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2003 Annual Report

A. Membership

As of December 2003, the membership of the Linguistic Society totaled 5751 compared to 5912 active members in December 2002, 6018 in 2001, 5937 in 2000, 5999 in 1999, 6231 in 1998, and 6393 in 1997.

The active members include by category: Libraries and Institutions (1819), Honorary (38), Life (362), Regular (2604), Student (797), and Emeritus (16). In addition, 115 institutions throughout the world were receiving the *LSA Bulletin* and/or *Language* on an exchange basis.

B. Deaths

We are sorry to report the deaths of the following linguists: Ruth Brend, J. Marvin Brown, Russell Campbell, Harmut Czepluch, Naguib Greis, Mary Lu Joynes, Mary Ritchie Key, James Sledd, Ralph L. Ward, and Kenneth Wilson; Life Members Joseph Applegate, Ilah Fleming, Lloyd A. Kasten, and CH van Schoonveld; Honorary Members Franciscus Jacob Kuiper and Eugenius M. Uhlenbeck; and Past President Henry Hoenigswald.

C. Elections

In 2003, the Nominating Committee (Joseph Aoun, chair) submitted the following slate: Vice President/President-Elect (2004) Mark Aronoff (U Stony Brook-SUNY); members of the Executive Committee: Mark Baker (Rutgers U), Ed Battistella (S OR U), Ellen Kaisse (U WA), and James McCloskey (UC-Santa Cruz). Over 600 ballots were received in the Secretariat by 1 December, and the following members were elected: Vice President/President-Elect: Mark Aronoff; Executive Committee: Mark Baker and Ellen Kaisse.

In addition, the Executive Committee nominated: Editor (2004): Brian Joseph (OH SU) and Secretary-Treasurer (2004): Gregory Ward (Northwestern U). Both were elected to office.

D. Audit Report

McMaster and Associates completed its review of the Society's funds through the end of the fiscal year, 30 September 2003. [Click here](#) for a statement of support, revenues and expenses, and changes in fund balances for the fiscal year with comparative totals for 1999-2002.



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2004 Annual Meeting

The 78th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America was held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, 8-11 January 2004. The American Dialect Society, American Name Society, North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, and the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas met in conjunction with the LSA. There were over 1,200 registered participants.

LSA President Ray Jackendoff officially opened the meeting at 7:15 PM on 8 January immediately preceding the first plenary address:

Good evening. I'm Ray Jackendoff, President of the LSA, and I wanted to start off tonight's proceedings with an official welcome on behalf of the Executive Committee. We have an exciting meeting this year, and I know lots of people are excited about it because we have a record number of people registered for the meeting.

I was just a few minutes ago told something worth mentioning: Barbara Abbott is here attending her 30th consecutive LSA. Can anyone else match that record? (no)

I'm sure you're eager for the plenaries to start, but I just want to put in a little plug for the LSA. Most of you are probably familiar with the LSA in three contexts: It sponsors these annual meetings, it publishes the journal *Language*, and it sponsors the Linguistic Institute every other summer. Last summer's very successful one was at Michigan State, and the 2005 Institute will be right here, put on by MIT and Harvard in collaboration. These activities all take a tremendous amount of preparation. For example you may be surprised to know that arrangements for the annual meeting in 2009 and the Institute in 2007 are already underway--and that the planning for this meeting began late in the last century. So I'd like to thank especially the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Carol Neidle, and the Program Committee, chaired by Bill Idsardi, for the phenomenal amount of work they put into making this happen.

There are other activities of the LSA that perhaps many of you know less about, for example our membership in the Consortium of Social Science Associations, an organization that acts as liaison between the academic research community and the policymaking community in Washington, which determines what kinds of grants there will be for all of us. We are similarly involved in the Coalition for National Science Funding, the National Humanities Alliance, and the American Council of Learned Societies. The LSA is also involved in educational policy, through activities of the Language in the School Curriculum Committee and alliances gradually being forged with the National Council of Teachers of English. A collaboration is underway with the Modern Language Association for a Language Summit, concerned with how we might change the public perception of language.

