



MINUTES

**OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR LEXICOGRAPHY
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE 2019 AT 16:00
OMATAKO 1, SAFARI CONFERENCE CENTRE, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

1. Opening and welcoming

The President, Prof. Herman Beyer, opened the meeting at 16:08 by welcoming conference delegates.

2. Attendance

The following members of AFRILEX attended the AGM:

Lorna Hiles
G.B. Mareme
Pearl Magamana
Tholakele Zungu
Sponono Mahlangu
Victor Mojela
Njabulo Manyoni
Eventhough Ndlovu
Richard Slater
Badanile Sibiya
Marzanne Jonse van Rensburg
Megan Hall
Phillip Louw
Herman Beyer
Danie Prinsloo
Tim van Niekerk
Ari Kernerman
Langa Khumalo
Sven Tarp
Rufus Gouws
Sonja Bosch
Elsabé Taljard
Lize-Mari Theron
Bridgitte Le Du
Michele van de Merwe
Dion Nkomo

Apologies were received from the following members:

Hughes Steve Ndinga-Koumba-Binza
André H. du Plessis

The President also acknowledged the presence of honorary members, namely Rufus Gouws and Danie Prinsloo.

3. Extension and approval of the agenda

The election of a new Board (2019-2021) was added onto the agenda.

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Apart from the correction of a typo ('commendatio' instead of 'commendation') on minute 5.3, the AGM accepted and approved the minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 June 2018 at UWC.

5. Office bearers' reports

5.1 President (Prof. H.L. Beyer)

Prof. Beyer delivered his report, which is contained in the 2019 conference booklet. Additionally, he thanked the Board and the University of Namibia for the support towards the success of the conference. However, he expressed a concern about the non-attendance of registered delegates, noting that this causes budgetary strain on the organisation.

Dr. Phillip Louw thanked and congratulated the President for successfully organising the conference.

5.2 Treasurer (Prof. E. Taljard)

Prof. Taljard presented her report (in file). The major highlights include the profit registered in 2018 due to less expenditure towards the 2017 conference which was held as part of the Conference of the Languages Association of Southern Africa (CLASA) at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. She also noted dwindling income in membership fees, most of which are only received when delegates register for the annual conferences.

The report was accepted by the AGM. Prof. Beyer thanked the Treasurer.

6. Lexikos

The 2019 Editor, Prof. Prinsloo, and Co-editor, Dion Nkomo, reported that work on *Lexikos* 29 was on course. They noted that they were still open for submissions, which could be published in 2019 subject to their quality and the peer review process. A concern was raised about a high rejection rate and few submissions on Afro-focused research and scholarship. The need to uphold the quality of the journal was emphasised. Tribute was also paid to past AFRILEX President, Gilles-Maurice de Schryver for spearheading free online access to *Lexikos*.

7. GlobaLex

The AFRILEX representative (2019-2020) on the GlobaLex Management Committee, Dion Nkomo, delivered his report. The major highlights of the report included progress on the GlobaLex website, which facilitates access to information on lexicographical events (conferences and workshops) convened by continental associations of lexicography and other

organisations. He also informed members that AFRILEX could organise and host similar events under the auspices of GlobalLex.

8. Election of the new AFRILEX Board

The outgoing Board was presented before the membership. Prof. Prinsloo, Vice-President of the outgoing Board announced his decision to not avail himself for re-election and led the election process. Eight members were nominated and duly elected onto the 2019-2021 AFRILEX Board. These are:

- Dr. Phillip Louw
- Prof. Sonja Bosch
- Prof. Dion Nkomo
- Mr. André du Plessis
- Prof. Elsabé Taljard
- Prof. Langa Khumalo
- Prof. Herman L. Beyer
- Dr. Hughes Steve Ndinga-Koumba Binza

The President paid tribute to Prof. Prinsloo for his leadership and service to AFRILEX since its establishment in 1995.

9. International AFRILEX conferences and workshops

9.1 *23rd International AFRILEX Conference, 2018 (UWC, Cape Town, South Africa)*

The President thanked Dr. Ndinga-Koumba Binza in absentia for hosting the 23rd International Conference of AFRILEX in 2018 at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.

9.2 *24th International AFRILEX Conference, 2019 (UNAM, Windhoek, Namibia)*

The President thanked AFRILEX for another opportunity to host the 24th International Conference of AFRILEX at the University of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia. He also thanked his team as the local organiser, the University of Namibia for the support and the delegates for attending the conference.

9.3 *25th International AFRILEX Conference 2020, 2021 ...*

The delegates were reminded that AFRILEX turns 25 in 2020, and that it would be of historical significance to host the 25th International Conference of AFRILEX in Stellenbosch where the inaugural conference was held in 1996. As per procedure, the responsibility was left to the new Board to make a decision in consultation with prospective hosts. Members were encouraged to volunteer to host forthcoming conferences.

10. Membership fees

The Treasurer proposed that membership fees remain at R150 per annum. The suggestion was supported.

11. Membership drive

The President thanked members for renewing their annual membership. A concern was raised regarding AFRILEX’s dwindling membership, which was also affecting all the other lexi-associations. The reduced participation of NLUs and members from other African countries was identified as a major contributory factor. The Board was encouraged to reach out to the Lexi-editors Forum and colleagues from the rest of Africa. Members were also encouraged to consider subscribing for corporate membership in order to accommodate postgraduate students from their departments. Running workshops under the AFRILEX banner was also recommended as a strategy of increasing visibility of the Association and attracting the KiSwahili lexicographic community.

12. AFRILEX website and Facebook profile

Prof. Prinsloo updated the AGM on the ongoing work regarding the development of a new website. All the material in the current website will be transferred to the newbsite with a new domain (afrilex.co.za). He was delegated to continue leading this work in liaison with the Board.

13. Extension of the agenda

The election of the new Board was added (see Minute 8).

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the 25th International Conference of AFRILEX, the venue and time of which will be confirmed and advised once the Board has made a decision.

15. Closure and adjournment

The President thanked the AGM attendees and adjourned the meeting at 17:19.

Compiled by D. Nkomo

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