

Annual Meeting

From 2020-10-17T17:01:10Z to 2020-10-17T19:06:42Z

Held via Slack, with 34 Members in attendance

Call to order and proxies

Meeting called to order by Joey Windsor at 01:10 UTC.

Were present during the meeting:

- • Joey Windsor with Proxy for Christophe Grandsire-Koevoets
- • Jackson Bradley
- • Tony Harris with a Proxy for Britton Watkins
- • Sylvia Sotomayor
- • kechpaja
- • Daniel Newell
- • Tsvi Kalivmaya
- • Carl Avlund
- • Andrea Bourne
- • Alex Fink
- • Spencer Morrell
- • Sai
- • Jan van Steenberg
- • Rob Cabe
- • Alexander Hailman
- • Zeidra Senester

- • Tobias Fernandez with Proxies for Jacob Menschel and Bethany Toma
- • Brian Bourque
- • Matthew Niemi
- • Matthew McVeagh
- • Rasmus Praestholm
- • Jeffrey Brown with a Proxy for John Quijada
- • BenJamin Johnson
- • A. Scott Walker
- • Margaret Ransdell-Green
- • gacorley (George Corley)
- • Piermaria Maraziti
- • Jim Henry
- • Tim Smith

For a total of 34, with a quorum of 31.

Establishment of quorum

Quorum established by Joey Windsor at 17:03 UTC.

Call for Agenda Items

Agenda items called for at 17:09 by Joey Windsor, presented at 17:09 by Joey Windsor.

Officers' Reports

Kicked off at by Joey Windsor starting with the President's Report.

● President's Report (Joey Windsor)

Reflection on a successful LCC in Cambridge, UK, hosted by Bettina Beinhoff at Anglia Ruskin University. Anticipates call for proposals to host LCC9 in 2021.

Announced that the Board has chosen to do a virtual LCC in the interim due to uncertainty of international travel.

In the last 12 months, LCS has posted a record of 17 conlang jobs. Two of the posters vanished following the post, so there is no record of who if anyone was hired for those jobs, and one is stilling considering options. The other 14 jobs went to 10 different conlangers and some of the posters made their decisions within 24 hours. This has been a great milestone for conlang jobs being filled by members of the LCS.

The creation of a new scholarship was announced last year related to academic teaching and study of conlanging. The first two scholarships were award in January 2020 to Brianna Peacey, a Masters student at the University of British Columbia and to Jackson Bradley, an MFA student examining the use of conlanging as a fine art. The scholarship competition is open again this year, and it is open to non-LCS members too.

● Treasurer (Jeffrey Brown)

Provided Annual Financial Reports for 2019 and for the first 9 months of 2020. Annual Reports can be found on the LCS website at these addresses:

<http://conlang.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/Annual-Financial-Report-2019.pdf>

<http://conlang.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/Annual-Financial-Report-2020.pdf>

Fielded various questions on the Annual Reports.

Staff reports

● Membership (Joey proxying for Christophe)

Presented the current membership report in form of PDF:

<https://conlang-org.slack.com/archives/C3Y6C7370/p1602955747076100>

Total of 155 members in good standing. 134 full members and 21 student members. Membership is down somewhat from last year.

Discussion of automation of reminders of membership lapses.

● Library (Tony)

Provided introduction to LCS Library for members.

of books borrowed: 2

of books acquired: 18

Total books in collection: 289.

Provided instructions on how to borrow books.

● Webmaster (Sea)

Sea's report is as follows:

"The last year has mostly been general maintenance of the LCS websites. The LCC8 conference pages were archived; some new documents were added to the LCS documents page; the officers and directors page had some corrections made; and so on. Very little else has been done beyond those things."

Announcement of Board elections

● Call for Additional Nominations

Joey explained the nomination process for Board of Directors. Nominated members, Grayson, Margaret, and Joey were added to the ballot. Voting ballot was given to all members.

- Announcement of results pending time for members to vote

A change to a by-law (Article 3, Section 21) was voted for. The wording change is as follows: *“We, the members of the LCS, hereby amend the LCS Bylaws to add the following to Article 3 (Directors):*

Section 21. Removal for inattendance

Pursuant to CA Corp. Code. § 5221(a), the Board of Directors may, by majority vote, remove any Director who has failed to attend the three most recent regular meetings of the Board. Such vote shall be informed by any communication made by the absentee Director to the Secretary or President about the reason for their absence.

This section only applies to Directors whose current term began after the adoption of this section.”

Margaret, Joey, and Grayson were successfully voted in as Directors.

New Agenda Items

- **LCS Conlang Price Guide**

Minimum prices for conlang jobs have been updated:

Naming language: Previously \$100 USD, now \$150 USD

Sketchlang: Previously \$200 USD, now \$300 USD

Basic conlang: Previously \$400 USD, now \$500 USD

Full conlang: Previously \$800 USD, now \$950 USD

Orthography: Previously \$350 USD, now \$450 for vector drawings, \$900 USD for digital font.

- **Virtual Language Creation Conference 2021**

Planning and ideas for the Virtual LCC in 2021.

- **Conlang Community Fair**

Joey introduced the idea of holding a Conlang Community Fair. Discussion was had about potential competitive aspects of such an event.

- **Zazzle Store**

Brian Bourque, manager of the Zazzle store of LCS merch, discussed ideas for new art and designs for merch. What type of art is acceptable to add as designs and who would be willing to add designs? Nothing is allowed to be deemed profane, abusive, or sexually predatory. Further discussion ensued about what this means for LCS, legally and ethically.

Members' forum

Members' forum discussions were conducted outside of the main Members' Meeting Slack channel.

Adjournment

Meeting closed by Joseph Windsor on October 17, 2020 at 19:06 UTC.