



Minutes of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea Business Meeting, Ukarumpa, 3 August 2016

Opening comment from Olga Temple: Thanks to René van den Berg and others in SIL for making this year's conference happen!

Agenda

- Treasurer's Report
- Editor's report
- Elections
- Next year's Conference

Treasurer's Report (by Robbie Petterson)

- Account Balance (in US dollars) and Transactions (6 over the last 2 ½ years)
- 2014 figure: \$1,101; figure as of 03/08/16: \$5,894; expected post-conference figure: ~\$4,000
- Sources of funds: membership fees (very little up to this point) and Olga's fundraising (major source; ~\$4,000). Olga Temple/UPNG raised money for LSPNG 2015 at UPNG: K11,900 left over; K10,108 was sent to SIL LSPNG account (minus 15% fee to UPNG).
- Expenses: Journal website (~\$780) is the primary expense; also ~\$300 will be taken out for some 2016 conference costs
- We elected Don Daniels to figure out a reasonably easy way to accept subscription fees etc. internationally (PayPal, Australian, or American Bank?) The SIL account will stay open.
- Previous membership fees: K100/normal membership; K50/student membership. New membership fees in view of account balance: K50/normal membership; K20/Pacific Island Student. Should we have an explanation for low membership fees to avoid lack of prestige in affluent, highly educated societies?
- Advantages of membership: enables you to support LSPNG, put it on your CV, and/or present a paper at the conference. Membership is not required to attend LSPNG. No institutional membership because membership is not linked to the journal subscription.
- Student subsidies for attending the conference to be discussed at a later time.

Editor's Report (Olga Temple)

- *Language and Linguistics in Melanesia* journal – previously, Volume I was peer-reviewed papers and Volume II was conference proceedings (not peer-reviewed).
- 2015: Volumes I and II published. However, only 12 of the presentations were published in Volume II – would like to see the number increase. 2016: Volume I: Seven papers have already been published.
- Discussion regarding appropriateness of using the terms “Volume I and II” when only one of them is peer-reviewed. David Gil proposes that we publish two different series rather than two volumes, which we eventually agree on. We also agree that each conference presentation should be clearly marked not only as “Conference proceedings,” but also as “not peer-reviewed” in the publication to set proper expectations for the readership.
- Suggestion for the names of the two series: LLM Journal; LSPNG Conference Proceedings. Previous conference papers will remain as they are (i.e., labeled Vol. II).

- Papers presented at the conference may be improved and undergo the review process to be published in the LLM journal. To be published in the same year, papers should be submitted by November. (Announcement for people to submit presentation materials was made on 4 August)
- We decide to include the book of abstracts with the LSPNG Conference Proceedings publications in the future.
- Facebook page has almost 1,000 “likes” (to find it, search “Language and Linguistics in Melanesia”). Olga asks for pictures from the conference to put on the page.
- Need to update email list before the conference ends (this did happen on 4 August).

Elections

- President: previous – Kilala Devette-Chee (UPNG) (not present); new – Sakarepe Kamene (UPNG).
- Treasurer: previous – Robert Petterson (SIL); new – Robert Petterson (SIL) (even though he preferred not to do it again. Many thanks, Robbie!).
- Secretary: previous – Stephanie Tapungu (now at NZ PhD program); new – Maria Lord (SIL).
- Editor: previous – Olga Temple (UPNG); new – Olga Temple (UPNG).

Next Year’s Conference

- Location possibilities: First choice: University of Goroka (UoG) – contact: Anne-Marie Wanamp. Second choice: University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG).
- Other options for plan C:
 - Rabaul: lack of contacts; ask **Richard (...?)** Need local organiser. However, may be nice to go where there are educational institutions to interest others in attending and expand interest in linguistics.
 - New Tribes: most people thought they wouldn’t probably be interested or capable of hosting.
 - CLTC: would be great to get pastors involved; they have a guesthouse, but it would depend on attendance figures whether they could handle it.
 - Outside PNG: would make it harder for Papua New Guineans to participate, which is not a good thing.
 - SIL, PAU: not available.
 - Madang, Lae: lack of contacts
- Timing: try to time it before/after COOL conference in Honiara from 10 to 15 July 2017 to increase chance of intercontinental participation. The other possibility for a conference to time just before/after would be ALT (Association of Linguistic Typology) in December, but is not as ideal.
- Organisers: Olga and Sakarepe will try to organize it again; may ask for help from Don Niles.

Announcement from David Gil about the 4th Workshop on the Languages of Papua (WLP) in West Papua:

- Conference from 23-26 Jan. 2017
- Deadline for abstracts: 1 Sept. 2016
- People from PNG welcome to come and strengthen the connection with their West Papuan brothers and sisters.
- If traveling from PNG, David recommends flying to Vanimo, catching a PMV to the border, from the border, catching a PMV to the airport at Jayapura, and flying on to Manokwari for the conference.