Through activities of the Advisory to Programs Committee, the LSA has been involved in lobbying on behalf of endangered departments and programs in linguistics in various universities. There is an initiative

underway to create a Virtual Museum of Language, an online resource that presents what we know about language to the general public. The LSA has also published a very popular series of pamphlets, FAQs about language for the general public on such topics as "Why do some people have an accent?", "Is English changing?", "What is Sign Language?", "What is Ebonics?", and "Does the language I use influence the way I think?" There are about a dozen of these at the moment with several more in the works.

The people who keep all this running smoothly are the folks at the Secretariat: Executive Director Extraordinaire Maggie Reynolds, Mary Niebuhr, and Sharon Winkler.

What I want to bring to your attention through this list is that the LSA is the institution that represents our profession to the rest of the country. And my plug is: If you aren't already a member, JOIN! And get your friends and colleagues and students--and teachers--to join. It's not only to your benefit but to our whole community, without whom we couldn't have professional lives as individuals.

I want to talk about one more thing and then I'll stop. One of the big issues of the past decade in linguistics has been the status of endangered languages. Now there are several institutions involved in their recording and preservation, including a committee of the LSA but also the Endangered Language Fund in this country and the Endangered Languages Academic Programme in the UK. Since last spring, the LSA Executive Committee has been working on a new initiative, and I am absolutely delighted to be able to announce it tonight. In our discussion of the issues, we felt that many students in linguistics don't have the opportunity to be properly trained in working on endangered languages. We decided to respond to that need by endowing a new chair for the Linguistic Institute, alongside the existing Collitz and Sapir chairs. This chair will be dedicated to the teaching of a field methods course at every Institute henceforth, and it will be named for someone whose passion for the study and preservation of endangered languages is legendary: Ken Hale. I'll have more to say about this chair in the business meeting tomorrow afternoon, but for now, I can say it's only fitting that the first [Kenneth Hale Professor](#) will serve at the 2005 Institute at MIT.

Tonight, we're formally launching the public fund drive for the chair. The MIT administration and department have been very generous in pledging for this fund drive. We have also privately approached past presidents of the Society, recent past members of the Executive Committee, and Ken's close colleagues at MIT, who have together given us pledges of about \$27,000, about 20 of which are individual pledges of \$1000 or more. We will welcome your pledges, starting tonight!

And now, I want to thank you all for your indulgence, and I want to wish you a wonderful time at this great intellectual party this weekend.

The Annual Business Meeting was held 9 January and attended by approximately 70 members. The President called the meeting to order and recognized the presence of a number of past presidents. He announced the start of a campaign to raise funds to endow the Ken Hale Chair to ensure that a course in how to collect data of previously

undocumented languages will be taught at each LSA Linguistic Institute. He also noted the upcoming occasion of Past President Murray Emeneau's 100th birthday. The Secretary-Treasurer reported highlights of actions taken by the Executive Committee on 8 January. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Society members present elected Probal Dasgupta (U Hyderabad), Inga-Lill Hansson (U Lund), and Aryon Dall'Igna Rodrigues (U Brasilia) for honorary membership. The citations presented read:

Probal Dasgupta, University of Hyderabad, India. Dean of the School of Humanities and Professor of Linguistics at Hyderabad U, Dasgupta has made major contributions to general, South Asian/Indian, and Esperanto linguistics. His research ranges over a vast variety of topics, including current syntactic theory and comparative syntax, generative phonology and morphology, lexicology, Indo-Aryan linguistics (with focus on Bangla [Bengali]), sociolinguistics (including diglossia and South Asian English), psycholinguistics, and linguistic interfaces with literature and philosophy.

