

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

Oldenburg, Germany, 04/10/2012

AWLL business meeting chaired by AWLL President Anneke Neijt, with six members in attendance.

Agenda

1. Activities

- (a) Writing systems database project
- (b) Online Research Bibliography of Written Language and Literacy (ORBWLL)
- (c) Association newsletter

2. Next publication

3. Next meeting

4. W.v.t.t.k. (Dutch abbreviation of *wat verder ter tafel komt*, “any other business”)

1. Activities

(a) Writing systems database project

Beatrice Primus invited to explain

With reference to discussion of this activity at previous business meetings, Beatrice spoke about some of the issues for maintaining a database. However, a new proposal was made to launch the writing systems database project as a regular feature section of the Written Language and Literacy (WLL) journal.

More specifically, it was suggested that after an introductory chapter about the series (which would include the questionnaire, which currently runs to about 3 pages), Beatrice and Anneke would provide the initial contributions in the forms of language sketches for German and Dutch, respectively.

In his capacity as general editor of WLL, Martin Neef inquired about the format of the feature, and Beatrice suggested that each language sketch could be kept relatively simple, as a structured format would be established within the introductory chapter.

Although the database project had initially been proposed as online resource, it was decided to postpone further discussions about how and to what extent the database could be made available online until a clear sense of the journal feature materializes.

Accordingly, it was agreed that Beatrice would circulate the current questionnaire to the AWLL board and WLL general editor for comment.

(b) Online Research Bibliography of Written Language and Literacy (ORBWLL)

Terry Joyce invited to explain

Being compiled by Terry Joyce, the AWLL board recently approved the inclusion of the ORBWLL within the AWLL website, as something of interest to members and potentially valuable in helping to heighten awareness of the association.

The current online version consists of 4,631 bibliographic entries, which are based on processing 1,500 source bibliographies. Martin Neef asked whether it would be appropriate for others to suggest works for inclusion, and Terry Joyce replied that such recommendations would be extremely welcome.

(c) Association newsletter

Terry Joyce invited to explain

While tentatively proposed by David Olson at the previous business meeting, Terry Joyce expressed interest in establishing a periodical newsletter, to help share various kinds of information. All members are most welcome to contribute with information and content for inclusion.

Relatedly, it was also suggested that contact information for the workshop participants could be circulated to all participants. [PS: This was mentioned to all participants at the end of the workshop, and the idea was welcomed.]

2. Next publication

It was announced that Nanna Fuhrhop has kindly agreed to take on the role of first guest editor for the special issue related to the workshop. Nanna Fuhrhop explained that she will prepare a call for papers, and Martin Neef will consult with Nanna Fuhrhop about establishing a schedule for the editing process.

3. Next meeting

It was announced that Lynne Cahill has kindly agreed to take on the role of local organizer for the next AWLL workshop. Thus, the next workshop is expected to be held at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, probably in the late August of 2014. Lynne has been asked to propose a suitable theme for the workshop.

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

No other business matters at this time.