

NAACL '2025 Business Meeting

Chair: Graham Neubig

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Agenda

- NAACL 2025 Board Activities
 - Regional Americas Fund
 - JSALT Scholarships
 - NAACL Treasurer's Report
- NAACL 2025 PC Report
 - Helena Gomez, Steven Bethard, Kevin Duh
- Open Floor Discussion

NAACL Exec Board Activities



Regional Americas Fund Report

Luciana Benotti

About the RAF (Regional Americas Fund)

- RAF Purpose is to strengthen the CL/NLP community in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to enhance regional interactions among students and researchers anywhere in the Americas.
- It funds workshops, classes, summer schools, course material preparation, resource development and more.
- It usually supports 5-7 proposals for of 1K to 3K USD each. The total budget is usually around 12 to 14K USD.
- Committee members: Luciana Benotti, Steven Bethard, Helena Gomez Adorno, Graham Neubig

2024 RAF Recipients

Tadesse Destaw Belay, Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN), **Mexico**,
Multi-label Basic Emotion Dataset Creation for Spanish and English.

Tiago Timponi Torrent, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, **Brazil**.
Publication of a book for school students on computational linguistics.

Fabián Villena, Instituto Milenio Fundamentos de los Datos, **Chile**.
School on clinical NLP.

Guido Ivetta, Fundación Vía Libre NGO, **Argentina**. Workshop on
Responsible NLP.

Miguel Rodriguez, Pontificia Universidad Católica del **Perú**, Peruvian
Sign Language Processing workshop.

2024 RAF Recipients



Clinical NLP course - Chile



Responsible NLP Workshop - Argentina



Book on NLP for portuguese - Brazil



Peruvian sign language meeting

Mexican NLP summer school

Strengthen the latinamerican NLP community by mentoring students 30 NLP students and researchers got fee waivers or discounts with NAACL support.



We Need Your Help!

Promote the RAF to contacts in the Americas and encourage bid submissions.

Give us contact information for those who can help get the word out.

Retweet NAACL calls for application.

Khipu

Pablo Sprechmann, Luciana Benotti

Khipu - Latin American Meeting in AI

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Santiago, Chile
10-14 March, 2025

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- **30 NLP students fee waiver**
- **5 NLP students travel and hotel award**