Dasgupta received his PhD in linguistics from NYU in 1980 with a dissertation on Questions and relative and complement clauses in a Bangla grammar and has taught on linguistics faculties at NYU, U Melbourne, U Calcutta, Deccan C Post-Graduate and Research Institute (Pune, India), and since 1989, U Hyderabad, where he is now also Dean of the School of Humanities. He has served as editor of *Indian Linguistics*, the journal of the Linguistic Society of India (1982-1987), co-editor of *Language Problems and Language Planning* (John Benjamins, 1990-present), and associate editor of the *Yearbook of South Asian Languages and Linguistics* (Sage Publications, now with Mouton de Gruyter, 1998-present). He has provided valuable services to the Indian linguistic community by extension lectures on historical linguistics, the theory of government and binding, and morphology and phonotactics, as well as by supervising PhD dissertations on Indian languages, such as the 2000 thesis by P. Anuradha (*A minimalist account of null subjects in Kannada*) and the 1995 thesis by Ara Shah (*Complement clauses in Hindi and Gujarati*). Invited talks in India and abroad include "Michel Foucault and discourse analysis" (Cntl Inst Engl & Indian Langs, Hyderabad), "Minimalism" (U Hyderabad), "On a certain vowel template asymmetry in Bangla" (SALA 18, Jawaharlal Nehru U, New Delhi), and "The positive polarity item in Bangla" (Inaugural Plenary Lecture, SALA 21, U Konstanz).

Of his 230-plus articles and book chapters, some 35 were written in Esperanto and about 60 in Bangla, the latter helping to increase awareness of modern linguistics among Bangla speakers. His major publications include several translations from Bangla into Esperanto as well as a book in Esperanto on the status and influence of English in India (*Stato kaj influo de la angla lingvo en Hinda Unio* (Rotterdam: Universala Esperanto-Asocio, 1977); plus the following publications in English: *The otherness of English: India's auntie tongue syndrome* (New Delhi/London/Thousand Oaks: Sage, 1993); *Explorations in Indian sociolinguistics* (with R. Singh and J. K. Lele, New Delhi/London/Thousand Oaks: Sage, 1995); and *After etymology: Towards a substantivist linguistics* (with A. Ford and R. Singh, Munich: Lincom, 2000).

Inga-Lill Hansson, University of Lund. Associate Professor of Linguistics, she is recognized as the leading authority on Akha/Hani and related languages within the Lolo-Burmese branch of the Tibeto-Burman family. She has conducted many years of fieldwork on these languages under difficult conditions in Thailand and China, using Thai, Chinese, and Akha as the languages of elicitation. She has recorded and transcribed hundreds of pages of religious texts from elderly shamans and animist priests and is herself recognized for her competence in chanting these ritual texts, which will soon be totally forgotten by the Akha themselves.

After studies in Chinese at Taipei U, Inga-Lill Hansson received her MA from U Copenhagen (1976) and her doctorate from U Lund (1983). She teaches Chinese, Thai, and Southeast Asian linguistics at U Lund. Since the mid-1970s, she has devoted herself to the study of Akha and several closely related languages of the Loloish branch of Tibeto-Burman, achieving a depth of knowledge unmatched by any other scholar in that field. Her mastery of the archaic ritual language of the Akha has led her to be declared an 'honorary man' by the dwindling number of shamans and animist priests who can still chant the ancient texts. She is now in the process of publishing annotated versions of these texts, the first volume of which is entitled Akha death and sickness rituals, as well as a full-scale Akha grammar and dictionary.

Aryon Dall'Igna Rodrigues, University of Brasilia. Professor Emeritus Rodrigues is, by general consensus, the world's leading authority on Amazonian languages. He has founded the Departments of Linguistics in several Brazilian universities. He is renowned for his work on the morphosyntax of indigenous languages, as well as their historical interrelationship, is sensitive to the ethnolinguistic dimensions of minority languages, and is a brilliant fieldworker and inspired teacher.

