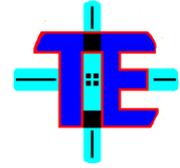




A Happy New Year to all TEVAL Members



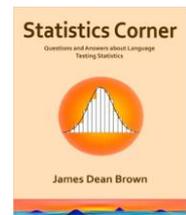
Welcome to new TEVAL members

Approximately 10 new members joined the Testing and Evaluation SIG at the November JALT conference or shortly thereafter. We extend a warm welcome to our new members and hope TEVAL will be helpful in furthering your professional goals. According to the Jan 2017^t membership list, TEVAL now has 93 up-to-date members. This is our highest membership in several years.

If you are new to the SIG, please be aware that we do the bulk of our publishing online these days. Please go to the website: teval.jalt.org to download the latest and previous issues of *Shiken*, the TEVAL research publication.

Statistics Corner

103 copies of *Statistics Corner* have now been distributed to new and current members, either by mail or in person at the JALT conference. If your TEVAL membership is current and you have not yet received your copy, please contact the TEVAL coordinator: [jimsick at gmail dot com](mailto:jimsick@gmail.com). Note that if your JALT address of record is your university, that is where the volume was sent.



PanSIG call for papers

PanSIG 2017 will be held May 19-21 at Akita International University (AIU) in Akita City, Akita Prefecture, Japan. TEVAL will share a forum this year with the Vocabulary SIG: *A New Multiple Choice Vocabulary Test Format*, presented by Tim Stoeckel.

Note that the deadline for PanSIG presentations is January 15, 2017, earlier than previous years. To submit your proposal, go to www.conftool.net/pansig2017.



Other upcoming events

Annual Temple University Japan Campus Applied Linguistics Colloquium - Sunday, February 5, 2017, 12:00-18:00. Temple University, Japan Campus Tokyo Center (Azabu Hall). [Map and directions](#).

The Temple University Japan [Distinguished Lecture Series](#) brings internationally recognized scholars to Japan for intensive weekend seminars. Saturday afternoon sessions are open to the general public. The full weekend seminars can be audited for a moderate fee.

Dr. Gabriele Kasper, Emotion in SLA and in Multilingual Talk. Jan 21-22 (Tokyo), Jan 28-29 (Osaka).

Dr. Averil Coxhead, English for Academic Purposes: Looking Closely at the 'E' and the 'A' in EAP. Feb 11-12 (Tokyo), Feb 18-19 (Osaka).

Dr. Pavel Trofimovich, Second Language Pronunciation for Successful Communication. Feb 18-19 (Tokyo), Feb 25-26 (Osaka). **Note:** Follow links from the [seminar course description](#) for a free downloadable textbook on Second Language Pronunciation Assessment.

Plenary and workshops sponsored by TEVAL at JALT 2016

TEVAL was proud to sponsor a plenary and workshop by JD Brown and to co-sponsor with the Task Based Learning SIG a featured speaker workshop by Kimi Kondo-Brown. Both the plenary and the workshops were well-attended and provided valuable exposure for the SIG. We extend our thanks to both JD and Kimi for bringing their experience and expertise to JALT 2016.

TEVAL Annual General Meeting (AGM) at JALT 2016

With 20 attendees, the AGM held at JALT 2016 was one of the best attended AGMs in recent years. We were pleased that JD Brown, one of the founders of the SIG and the “honorary chair for life” was able to attend the meeting. We were also pleased to have several new members volunteer to serve as officers-at-large. The following main NPO officers were elected:

Coordinator:	Jim Sick
Treasurer:	Jeff Durand
Publications chair:	Trevor Holster
Program chair:	J. Lake
Membership chair:	Ed Schaefer
Website chair:	Bill Pellowe

In addition, the following members have volunteered to serve as officers-at-large.

Tim Stoeckel	Nat Carney	Steve Bohme	Louis Lui
Jonathon Trace	Jeff Hubbell		

Officers-at-large do not have specific responsibilities, but participate in the TEVAL officers’ mailing list where they can contribute ideas, participate in decision making, and generally keep abreast of SIG plans and activities. Any TEVAL member is welcome to join the officer’s list. If you would like to become an officer-at-large, please contact one of the main officers.

