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amendments*

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF

THE LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1. The name of the society is "The Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea".
2. In these rules unless the context otherwise requires,  
"The Society" means The Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea.  
"The Executive" means the Executive Committee of the Society elected in accordance with these rules and persons being otherwise members thereof by virtue of these rules.  
"The President" means the president for the time being of the Society.  
"Member" means a member of the Society.  
"The Secretary" means the secretary for the time being of the association and a member appointed to act in the absence or incapacity of the Secretary.  
"Treasurer" means the treasurer for the time being of the association and a member appointed to act in the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer.  
"The Journal" means the scholarly journal published under the auspices of the Society.  
"The Editor" means the editor of the Journal for the time being and a member appointed to act in the absence or incapacity of the Editor.  
"The roll" means the roll of members kept by the Executive.

The Interpretation (Interim Provisions) Act 1975 shall apply to these rules as if they were an Act of Papua New Guinea except where the contrary intention appears.

3. Members shall be bound by these rules.

OBJECTS

4. The objects of the Society are:
  - (a) To advance the study of all branches of linguistics.
  - (b) To encourage and assist all persons interested in linguistics, especially those born in Papua New Guinea.

(c) To consider all questions relating to language in Papua New Guinea.

(d) To disseminate information on language, linguistics, and language teaching by lectures, discussions, books, journals, correspondence with public bodies and individuals or otherwise.

(e) To acquire by purchase lease or otherwise land and buildings and all other property real and personal which the Society for its purposes may from time to time think proper to acquire and which may be lawfully held by it and to resell under-lease or sub-let, surrender, turn to account or dispose of such property or any part thereof and to erect upon any such land any buildings for the purposes of the Society and to alter or add to any buildings erected upon any such land.

(f) To hold an annual Congress at which scholarly papers will be presented.

(g) To promote social activities for the benefit of members.

#### MEMBERSHIP

5. Individual membership shall be open to any person with an interest in linguistics.

Institutional membership shall be open to any institution which wishes to receive the Journal.

All applications for membership shall be considered by the Executive.

6. Such persons as the Executive may from time to time determine shall be invited to become honorary members.

7. (a) Members, except honorary members, shall pay an annual subscription of such amount as the Executive shall from time to time approve. Fees shall fall due on January 1, of each year.

(b) No member whose subscription is (6) months or more in arrear shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Society or at any adjournment thereof or to exercise any of the privileges of a member.

(c) A member whose subscription has been in arrears for one (1) year shall forfeit his membership but shall be eligible for readmission on payment of the subscription for the year current at the time of re-admission.

(d) The Executive shall have the power to remit any subscription in arrear or any part thereof.

(e) All members shall receive those issues of the Journal published during the year in which their membership is current.

#### THE EXECUTIVE

8. The management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive which shall consist of the following who shall be individual members of the Society:
  - (a) The President
  - (b) The Secretary
  - (c) The Treasurer
  - (d) The Editor
  - (e) No more than four (4) ordinary members.
9. The Executive shall be elected annually in accordance with these rules.
10. (a) Nominations for election to the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor shall be in writing and shall be lodged with the Secretary not later than 24 hours before the annual general meeting and shall bear evidence of the candidate's assent and the names of proposer and seconder.  
  
(b) Nominations for election to the other positions on the Executive may be made at any time up to and including the annual general election.  
  
(c) Only members whose subscriptions are current may be candidates for election.
11. If the number of candidates for the respective positions to be filled does not exceed the number of those positions the candidates shall be deemed elected.
12. If there are more candidates than the number of vacancies an election shall take place at the annual general meeting.

- (a) The meeting shall decide whether the election shall proceed by show of hands or secret ballot.
- (b) The election of President shall first be determined. The candidate who has received a majority of votes shall be declared elected.
- (c) The election of Secretary shall be next determined, then the election of Treasurer, then the election of Editor, then the election of ordinary members. Each shall be elected by counting votes in the manner hereinbefore provided for the election of President.
- (d) After each election the name of the person elected shall be deleted from the list of candidates for any subsequent election.
13. The members so elected shall subject to these rules hold office from the end of the annual general meeting in which they were elected until the next Executive is elected.
14. The existing Executive shall have the conduct of any election conducted under these rules and shall have the power to determine any question with respect to such election (including a determination as to the members and office bearers elected) and the determination of the existing Executive on any such question shall be final and conclusive.
15. If during the year of office of an Executive a vacancy occurs among its elected members the Executive may fill the vacancy by appointing a member to hold office until the next annual meeting. If such a vacancy occurs in the office of President, Secretary, Treasurer or Editor the Executive must fill the vacancy within fourteen (14) days of the vacancy occurring.
16. The quorum for meetings of the Executive shall be four.
17. Decisions of the Executive shall be by majority vote. In the case of an equality of votes the President (or in his absence the member acting as Chairman of the Executive) shall have a second or casting vote.
18. The Executive may appoint any Committee from members of the Society to advise it.

GENERAL MEETINGS

19. An annual general meeting of the Society shall be held within the month of September each year.
20. General meetings shall be held in association with the annual Congress of the Society and shall be convened on not less than one (1) day's notice at such time and in such manner as the Executive may from time to time determine provided that if a request in writing is made by ten (10) or more members to consider any specified subject the Secretary shall call such a meeting as soon as practicable but not later than thirty (30) days after the request.
21. All notices calling general meetings including the annual general meeting shall specify the business proposed to be dealt with.
22. At a general meeting including the annual general meeting ten (10) members shall form a quorum.
23. Resolutions of general meetings shall be by majority vote. In the case of an equality of votes the President (or in his absence the member acting as Chairman of the general meeting) shall have a second or casting vote.
24. A member not present at a general meeting may vote upon any motion at that meeting by a member appointed in writing under his hand as his proxy. Such proxy shall be lodged with the Secretary before any vote is cast upon its authority.
25. These rules may be amended with the approval of two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. Such approval shall be expressed by a resolution of a general meeting. Voting upon the amendment may be by post and the Executive shall have the power to make rules for implementing this rule.
26. The Society may be dissolved by two-thirds majority in favour of such action at a general meeting. If upon the winding up of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, that property shall be invested by the Executive in a trust account with a solicitor appointed by the Executive and the proceeds shall be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the Executive.