Rodrigues received his doctorate in linguistics from U Hamburg in 1959 with a dissertation entitled *Phonologie der Tupinamba Sprache*. He has taught at several Brazilian universities, where he was instrumental in founding Departments of Linguistics, including the SU Campinas, Fed U Rio de Janeiro, and U Brasilia. He has carried out extensive fieldwork on the indigenous languages of Brazil and is a fluent speaker of several of them, including Guarani, Nhegatu, and Tupinamba. His book *Linguas Brasileiras: Para o conhecimento das linguas indigenas* (1986/1994) is the standard general reference work on Brazilian languages. He is the author of dozens of articles on all aspects of these languages, synchronic and diachronic, grammatical and phonological, ethnolinguistic. He is a distinguished teacher who has done much to train new generations of Brazilian linguists.

Other reports were presented by the chair of the Program Committee and the Editor of *Language*.

Ray Jackendoff, LSA President, presented the 7th biennial Leonard Bloomfield Book Award to Rodney Huddleston and Geoffrey K. Pullum for their book, *The Cambridge grammar of the English language* (Cambridge U Press). The award was established to recognize the volume which makes the most outstanding contribution to the development of our understanding of language and linguistics. The citation read:

This extensive and readable account of current English usage makes accessible to professional and nonprofessional alike a vast body of linguistic knowledge about the English language drawn from many sources. It also makes available to this general readership many results of modern grammatical research. The authors offer a systematic and perspicuous account of English usage, underlining the importance of attending to the actual language of contemporary speakers. This grammar will help open the door to new approaches to the study and analysis of English as a language.

Eugene Nida received the 4th Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for Distinguished Service. The prize was established in 2000 to recognize extraordinary service to the Society and the discipline. D. Terence Langendoen presented the citation:

The Linguistic Society of America presents the Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for Distinguished Service to Dr. Eugene A. Nida, whose service to the Society and to the field of linguistics spans more than 60 years.

Dr. Nida joined the LSA in 1939, was elected Vice President in 1960, and President in 1968. Since that time, he has served as a financial advisor to the LSA, both informally and formally as a member of the Finance Committee. Upon his recommendation early on, the LSA invested its endowment fund in a broad and diversified range of securities holdings, with the result that our endowment benefited tremendously from the run-up in market values over the past 25 years. Throughout this time, Dr. Nida has shared his expertise without hesitation whenever it has been requested, on questions ranging from what stocks to buy or sell on a particular occasion to overall investment strategy.

Dr. Nida was involved in an important decision in 1984 when the LSA was faced with the question of whether to continue to rent office space in Washington or to terminate its sublease and purchase its own space. Without hesitation, he recommended that we purchase our own headquarters in Washington and finance it ourselves by allowing the endowment to hold the mortgage. As a result, the Society was able to purchase the condominium office it still occupies at Dupont Circle for a very reasonable price with no loss to its endowment funds, as the mortgage has now been paid off, and the value of the condo has appreciated handsomely.

However, Dr. Nida's service as a financial advisor to the LSA is only the tiniest bit of his contribution to the field as a whole. Throughout his years working first for the Summer Institute of Linguistics, then for the American Bible Society, and for the past 25 years in what can only technically be called retirement, he has been one of the most effective spokespersons for the field of linguistics that the world has ever known.

We are sorry he couldn't come to this meeting to accept the award in person, but we hope you'll join us in congratulating him in absentia.

The Resolutions Committee (Jean Berko Gleason, chair; Larry Hyman and Gillian Sankoff) presented the following resolutions which were unanimously approved:

1. For their services in organizing the program for the 2004

Annual Meeting in Boston, our sincere thanks to the Program Committee: Diane Brentari, Peter Culicover, Toshiyuki Ogiwara, Margaret (Peggy) Speas, Rosalind Thornton, Lindsay Whaley, Draga Zec, and its chair, William Idsardi. We thank the Local Arrangements Committee chaired by Carol Neidle, and members Jonathan Barnes, Robert G. Lee, Lisa LaVoie, and Donca Steriade, for their help in planning the meeting.

