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The *LSA Update* is a periodic electronic newsletter for LSA members, featuring news and information about current activities, programs, publications, resources, and other items of interest to the membership.

Renew your own membership or recommend a colleague

There has never been a better time to be a member of the LSA, so be sure to renew your membership or recommend a friend now. Student memberships start as low as \$40. See a full listing of member benefits [here](#).

LSA Appoints New Publishing Advisor

The LSA Executive Committee has appointed [David Lightfoot](#) of Georgetown University to serve as its Publications Advisor for a term of five years. Lightfoot previously served as the Chair of the LSA's ad-hoc Publications Committee, which recently formulated a [series of recommendations](#) for changes to the LSA's publishing program. Lightfoot is also a former President of the LSA. [Learn more](#) about the role and responsibilities of the LSA's Publication's Advisor.

LSA Appoints Strategic Planning Committee

The LSA Executive Committee has appointed an ad-hoc committee to develop a new strategic plan for the Society. The committee is charged with recommending necessary updates and revisions to the [LSA's Strategic Plan](#) that will reflect the future goals, objectives and measurements of success for the Society, from 2014 through 2018. [Learn more](#) about the LSA members serving on this committee.

2013 Linguistic Institute Fellowships Awarded

The LSA and the 2013 Linguistic Institute at the University of Michigan have awarded seventy-five Fellowships to attend the Institute, including the Bloch Fellowship, the James McCawley Fellowship, the Dictionary Society of North America Fellowship, and ten Rackham Diversity Allies Fellowships. Congratulations to the awardees and to the nearly three hundred fifty deserving candidates who applied for fellowships. [Read more](#) about the winners of the named fellowships.

LSA Committee Nominations Open through March 11

Nominations are being accepted for service on the LSA's Open and Appointed committees. This is an excellent opportunity for you to expand your professional networks, enhance your administrative portfolio, and make a difference in areas about which you care deeply.

A list of the LSA's committees is available [here](#). Note that LSA committees are of different types with regard to how they are populated.

Open committees are, as the name suggests, open to service by any current LSA member. The LSA's open committees are the Committee on Endangered Languages and their Preservation (CELP), the Ethics Committee, the Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL), the Fundraising Committee, the Language in the School Curriculum Committee (LiSC), the Linguistics in Higher Education Committee (LiHeC), the Committee on Membership Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), the Public Relations Committee, the Committee on Public Policy (CoPP), The Committee on Student Issues and Concerns (COSIAC), the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (COSWL), and the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC).

To serve on an open committee, please indicate your interest by e-mailing David Robinson, the LSA's Director of Membership and Meetings, at drobinson@lsadc.org. You may do so now or at any time during the year.

Some committees are **appointed** partly or entirely by the President of the LSA, based on the recommendations of the Committee's chair or other relevant LSA leaders, as well as on self- or other-nominations from the LSA membership. The LSA's appointed committees are the Advisory to Programs Committee, the Audit Committee, the Awards Committee, the Bloomfield Book Award Committee, the Honorary Members Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Program Committee.

To nominate yourself or another LSA member for service on an appointed committee, please e-mail David Robinson, the LSA's Director of Membership and Meetings, at drobinson@lsadc.org by Monday, March 11, 2013 with the following information:

- the nominee's name, affiliation, and e-mail address
- the committee(s) for which the individual is being nominated
- a brief statement explaining why the nominee would be a suitable member of the committee(s) in question.

If the nomination is for someone other than yourself, please ascertain the individual's membership status and willingness to serve before submitting the nomination. Students and members of groups underrepresented in the LSA (relative to their demographic presence in the U.S. as a whole) are especially encouraged to apply.

LSA Executive Committee Nominations Open through April 1

The Nominating Committee of the LSA is soliciting nominations for the Executive Committee, including self-nominations. We ask nominators to provide a brief statement (ca. 150-200 words) that explains why the nominee is an appropriate candidate. Relevant factors include contributions to the discipline, past administrative experience, evidence of commitment to the LSA based on past service to the Society, leadership skills, and a record of effective and active committee service, among others.

Members of the Executive Committee serve a term of three years. The Committee meets twice a year: once in May, and once in January immediately prior to the annual LSA meeting. Attendance at these meetings is mandatory. EC members receive some reimbursement for travel and accommodations.

The Executive Committee serves as the governing Board of the LSA. As such, it provides oversight and governance for the LSA's operations as a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization. A major responsibility of the EC is to ensure effective implementation of the LSA's Strategic and Business Plans.

Please send your nominations and supporting statement in the body of an e-mail with the subject line: "LSA Nominations" (nominations should not be sent as an attachment) to Sharon Klein (Sharon.klein@csun.edu) no later than Monday, April 1. We particularly welcome nominations of

(Sharon.klein@csun.edu) no later than Monday, April 1. We particularly welcome nominations of individuals from groups that have been historically underrepresented in LSA governance. After receiving your nominations, the Nominating Committee will determine a ballot of four individuals, from whom two will be chosen by the membership of the LSA

Student Representative Sought for LSA Program Committee

The LSA is soliciting a graduate student member to serve on its Program Committee (PC) for a term of up to three years. This is an excellent opportunity to influence and enhance the quality of offerings for student linguists at the LSA Annual Meeting.

The student member of the PC does not rate individual paper or poster abstracts submitted for the Annual Meeting, but does participate in most of the PC's other activities, including soliciting and reviewing abstracts for organized sessions, inviting plenary speakers and panelists, considering changes to the overall shape of the Meeting, and more. In addition, the student representative to the PC will work closely with the Bloch Fellow (who is chair of the LSA's Committee on Student Issues and Concerns) and LSA staff to organize programming for student attendees at the meeting, such as the Graduate Student Panel, Student Lounge, Student Mixer, and other events.

To indicate your interest in volunteering, please send an e-mail by March 21st to lsa@lsadc.org with the words "Student Representative to Program Committee" in the subject line. Please provide a brief summary of any relevant experience or ideas you have for enhancing student offerings at the Annual Meeting. Please feel free to ask either of the Program Committee's co-chairs, Andrew Nevins (a.nevins@ucl.ac.uk) or Molly Diesing (md20@cornell.edu) if you have further questions about serving on the PC.

-Other LSA Resources-

The complete contents of the LSA Archives, stored at the University of Missouri at Columbia, is searchable online. More information on these and on archives of LSA publications is available [here](#).

The LSA's [Book Exchange](#) facilitates the transfer of no-longer-wanted publications from LSA members to linguists, often in other parts of the world, who have need of them.

The [Linguistic Academic Depository](#) provides convenient access to curricular materials of all types shared by LSA members.

The LSA accepts job advertisements online, in print, and at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in advertising a job position, please visit our [self-service job listing submission form](#), or e-mail [Rita Lewis](mailto:Rita.Lewis).

The LSA maintains listings of conference announcements, grant opportunities, in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. [Submit a listing](#).

Be sure to visit the LSA website for the most current information on:

[Other meetings and calls for papers](#)

[Jobs](#)

[Grants, fellowships, and awards](#)

["In Memoriam"](#) listings for recently deceased LSA members