NLP @ Khipu 2025

- **11 NLP talks (lectures and**





KHIPU





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NAACL 2025

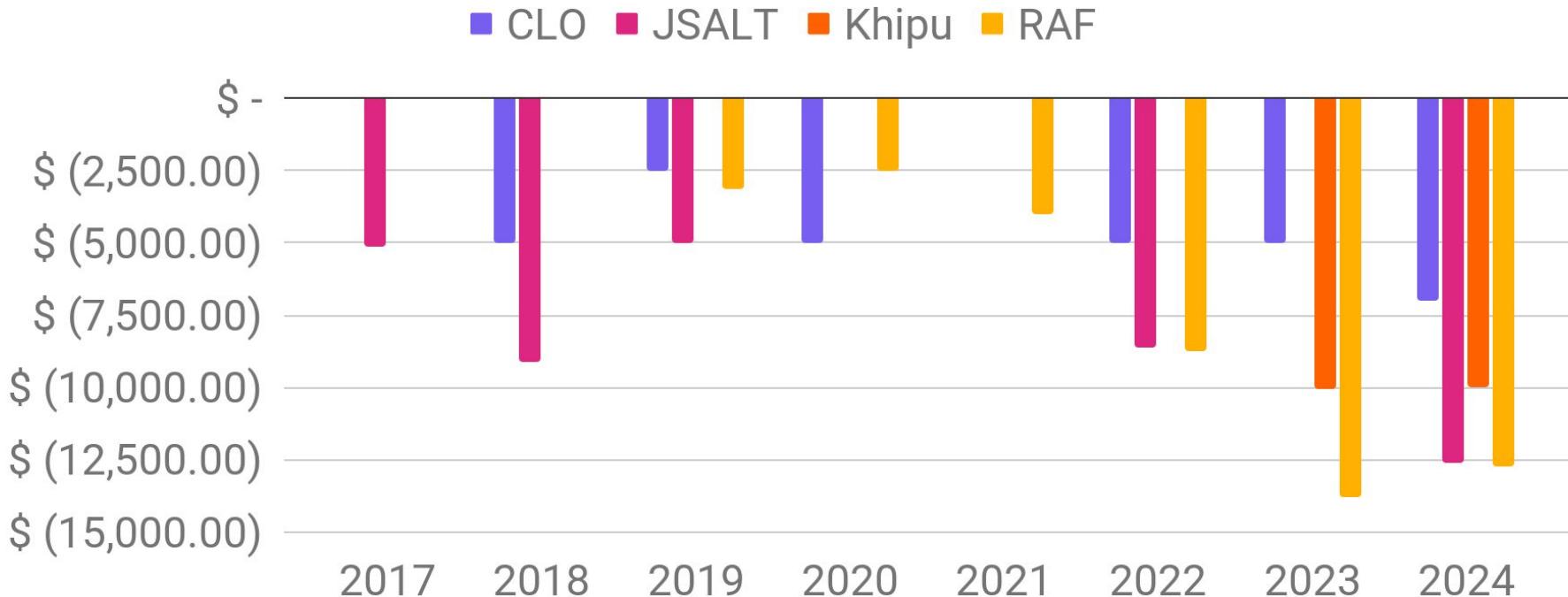
Treasurer's Report

Steven Bethard

Conference Financial Performance (2017-2025)

Conference	Location	Income	Expense	Surplus (Loss)	NAACL share
ACL 2017	Vancouver	\$ 1,386,982	\$ 1,106,678	\$ 280,204	\$ 119,352
NAACL 2018	New Orleans	\$ 885,562	\$ 954,092	\$ (68,530)	\$ (62,894)
NAACL 2019	Minneapolis	\$ 882,826	\$ 942,660	\$ (59,834)	\$ (55,828)
ACL 2020	Virtual	\$ 690,747	\$ 350,789	\$ 339,958	\$ 152,499
NAACL 2021	Virtual	\$ 303,025	\$ 96,381	\$ 206,644	\$ 191,236
NAACL 2022	Seattle	\$ 1,333,920	\$ 1,354,939	\$ (21,019)	\$ (21,019)
ACL 2023	Toronto	\$ 2,091,457	\$ 1,888,625	\$ 202,832	\$ 87,951
NAACL 2024	Mexico City	\$ 1,021,423	\$ 1,068,671	\$ (37,376)	\$ (37,376)
NAACL 2025	Albuquerque	\$ 1,143,645	\$ 1,125,600	\$ 18,045	\$ 18,045

NAACL Spending (2017-2024)



Bank Account Balance Update

- Current bank account balance: \$42,318.27
- No transfers from ACL since the ACL 2020 transfer in May 2022
- Expecting \$191,236 - \$21,019 + \$87,951 - \$37,376 from conferences
- Not expecting additional 2024 charges from CLO, JSALT, Khipu, RAF, etc.
- No 2025 charges yet
- Recommended minimum balance to offset unexpected loss: \$100,000
- Recommendation: maintain current levels of spending



