General Assembly 1999 - Report

Copenhagen, October 11-12, 1999

Were attending (not all signed the list of presence):

Geneviève Le Fort (President), Philippe de Carlos (Vice President), Soeren Wichmann (Secretary), Erik Boot (Counsellor), Harri Kettunen, Katja Kuuramaa, Elisabeth Wagner, Alfonso Lacadena, Jesper Nielsen, Toke Sellner, Catherine Leluc, Dmitri Beliaev, Nikolai Grube, Lars Kirkhusmo Pharo, Bodil Liljefors Persson, Jan Matze (Active Members), Peter Mathews, Andreas and Gyde Fuls, Harald Gropp and Bryan Wells.

Were represented:

Laura Van Broekhoven (Counsellor), Chistian Prager (Tresory), Frauke Sachse, and Michel Davoust.

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The Board was re-elected as follow for the year 2000:

Geneviève Le Fort (President), Philippe de Carlos (Vide President), Søren Wichmann (Secretary), Christian Prager (Tresory), Erik Boot (Counsellor), Laura Van Broekhoven (Counsellor).

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The Administration Council was elected for the year 2000:

Six Founding Members (Le Fort, de Carlos, Lacadena, Boot, Prager, Van Broekhoven) plus Elisabeth Wagner, Michel Davoust, Soeren Whichmann and Jesper Nielsen.

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National Delegations should vote again for Coordinator and Secretary (except the DK group who just did it some month ago). Please fill in a Deliberation Sheet (if you don't have any, ask me). Make two original copies: one for you, the other for the general secretary Soeren. And send me a photocopy.

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It has been decided to add in the status (Art. 17) a note saying that the President is authorized to use Wayeb Credit and other Bank cards. We keep open the possibility to add in the Internal Regulations a note limiting the use of the cards by means of procurations from the other two authorized signatories. It was also decided to add a clause in the same Art. 17 to give the possibility to the signatories to authorize (by procuration) a National Coordinator to open and run a Wayeb account in its own country.

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It has been decided to start our Membership year in January instead of November as stated at the moment in the status (Art. 4).

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Membership:

All agreed to keep the four types of membership (Supporting, Active, Honor and Donor). Anybody can apply for Active Membership but theoretically (Art. 4 in the status) the application must be accepted by

the Board and renewed each year. Theoretically also (Art. 6), the absence of an elected person or Active Member at the meetings during a year causes the removal from the elected position or active membership. It has been agreed that we would only consider for removal the unjustified absences (so no problem for those busy in the field or somewhere else, as long as they send an excuse note, a procuration or keep showing interest in Wayeb and the meetings). We actually had changed that part in the Internal Regulations at the last GA in Hamburg and we should modify the status in that sense.

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Logo:

Elisabeth said she and Christian were taking care of making the logo available to all National Coordinators.

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Accounting:

Philippe told us about a computer program we could all (Tresory and National Coordinators) use. But instead of buying the one he had in mind, it has been decided to get a copy of the regular Microsoft version (?). Who's in charge????????

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Card:

Philippe showed us his project for a membership card and we all found it to our taste. It has been decided to have them all in Spanish.

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Philippe also showed us a project for info flyer. He will make a definite version of it and send it to all for approval and/or corrections. I (Gen) will translate it in English and Philippe will provide a Spanish version. The final version will be sent in disk format to the National Coordinators.

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Philippe, Alfonso and I (Gen) said we would try to provide a Spanish and English version of the status and Internal Regulations.

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Journal:

We discussed over the project of a publication to realize that we haven't thought enough of what we want exactly. We haven't decided if we want a high quality journal, a quick publication or what. Erik will work on various proposals and we should all think about it and find a moment to talk longer about it.

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Web Site 1:

All agreed to say that the web site is now the priority project. We'll begin simple: home page and a page to present Wayeb (small intro text, name and addresses of the Board, National Delegations, Reg. Form, Agenda). We should have it in English and Spanish (that would make too many links to have it also in French as Philippe wanted and it is not that necessary). The rest can come later, along the way, when we gather the info for the various sections. The main question now is to know if Rogelio can commit himself to do those two pages soon or if we should ask someone else to be in charge. And we'll see along the way what is possible to do and what not (on a technical level).

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Web Site 2:

Philippe reminded us about a contact he has in Mexico with an online international newspaper. They seemed interested to have articles about the Maya and would pay for it. Philippe will find out more about it and we all said that we could contribute by writing some lines once in a while to help Wayeb make some money.

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Web Site 3:

We all agreed with Erik that we should start Wayeb Notes (on the model of the Texas Notes) and put them on our site. Erik will work on a proposal.

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Web Site 4:

I (Gen) will see with the Mexicon guys what's up with their web site and if we can make a link with them for the activities and other stuff they do well.

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Web Site 5:

Who's who? Each National Delegation should now gather in its country info on who's who in the Maya field. We decided to keep it at the moment to Ancient Maya. We should reach the museums, universities and associations. I will coordinate that project and send to all National Coordinator a questionnaire.

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Web Site 6:

We can also start collecting info on where to buy books (addresses, e-mail or web sites of new and used book sellers of Maya stuff). I will also collect those info. And I also convinced Lars to gather the interesting web sites on the Ancient Maya.

That's about it. Now lets try to get things done. Take care you all.

Geneviève

PS: You old member who registered last year, please don't forget to register again (and pay!) before the end of the year. Make it through your national delegation. Thanks.