For organizing the programs of the societies that meet jointly with us, our collegial thanks to Allan Metcalf of the American Dialect Society, Ed Lawson of the American Name Society, David Boe of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, Marlyse Baptista of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, and Victor Golla of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

We thank all of these individuals for their time and efforts, for the high quality of the programs they have organized, and for providing a warm welcome in a very cold city.

2. For their service to the Society as officers of the organization, our special thanks to Frederick J. Newmeyer, Past President, and to retiring members of the Executive Committee Michael Krauss and Sarah G. Thomason, and to Sally McConnell-Ginet, who completes her term as Secretary-Treasurer at the end of this meeting. We also wish to recognize and thank the organizers of the 2003 Linguistic Institute at Michigan State University: Dennis Preston, the director, and associate directors Barbara Abbott, Susan Gass, and Grover Hudson, along with Institute associates Erica Benson and Chunhua Ma.

3. Finally, our warm and special thanks to the staff of the Society, Mary Niebuhr and Sharon Winkler, and to our Executive Director, Margaret (Maggie) Reynolds.

Representatives from NSF and the Endangered Language Fund gave brief reports. The new Officers and Executive Committee members; Sally McConnell-Ginet, who completed her term as Secretary-Treasurer; and Dennis Preston, director of the 2003 LSA Linguistic Institute at Michigan State University, were recognized for their contributions to the Society. Before the session was adjourned, tokens of our great appreciation were presented to Sally McConnell-Ginet as she completed her term as Secretary-Treasurer and to Dennis Preston for organizing the 2003 Linguistic Institute adjourned.



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Grants

Fulbright Scholar Program

A grant opportunity is available for the 2005-2006 academic year for the Trieste Chair in Linguistics through the Fulbright Distinguished Chairs program. Activities include teaching undergraduates and/or postgraduates preferably in the field of text analysis, multimodal texts, and/or some aspects of corpus linguistics (Other fields of linguistics are acceptable.); advising students, particularly on project work; and doing collaborative research with academic staff. Knowledge of Italian is useful but not required. Associate or full professor preferred. Nonacademic professionals with longstanding experience in teaching English as a second language will be considered. Length of grant is 3 months with starting date October 2005 or March 2006.

For more information, see http://www.cies.org/ab_dc/ or contact Ilana Kurtzig at: ikurtzig@iie.org.



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Bulletin Board

Congratulations

Murray Emeneau (UC-Berkeley) observed his 100th birthday in February.

Susan Gal (U Chicago) received a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Summer Institutes

Center for Spatially Integrated Social Sciences (CSISS) Summer Workshops. University of California-Santa Barbara. Application deadline: 18 April 2004. Contact: <http://www.csiss.org/events/workshops>.

European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information, 16th (ESSLI). 9-20 August 2004 at the University of Nancy I. Contact: <http://essli2004.loria.fr>.

Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI). 14 June - 6 August 2004 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Contact: <http://www.wisc.edu/seassi>.

In Memoriam

Joseph R. Applegate (Howard U)
Ilah Fleming (Ft. Myers, FL)
Franciscus Kuiper (U Leiden)



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Executive Committee Report

The Officers and Executive Committee met on Thursday, 8 January 2004, in the Exeter Room of the Sheraton Boston at 9:00 AM and continued until 4:30 PM. Those attending were Ray Jackendoff, President; Joan Bybee, Vice President-President Elect; Frederick J. Newmeyer, Past President; Sally McConnell-Ginet, Secretary-Treasurer; Gregory Ward, Secretary-Treasurer Elect; Kristen Syrett, Bloch Fellow; Stephen Anderson; Eve Clark; Larry M. Hyman; Sarah G. Thomason; and Gillian Sankoff. Michael Krauss was ill and not able to attend. William Idsardi, Chair of the Program Committee, Brian Joseph, Editor of *Language*, Donna Christian, President of the Center for Applied Linguistics, and Past President D. Terence Langendoen were present by invitation. Dennis Preston, Sabine Iatridou, Jay Jasanoff, and C-T James Huang joined the Committee for the discussion of Linguistic Institutes. Margaret W. Reynolds represented the Secretariat.

