome as guests at the general meeting, but only current IAFL members will be eligible to nominate and vote.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edward Finegan'.

Edward Finegan

Vice President: Georgina Heydon

Dr Georgina Heydon is currently Secretary of the International Association of Forensic Linguists. She is an internationally recognised expert in the field of police investigative interviewing, and her book *The Language of Police Interviewing: A Critical Analysis* is being translated and published in Chinese next year by Palgrave Macmillan. She has delivered interviewing training to more than twenty police and judicial colleges from Melbourne to Maputo and is also a member of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group. Together with colleagues in the Translating and Interpreting discipline at RMIT University, Dr Heydon is developing a research and training specialization in legal interpreting, bringing her expertise in best practice interviewing to the study of interpreter performance in legal settings. As an expert witness, she also provides linguistic evidence primarily on authorship attribution and has provided expert reports in cases ranging from tax fraud to murder. She is a Senior Lecturer in Justice and Legal Studies at RMIT University in Melbourne, where she supervises students in forensic linguistics research topics.

Treasurer: Krzysztof Kredens

Dr Krzysztof Kredens received his MA in English Studies and PhD in English Linguistics from the University of Lodz, Poland. He is a lecturer in applied linguistics in the School of Languages and Social Sciences at Aston University, UK. His research is based in the School's Centre for Forensic Linguistics, where he also works regularly on cases involving questioned authorship, disputed meanings and issues of language competence. An IAFL member since 2001, Krzysztof has served IAFL in several roles: as an Ordinary Member of the executive committee, as Secretary, and he currently serves as the association's Publicity Officer.

Secretary: Isabel Picornell

Isabel Picornell is Principal of QED Limited, based in the British Channel Islands and providing linguistic analysis services to the corporate and intelligence industries since 2001. She is a Certified Fraud Examiner. In 2013, she completed her doctorate in forensic linguistics at the Centre for Forensic Linguistics, Aston University, UK. Isabel has been involved with IAFL since 2005, and between 2007 and 2011 she served as the IAFL UK membership secretary (until the regional secretary functions were unified under a single online registration system). As UK membership secretary, she dealt with all aspects and enquiries relating to membership registration and payments, as well as liaising with the IJSL publishers to ensure members received their journal copies. She has been an enthusiastic supporter of IAFL through the years, regularly attending and presenting at IAFL biennial and regional conferences. In addition, she manages the IAFL account on LinkedIn, which she set up in 2010, and regularly posts on linguistic issues and IAFL news to its nearly 500 members.

Publicity Officer: Fleur van der Houwen

Fleur van der Houwen holds a PhD in linguistics from the University of Southern California, where she wrote a thesis on "Negotiating disputes and achieving judgments on Judge Judy." She currently teaches at the Department of Language and Communication at VU University Amsterdam. Her research lies principally in the area of language and the law and new media technologies for communication. She is the coordinator of the upcoming research master's degree in forensic linguistics and language and the law at VU university and teaches various courses in that area. She also serves as a linguistic consultant for the police as well as private parties. She chaired the organizing committee for the IAFL-9 Amsterdam conference and has attended the biennial conferences in Cardiff and Mexico City and the regional conferences in Barcelona, Porto, and Sfax. At the IAFL-12 meeting in Guangzhou, she will offer a pre-conference workshop on forensic linguistics and language and the law and a plenary speech titled "Telling Judge Judy's Story."

Ordinary Member: Jennifer Glougie

Jennifer Glougie is a practicing lawyer and has been a member of the Law Society of British Columbia (Canada) since 2004. She regularly facilitates labour law educational seminars, workshops and conferences for both lawyers and lay advocates and is currently working on a forensic linguistics expert report for a miscarriage of justice claim in British Columbia. She is completing her PhD in linguistics at the University of British Columbia and in the fall of 2015 expects to defend her dissertation. Her research on evidentiality in English is based on a corpus of police witness interviews. She has been a regular invited presenter at the annual West Coast Roundtable on Language and Law since 2011. Her first IAFL conference was at Aston in 2011, and she will present a paper on the use of discourse markers in police interviews at the Guangzhou meeting.