

UK Linguistic Ethnography Forum

Minutes of the AGM, Edinburgh, 7 September 2007

12.15-13.15

Present: Ben Rampton (Chair); Jeff Bezemer (minutes); Max Spotti; Rosie Flewitt; Tom Bartlett; Julia Gillen; Jie Kathy Dong.

1. Apologies

Janet Maybin; Angela Creese; Stef Slembrouck; David Block; Theresa Lillis; Vally Lytra.

2. Minutes of 2006 AGM

Accepted without amendments.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

4. Officers' reports

a. Convenor

BR briefly commented on the written report. RF noted that a collection of the papers published on the UKLEF website could be developed further and published as a LEF volume of some kind. BR noted that a contribution on LEF to the Encyclopedia of Language and Education and a special issue based on BAAL 2005 are in press.

b. Treasurer

BR apologized that copies of the Treasurer's report had not been brought to the meeting, although this had been submitted to the BAAL EC.

c. Meetings Secretary

No comments on the written report

d. Communication Secretary

JB briefly commented on the written report. BR noted that as the Forum is becoming increasingly international, its prefix 'UK' might need reconsideration. Views on this matter were not unanimous, and it was agreed to return to this point at the next AGM.

5. Plans for 2007-08

a. Academic meetings

RF noted that she is planning to organize a one- or two-day seminar on Multimodality and Ethnography February/April 2008, under the auspices of the Multimodality SIG and in collaboration with UKLEF. Funding for this event is yet to be agreed.

b. Publications

As reported under point (4a)

c. Projects

BR reported on the Ethnography Language and Communication Researcher Development Initiative and its plans to organize two one-day workshops and a masterclass in this academic year (see rdi-elc.org.uk). RF asked if RDI materials will be made available. BR confirmed that they will be available though the website after the next 5 day course on key concepts and methods.

6. Elections

a. Convener

As Ben Rampton was the only candidate, he was re-elected without a ballot, for the term of two years, 2007-2009.

b. Ordinary members

BR explained that contrary to what was stated before, there was one vacancy for the post of ordinary member, for which Vally Lytra was the only candidate. She was re-elected without a ballot, for the term of two years.

c. Co-opted member

BR explained that following consultation with the Coordinating Committee, it had been agreed that Max Spotti should be appointed as a CC co-opted member for the term of one year, 2007-2008.

7. AOB

None.