NAACL 2025 PC Report

Review Statistics for NAACL

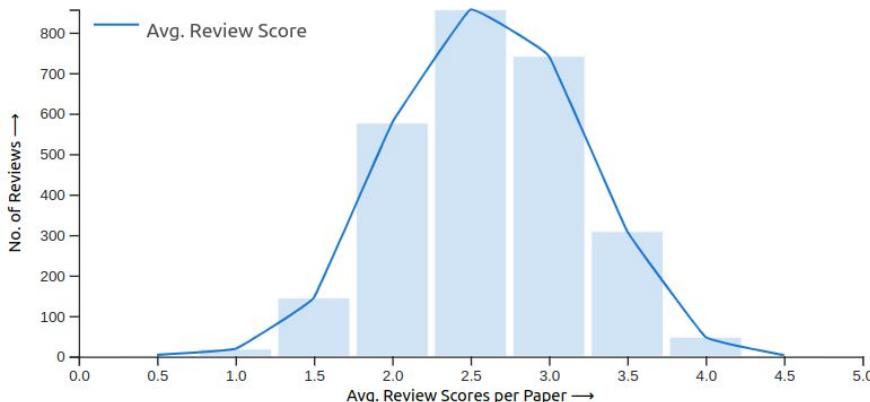
ARR 2024/10

3185 submissions

~3000 reviewers, ~550 area chairs assigned

82 submissions: additional ethics review

Big thanks to ARR team, esp. Viviane Moreira, Anna Rogers, Michael White



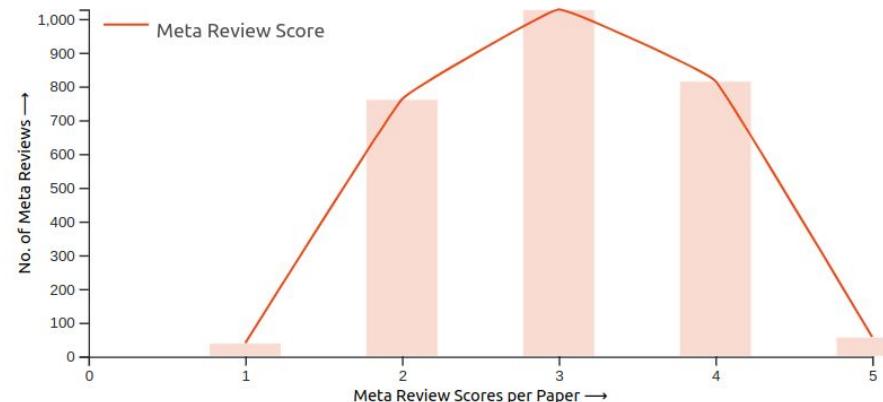
NAACL Commitment

1647 submissions

91% from ARR 2024/10

Ranked by 98 senior area chairs

Accepted: 719 Main Conference & 477 Findings



ARR-only submissions

Keep working on:

- Building a stable reviewer/meta-reviewer pool
- Maintaining a reliable emergency reviewer pool
- Clear standard on what papers are within scope of *ACL conferences
- Easier retrieval of previous submissions and reviews
- Standardizing ARR processes for future PCs/EiCs

Hybrid Conference: separate days for virtual & in-person

Our goal is to have good engagement for both virtual and in-person participants

- Virtual conference might be an important component in the recent future

Details to consider:

- This time: virtual posters + orals for award winning papers
- Chat & QA tools during orals?
- Panels?
- Surveys to the ACL community and participants

Additional topics of discussion

Posters vs orals: should we allow some papers to present as both orals and posters to make orals more attractive?

Findings presentation at main conference: optional, but can choose to present as posters

