

**LSPNG Annual General Meeting**  
**During the LSPNG Conference, Ukarumpa**  
**26 September 2012**

Chaired by René van den Berg.

Topics for discussion:

A. Next year's meeting -

1. Location/host institution – possibilities included POM, here (Ukarumpa). It was suggested that people find research subsidies within their own organizations to pay for travel. POM is easier to access from outside PNG, but then there are limited numbers able to come from Goroka. UoG students got their chance to present/attend this year. Other years/venues – 2005-07 in Madang; 2008 in POM; 2009 in Goroka; 2010 nothing; 2011 and 2012 in Ukarumpa. POM also has a research station on an island across POM bay (needs to be booked in advance); or, we could stay at the international student dorm during uni break.

So, it was decided to meet next year

around 20-25 September, definitely AFTER Independence, 16 Sept, 2013.

How long? We may have more people presenting from MRI, UPNG Linguistic Strand, etc. We could have parallel sessions – one con is that people miss out on things, breaks up group cohesion. 3, maybe 4 days. It was two days last year; 3 days this year.

2. Organizing committee/Chair for the next Conference – not decided.

B. Report on the LLM Online Journal

Amazing work done behind the scenes from Olga, Ray and others; great to have LLM past issues online, too. Hip hip - Hooray! Journal articles' copyright should belong to the authors - could we get legal help in drawing that up? Each year's journal volume opens on 1 Jan and closes on 31 Dec, so no worries about deadlines. Olga would love to get more reliable reviews. A unified format for publication is available for us to use. Review is done by two people for each article - it's a peer-reviewed journal. The ethics of LLM Editor's eligibility to publish in LLM was argued by Don Niles; no clear decision was taken, in view of precedents in LLM history. Special issue this year, the Papuan Languages Conference in Amsterdam this past year. 71 registered members online so far. Friedel had trouble registering - no one knows why that should be.

1. This conference's proceedings - should these go up online? Authors' decision to publish on LLM as they see fit.

C. Membership/fees

1. Individual - outside people want to pay for membership, but most of us have little money to pay.
2. Corporate – a yearly contribution is to be asked of them.

D. Officers

- a. We need an executive - we're using a host provider for maintaining the website, yearly payment is US\$60.00. Olga has spent about K800 over the past year that she would like to recover. (Once we re-activate the LSPNG bank account. . .)
- b. Priscilla Kona for Chair, Robbie Petterson for Treasurer. What is Phil King doing? Ray Stegeman is Secretary.  
Chair's mandate is monitoring/encouraging, making sure the Conference happens; mostly responsible for accomplishing yearly items; with a new person elected every year.

E. We need a contact at DWU/other institutions to promote these yearly conferences.

F. Journal is freely accessible, no payment for use, but we could have membership payment by institutions and individuals online; perhaps local/PNG national individuals would not be required to pay for membership, but we can ask for K200 from UPNG, UoG, SIL, (DWU - Brian Chapaitis/Anne-Marie Wanamp), IPNGS, (NRI, Unitech, MI, PAU).

G. Chair will contact these institutions soon regarding membership.

H. Membership is hard to promote with nothing concrete given in return - membership number; stationery; lapel pin; etc. These things are difficult to manage/keep up with.

I. It may be best to see it as registration rather than membership. No monitoring necessary for registration; just ask for a donation. Past registrations: 2012 LSPNG Conference – 45 registered; 2011– about 30; 2009 – about 20; 2008 – about 12; 1997-05 – no conferences held.

J. Dr. Craig Volker is sorry he is not able to attend – he suggests we advertise on LinguistList - give thought to co-meet/co-publish with Foundation for Endangered Languages - to meet in Canada next year (2013); Auckland last year.

Respectfully submitted,

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