President's Business

1. Appointed Joan Bybee, Mark Aronoff, Ray Jackendoff, D. Terence Langendoen, and Gregory Ward to serve on the Finance Committee for 2004, accepted the committee list for 2004, and appointed the following to serve: Roger Shuy as Chair of the Committee on Social and Political Concerns and Catherine Rudin to the Language in the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

2. Received a report from Ed Battistella on the NSF National Workshop on Improving Education in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences held in June 2003. The President reported on an invited session at the National Council of Teachers of English 2003 convention and noted that discussions were underway with the American Educational Research Association to explore mutual collaborations.

3. The President reported on his efforts this fall to raise funds for an endowed Chair named in honor of Ken Hale for the biennial Linguistic Institute sponsored by the LSA. He reported enthusiastic response from Past Presidents, members who had served on the Executive Committee over the past 20 years, and colleagues of Dr. Hale at MIT as well as the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy and the Dean at MIT. The Executive Committee enthusiastically endorsed the establishment of the chair and appointed an ad hoc committee (Steven Anderson, Chair; Sarah G. Thomason and Akira Yamamoto) to cultivate support; to guide the fundraising efforts, including possibly applying for a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant; and to draft the guidelines for the new professorship.

4. The Committee unanimously approved motions of thanks to Cornell, Ohio State University, and the University of South Carolina for their support of the Secretary-Treasurer's Office, the Office of the Editor of *Language*, and the Book Review Editor's Office respectively.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

1. The Secretary-Treasurer noted the continuing downward trend in the number of members and encouraged Executive Committee members to continue their efforts to recruit members for the LSA.

2. The Committee unanimously approved the audit report for FY 2002-3 and received with thanks the management letter that accompanied the report. Further, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Society's portfolio be moved to Legg Mason. Lastly, the Committee approved an increase in membership dues in 2005 and the continuation of the late fee assessments for those paying dues after the publication of the March issue of *Language*.

3. The Committee received the report and draft proposal from Sharon Klein on the Virtual Museum on Language and Linguistics, voted to support the project in principle, and asked Brian Joseph to serve as liaison between the organizers and the Executive Committee.

4. The Committee received the reports on the Long Range Planning discussions that took place at the 2003 Linguistic Institute. The May 2004 meeting agenda will include time to focus on LSA membership changes, challenges, and concerns.

Committee and Delegate Reports

1. The Leonard Bloomfield Book Award Committee was discharged with thanks.

2. The reports submitted by the Advisory to Programs Committee, the Committee on Social and Political Concerns, the Computing Committee, the Committee on Endangered Languages and Their Preservation, the Language in the School Curriculum Committee, the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, and the Ad hoc Advisory Committee on Web-based Materials were accepted with thanks.

3. The Committee discussed the report and recommendations of the Committee on Honorary Members and approved the nominations of Probal Dasgupta, Inga-Lill Hansson, and Aryon Rodrigues for honorary membership.

4. The reports filed by the LSA delegates to AAAS: Section H and the Consortium of Social Science Associations were accepted with thanks. The Secretariat was encouraged to contact the new Executive Director of ACTFL to explore ways in which the LSA and ACTFL might more effectively collaborate.

5. The report on activities undertaken by the Secretariat was accepted with thanks.

Publications

1. The report of the Editor of *Language* was received and discussed by members of the Committee. The Editor was thanked for his efforts and encouraged to prepare an estimate for the May meeting of the cost of correcting and updating the *Twentieth Century Index of Language*.

2. The appointment of Jaye Padgett, Janet Pierrehumbert, and Natsuko Tsujimura as Associate Editors was unanimously approved.

3. The Committee learned that the following four FAQs were likely to be ready this spring: "How to Raise a Child Bilingually", "Animal Communication", "How many languages are there?" and "The Origins of Language". Larry Hyman agreed to draft a new FAQ on "Why Join the LSA?"

