

Minutes of the business meeting of the Association for Written Language and Literacy

Paris, 29/09/2010 [updated 27/11/2010]

AWLL business meeting chaired by AWLL President Anneke Neijt.
Approximately 16 members and guests from 7th AWLL workshop in attendance.

Agenda

1. Changes in the board
 - (a) Secretary
 - (b) Webmaster
2. Activities
3. Next publication
4. Next meeting + theme
5. W.v.t.t.k. (Dutch abbreviation of *wat verder ter tafel komt*, “any other business”)

1. Changes in the board

(a) Secretary

It was announced that Dominiek Sandra would be resigning from the position of secretary. Accordingly, he was thanked for his contributions to AWLL. Terry Joyce was nominated to be the new secretary and the motion was passed.

(b) Webmaster

It was also announced that the previous webmaster, Stefan Meeuws, would be resigning. Stefan Meeuws was also warmly thanked for his years of contribution. Terry Joyce was nominated to combine the two roles of secretary and webmaster.

2. Activities

Writing systems database project outlined with the suggestion to post some materials collected by Beatrice Primus and Anneke Neijt on the website. Beatrice will prepare some outline of this and will present her own data as example of the descriptions this typological project is hoping to develop.

No other suggestions for AWLL activities at this time.

3. Next publication

Anneke Neijt asked Martin Neef to introduce the Written Language and Literacy journal. Martin Neef brought news that the special issue relating to the previous AWLL workshop (Braunschweig 2008) will be going to the printers soon. He also referred to the editor of the new Writing Systems Research journal, Vivian Cook, who was one of the keynote speakers for this workshop. Then Martin Neef explained that special issue relating to this workshop in Paris would be possible within two years. Subsequently, there was a call for editors of this next special issue. Amandine Bergere, as local organizer of the 7th workshop, volunteered, as did David Roberts. There was also a suggestion that Dominiek

Sandra and Dorit Ravid could also be involved to edit some of the papers into a special issue that could be more psychologically-orientated.

After some discussion on how to proceed, it was suggested that Amandine should put out the initial call for papers, and based on the response, there would be consultation with Martin Neef about how to proceed, with Martin setting the publication target of May 2012. [Due to circumstances, the call for contributions to the special issue has been distributed by Terry Joyce]

4. Next meeting + theme

Anneke introduced Rebecca Hughes, a guest representative of the International Society for the Study of Speech and Writing in Context (ICSWC), who had been invited to the meeting to explore the suggestion to hold a joint workshop with AWLL next time in England in 2012, possibly at Rebecca's institution at the University of Nottingham. [Update of information: the place of the event will be Oxford.]

Rebecca asked for some sign of interest from AWLL about the suggestion, which was expressed by the members present.

Possible candidate themes were discussed, with the following theme meeting with general approval from the meeting:

“Theoretical and empirical perspectives on writing systems: Educational implications”

5. w.v.t.t.k (Anything else)

Martin Neef noted that AWLL does not have so many members.

Invited keynote speaker, David Olson made some suggestions about creating a mailing list or newsletter for AWLL. It was also noted that information about the next workshop should be distributed to many established mailing lists, such as Linguist List and SSSR to attract participants.