The Suggestions to AACL exec from AACL Coordination Committee

In the procedure of the discussion of the AACL Constitution and election of AACL officers, the AACL Coordination Committee (shortly AACLCC) found that it is necessary the pass to the AACL exec a few important suggestions as the result of comprehensive discussion by the AACLCC.

1. The collaboration with AFNLP

The AACLC thinks that it is especially important to maintain win-win collaboration with AFNLP, among other NLP associations in Asia. A joint conference model has been discussed. Currently IJCNLP is held in every odd year. AACL exec can consider holding AACL in every even year. This will possibly form a non-competitive and win-win situation. Furthermore, AACL and AFNLP can consider joint-forcing on their conferences such as IJCNLP/AACL (every odd year) and AACL/IJCNLP (every even year) except for the years when ACL joint-forces with IJCNLP every six year, and ACL independently hold its conference in Asia every three year (when AACL supports ACL as ACL Chapter in Asia).

The predicted template with every 6 years as a cycle can be illustrated using 2018-2023 time period as below. Note concrete collaboration items shall be discussed by AACL exec after it is set up and AFNLP in the future. The names of joint conference below is used for the purpose of easy understanding, however, all the details of joint efforts such as names of the conference, length of collaboration, responsibility and benefits of two sides, the PC committee and local organization of conferences, shall be decided by AFNLP and AACL in the future.

* 2018 ACL at Asia independently (in Melbourne Australia, AACL will be announced)
* 2019 IJCNLP/AACL (AACL supports IJCNLP)
* 2020 AACL/IJCNLP (IJCNLP supports AACL)
* 2021 ACL/IJCNLP (AACL will support it within ACL as ACL Asia chapter)
* 2022 AACL/IJCNLP (IJCNLP supports AACL)
* 2023 IJCNLP/AACL (AACL supports IJCNLP)

1. The election of AACL execs

AACLCC believes that keeping reasonable diversity of candidates for the nomination and election of AACL execs is extremely important for the healthy growth of AACL. In addition to the two restrictions of AACL nomination and election about chair election and the number of officers from an individual member of country/district, as stated in AACL Constitution, the AACLCC would like to add three suggestions to AACL exec. However, these added suggestions are by no means hard regulations, they are only suggestions.

* The secretary and treasurer for the same term are better from different regions
* The three at large officers for the same term are better from different regions
* The next secretary should be better from regions other than that of the current secretary.
* The next treasurer should be better from regions other than that of the current treasurer.

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