Jeff Hubbell stepped down from the membership chair position this year and was replaced by Ed Schaefer. Jeff was present when the TEVAL SIG was formed in 1995, and during his 22 years of TEVAL membership has served as coordinator, treasurer, and membership chair. We owe him a big thanks for his many years of service and we are pleased that he will continue as an officer-at-large where his wisdom and institutional memory will continue to benefit the SIG.

Minutes and a list of attendees at the November AGM follow.

TEVAL SIG Annual General Meeting - Sat, November 26, 2016

Minutes by J. Lake

Jim Sick, TEVAL Coordinator, report: The treasurer Jeff Durand could not attend so Jim Sick reported about the treasury. The TEVAL SIG currently has about one million yen in the bank. Funds have been accumulating since the SIG moved to online publishing about five years ago. As an NPO,

the SIG should not be seen as hoarding money and so this year efforts were made to make constructive use of funds. The TEVAL SIG sponsored a plenary speaker and co-sponsored a featured speaker at the national JALT conference this year. That is anticipated to use about 300,000 yen. The TEVAL SIG also published a book comprised of Statistics Corner columns by J. D. Brown, printed 100 copies, and is currently distributing them to members. That is anticipated to cost about 100,000 yen, leaving about 600,000 yen in the bank. The book is also available for purchase on Amazon, but will be given to new TEVAL SIG members as they join.

Jeff Hubble, TEVAL Membership Chair, report: Membership numbers fluctuate from month to month as SIG memberships expire and get renewed. We had around 70 members on average throughout the year. As of November 1st, we had 88 members with some additional JALT members saying that they would like to join. Jeff Hubble will step down as TEVAL Membership Chair and Edward Schaefer will take over following the national conference.

Trevor Holster, Publications Chair, report: The TEVAL SIG is on track to publish two issues of *Shiken* this year. The issues correspond to the two times a year when teachers have time to prepare and submit manuscripts. If there is interest in a guest editor producing a special issue once a year then that would bring the total to three issues per year. This year, since we published a book, we have met the requirement of three publications. Jim Sick commented that our newsletter also counts as a publication so we have more than the minimum number of publications required.

J. Lake, TEVAL Program Chair, report: J. D. Brown's plenary this year was sponsored by the TEVAL SIG. We also co-sponsored a featured workshop with Kimi Kondo-Brown with the Task-Based Learning SIG. There seems to be interest in having the TEVAL SIG suggest speakers and possibly co-sponsor events for JALT chapters around Japan. This was done by the TEVAL SIG for a chapter presentation last year. Also, this year we co-sponsored a conference with the Japan Language Testing Association. There is also the possibility of teaming up with other organizations to promote the TEVAL SIG and language testing. The TEVAL SIG will co-sponsor with the Vocabulary SIG a forum/workshop at PanSIG 2017 conducted by Tim Stoeckel. The TEVAL SIG will also propose a plenary speaker and a featured speaker for JALT 2017, with funding covered by co-sponsored publishers if the proposals are accepted.

Other items: Bill Pellowe has agreed to continue as the TEVAL Website Manager. Another publication possibility is to collect articles by Jim Sick on Rasch analysis or to have Jim Sick edit a collection of Rasch articles that have appeared in *Shiken*. Louis Liu (Dongyue Louis Liu) has agreed to be an officer-at-large. Steven Bohme has agreed to be an officer-at-large as a shadow coordinator.

Members in attendance

Jim Sick	Trevor Holster	Jeff Hubbell
J. Lake	J. D. Brown	Tomoko Nemoto
David Beglar	Kazumi Araki	Tomoko Fujita
David Dunkley	Steven Bohme	Michihiro Hirai
Edward Schaefer	Ryo Uematsu	Louis Liu (Dongyue Louis Liu)
Ellen Rettig-Miki	Kurtis McDonald	Aaron Gibson
Frazer Smith	Tim Stoeckel	