SIGLEX-MWE Section Constitution

1. Statement of Purpose

The **Multiword Expressions (MWE) Section** is a Section of the **Special Interest Group on the Lexicon (SIGLEX)** of the **Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)**. The goals of the SIGLEX-MWE Section (henceforth referred to as the *Section*) are:

- To foster interest in topics related to *multiword expressions.*
- To provide to its members a means to communicate and announce information related to recent research and developments on topics related to *multiword expressions.*
- To organize, support and announce events and initiatives such as meetings and workshops on topics related to *multiword expressions.*

2. Relation to SIGLEX

All activities of the Section are subject to the approval of the SIGLEX elected officers (henceforth referred to as the *SIGLEX board*). Unless specified differently in this constitution, the Section conforms to [SIGLEX's constitution](#).

3. Membership

Membership is free and open to anyone interested in topics related to multiword expressions. Membership is obtained automatically by selecting the MWE section while registering to SIGLEX. A SIGLEX-MWE Section member must provide at least a full name and a valid email address, which must be up-to-date. Membership can be terminated either according to the SIGLEX's constitution or by the Section's Standing Committee upon a majority vote if a member does not comply with the current constitution or behaves against the ACL anti-harassment policy.

4. Standing Committee

The Standing Committee (SC) of the Section is composed of **five officers**:

- **The Section representative**, who is an elected officer and member of the SIGLEX board. The Section representative acts as the president of the SC. The duration of the term of the Section representative is defined by the SIGLEX constitution. The Section representative is elected, as other SIGLEX board officers, according to the procedure defined in the SIGLEX constitution.

- **Four officers** nominated by the Section representative and approved by the SIGLEX board for a period of 4 years. It is preferable to alternate term periods for different SC officers, so as to ensure a transfer of competences within the SC. The incumbent and the outgoing SC officers should be consulted by the Section representative for each new nomination. An officer can serve several times in the SC, provided that there is a break of at least 2 years between two consecutive terms.

SC officers must be members of the Section and have published research work in topics related to multiword expressions. Additionally, some criteria that could be used to nominate an officer can include geographical distribution balance, gender balance, scientific excellence, diversity and multilingualism.

5. Standing Committee Duties

The duties of the SC are:

- To maintain and update the Section's website and mailing list.
- To chair or to nominate the chairs of the annual workshop on multiword expressions.
- To meet regularly to discuss and promote initiatives related to multiword expressions, such as meetings, related workshops, shared tasks, tutorials, seminars and research projects.
- To answer any inquiries about the Section.
- To report yearly on its activities to the Section members.
- To receive feedback and proposals from the Section members concerning the Section's activities.

6. Changes to the constitution

A change to this constitution may be initiated by the Standing Committee or by any other group of 5 members of the Section. Applying the proposed change requires an approval of the SIGLEX Board.

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