Reports from Sister Organizations and Collaborative Projects

1. The Committee received with thanks reports from the Center for Advanced Study of Language, the Coalition for National Science Funding, the Decade of Behavior, The Race and Human Variation Project of the American Anthropological Association, the Coalition on the Academic Workforce, and the National Museum of Language.

2. The Committee asked that Carol Padden be invited to serve as LSA delegate to the Disabilities Studies conference being organized by the Modern Language Association in March 2004.

Executive Session

Gregory Ward was nominated to stand for election as Secretary-Treasurer and Brian Joseph was renominated to stand for election as Editor of *Language*.

Annual Meetings

1. William Idsardi, Chair of the Program Committee, presented a report on the Committee activities for 2004. The Committee urged the Program Committee to consider revising the time allotted for papers to 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion.

2. The Secretariat reported that a contract has been signed with the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque for the 2006 Annual Meeting and that negotiations were underway with the Hilton in Portland for the 2009 meeting.

Linguistic Institutes and Summer Programs

1. The Committee received with great thanks the report on the 2003 Linguistic Institute and voted unanimously their appreciation to Dennis Preston and his colleagues.
2. The Administrative Team of the 2005 Institute provided the Committee with an update on their plans and was thanked enthusiastically for all their effort to mount such an interesting summer program.
3. The Committee was disappointed to learn that the University of Colorado had withdrawn its letter of intention to host the 2007 Institute.
4. Larry Hyman reported on discussions underway at University of California, Berkeley to host a future Institute.



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A Linguistic Institute Professorship in Field Methods

At their May 2003 meeting, the Linguistic Society of America Executive Committee proposed establishing a professorship in field methods for all future LSA Linguistic Institutes as a way to address the strongly felt need in our profession to document endangered languages and work with communities toward their preservation. Named for Ken Hale, a linguist whose dedication to studying and preserving endangered languages is legendary, the Chair will ensure that linguistics students have access to courses that prepare them to investigate poorly documented languages even if their own institution does not offer them.

Nearly \$70,000 of the \$200,000 needed to permanently fund the Ken Hale Chair has been raised thus far. The Society welcomes your financial support of this chair as well. Individuals may fill out the form below and return it to the LSA Secretariat or may simply send contributions clearly labeled "For Ken Hale Chair."

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2005 Annual Meeting (6-9 January at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Francisco). The deadline for Organized Session proposals is 15 April 2004. Proposal forms may be obtained from the Secretariat.

2004 Dues Notices. Second dues notices have been mailed. If you received one by mistake, please let us know so we can correct our files.

2004 Elections. The Nominating Committee requests that members who wish to suggest nominees for Vice President/President-Elect and for two positions on the Executive Committee write to the committee chair: John Victor Singler, NYU, Dept Ling, 719 Broadway #422, New York, NY 10003-6802; john.singler@nyu.edu. Those submitting suggestions need not, at this time, ascertain the willingness of the possible nominee to run. A brief statement of the nominee's qualifications or interest in serving would be appreciated. Suggestions should be sent as soon as possible.

2004 Committee and Delegate Appointments. In early May, the Committee on Committee and Delegate Appointments will be nominating members for committee and delegate appointments. Your suggestions of additional potential nominees and a note about their particular qualifications or interest in serving would be most appreciated. Send names by 1 April 2004 to: LSA Secretariat, 1325 18th St, NW, Suite 211, Washington, DC 20036-6501; Isa@lsadc.org. Download a printable nominatin form [here](#) (MS Word).

Honorary Members. The Committee on Honorary Members welcomes input from the Society of names of individuals who should be considered for honorary membership in the LSA. Any foreign scholar of distinction in linguistics studies, not resident in the United States, may be elected an honorary member. Please forward your suggestions to Hans Henrich Hock at: hkhock@staff.uiuc.edu.

Thanks. To Lila Gleitman who represented LSA at the Section V: Neuroscience meeting at AAAS in February and Carol Padden who will represent the Society at the MLA Disabilities Studies Conference at Emory University this month.