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1997 Annual General Meeting

The 1997 AGM was held on September 25 at the Bird of Paradise Hotel in Goroka, EHP, during the Second International Conference on New Guinea Languages. The president, Dicks Thomas, chaired the meeting which was attended by 11 members.

The new executive committee was elected as follows:

President	Dicks Thomas
President-elect	Sakarape Kamene
Secretary/treasurer	Darryl Pfantz *
LLM Editor	Kevin Ford
Reviews Editor	Ana Kila
Members at large:	Philip Tama
	Cindi Farr

*Since the AGM, Darryl Pfantz has accepted a part-time administrative role with the Summer Institute of Linguistics which is in addition to his regular responsibilities with the institute. He has, therefore, felt it necessary to withdraw from the secretary/treasurer position in an official capacity so Carl Whitehead, the previous secretary/treasurer, is continuing in the position with Darryl helping as time permits.

LLM Status report

Volume 27:1 (1996) was published and distributed in June 1997. Volume 27:2 is currently in press and should be in the mail by the end of January. However, the editor has still not received sufficient papers to compile volume 28 (1997). He has proposed that volumes 28 and 29 be combined into a single volume which will hopefully be published later this year. If this proves to be necessary, the executive may decide to charge for only one year's membership/subscription fee for the two year period.

All members are strongly encouraged to consider submitting articles in order for the journal to survive. Articles should be submitted to the editor in the form of two anonymous hard copies, accompanied by a separate page stating the author's name and title, at: Kevin Ford, UPNG, Box 320, University PO, Papua New Guinea. (A disk version will be required after recommended revisions have been made.)

The review editor is currently holding the following volumes for review:

Ger P Reesink ed. *Topics in descriptive Austronesian linguistics* .

Midori Osumi *Tinrin grammar* . Oceanic Linguistic Special Publication No.25 (Tinrin is a language of S New Caledonia.)

T Crawley, J Lynch, J Siegel & J Piau *The design of language*.

Romaine, Suzanne. 1994 *Language in society: an introduction to sociolinguistics*.
Oxford: OUP 235pp

Vries, Lourens de. 1993 *Forms and functions in Kombai, an Awyu language of Irian
Jaya*. PL-B108 130pp.

To receive any of the above for review, please contact Ana Kila, Unitech PMB, Lae, PNG. If you know of other books or volumes which you would like to review for *LLM* inform Ms Kila of the author, title and publisher and she will try to obtain them for you.

Scholarships

Scholarship gifts have been received in the past 18 months from Wietze Baron, Joel Bradshaw and Jeff Siegel. The main goals of the scholarships are to encourage research in Melanesian languages and to develop the interest and linguistic research skills of native Melanesians. Since no applications have been received, no scholarships have been awarded in the past 18 months. Applications forms are available from the secretary.

Membership

There are currently 117 members of the society, including eight Melanesian citizens. There are also 79 institutional subscribers and ten recipients of complementary copies of the journal. These represent 17 countries on four continents.

1998 Meetings

The 1998 conference and annual general meeting of the society will be held in Port Moresby in late June, depending on the timing of the university's mid year break. More information will be provided in Hebou 38 which will be sent in April. Meanwhile, questions about the conference and abstracts of papers to be presented should be addressed to Dicks Thomas at UPNG, Box 320, University PO, PNG.

Book Announcement

A brochure has been received from George Wahr Publishing Company announcing the publication of 12th edition (expanded) of John Samuel Kenyon's *American pronunciation*, edited by Donald M Lance and Stewart A Kingsbury. New materials in the book include an introduction (16 pp.), spectographic analysis of English phonemes and allophones (78 pp.), variation in American English (29 pp.) and cultural levels of functional varieties of English (10 pp.) For further information and to place orders, contact the publisher at: 304 1/2 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, USA.