Conference scheduling, programming planning, change of presentation modes, etc

Please send suggestions/comments to: naacl-2025-pcs@googlegroups.com

ARR Report



ARR Editors-in-Chief



Mausam
IIT Delhi & Bloomberg
Jul-2022

Thamar Solorio
MBZUAI & Houston
Aug-2022



Lilja Øvrelid
Univ. Oslo
Sep-2022



Viviane Moreira
UFRGS, Brazil
Sep-2022



Jun Suzuki
Tohoku
Mar-2023



Vincent Ng
UT Dallas
Aug-2023



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Mar-2024



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Jul-2024



Michael White
Ohio State Univ.
Aug-2024



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Queen's University
Sep-2024



Sarvnaz Karimi
CSIRO
Sep-2024



Margot Mieskes
Darmstadt
Sep-2024

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Google DeepMind



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Ruohao Guo

Georgia Tech



Shabnam Behzad

Georgetown University



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Himanshu Beniwal

Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar



Shirley Anugrah Hayati

University of Minnesota



Atsuki Yamaguchi

University of Sheffield

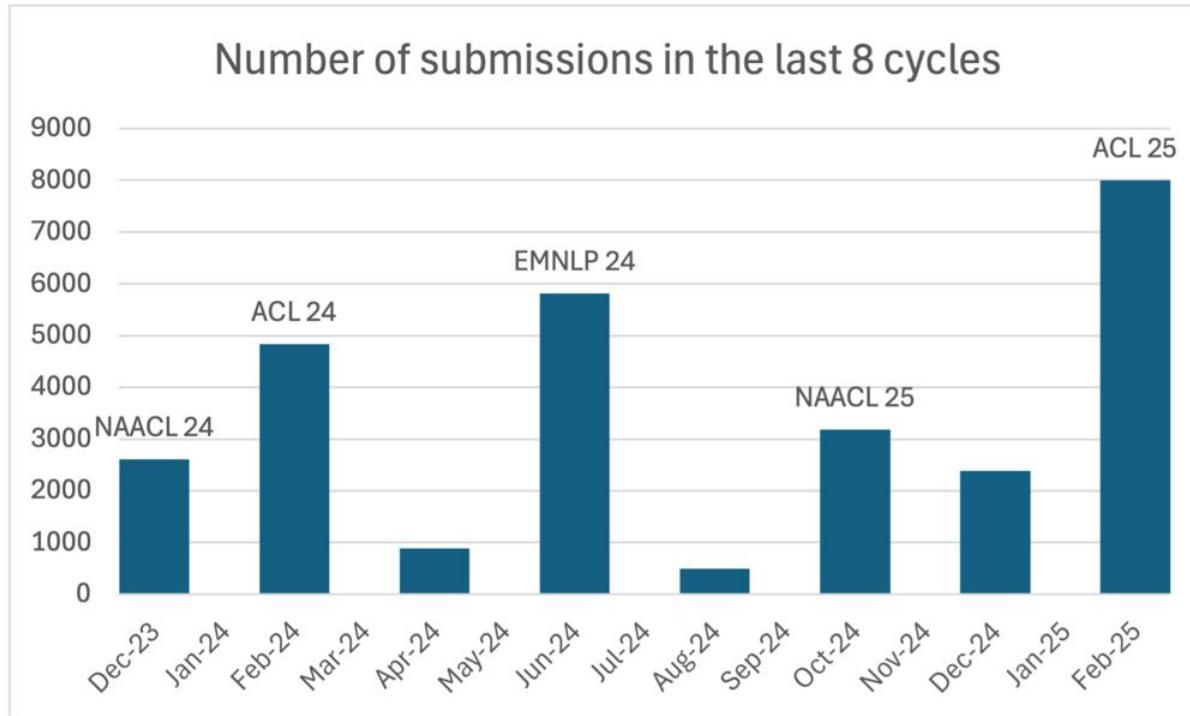


Santosh T.Y.S.S.

Technische Universität München

ARR — Challenge:

Provide a **very large number** of **good-quality** reviews **in a short time**



ARR — On having enough reviewing capacity

- Recent cycles: regular reviewer pool **woefully insufficient**
- How can we have a **sustainable** system?
 - Since April 2024, ARR has had **mandatory reviewing requirements** — each paper needs to nominate an author who will complete 4 reviews
 - February 2025 (ACL): more reviews required when submitting multiple papers
 - From May 2025 (EMNLP): following ACL Exec suggestion, **all qualified authors must review**
 - CVPR introduced a similar change
 - Also new reviewer carrots and sticks — see blog post for details

ARR — On having better reviews

- Guidelines **thoroughly revised** for reviewers and ACs
 - To **streamline resubmissions**: reviewers discouraged from raising new issues unrelated to changes (unless new reviewers requested)
- Starting in the October cycle — **review feedback form**
 - Authors can flag problematic reviews (not specific enough, unprofessional tone, unreasonable requests, etc.; see <https://aclrollingreview.org/authors#step2.2>)
 - Issue reports submitted for 10% of reviews
 - Affected AC verdict for 80% of papers with reports
- Stats on reviewers who provide **great reviews**
<https://stats.aclrollingreview.org/iterations/2024/october/>

ARR — Updated CFP

- Moved to 10-week review cycle (with ACL Peer Review Committee)
- From October: more **detailed instructions** to authors
 - Explanation of revisions **required** for resubmissions
- Tips on how to **avoid common problems**
- Please **read** carefully!



<https://aclrollingreview.org/cfp>

Open Issues

- AI-generated reviews
- AI-generated papers
- Authors with an extremely high number of submissions
- Authors spamming us with papers
- Reviewers plagiarizing reviews

Now handled together with ACL Publication Ethics Committee

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Open Floor Discussion