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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

Be prepared to submit an abstract for the 2014 meeting; [renew](#) your membership or recommend a friend now. Student memberships start as low as \$40. See a full listing of member benefits [here](#).

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 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.

2013 Linguistic Institute Registration Open

The [registration](#) and payment systems for the [LSA 2013 Linguistic Institute](#) are now open. The Institute will take place at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor from June 24-July 19. Don't miss this chance, available only once every two years, to interact with hundreds of linguistics professionals and students from throughout the subfields and around the world! Register by June 1 to avoid late fees.

March Issue of *Language* Full of New Online Content

With the publication of the March, 2013 issue of *Language*, the LSA's premier journal takes a significant step forward in advancing its internet presence. The online edition of the March issue features two articles within the new section focused on Teaching Linguistics, and supplemental data published for the first time in association with a research article. The new issue of *Language* also includes an announcement from LSA President Ellen Kaisse about additional changes to the LSA publications program approved by the Executive Committee at its January meeting. Also in the March issue is a Call for Papers to appear in three new sections of the journal: Phonological Analysis; Language and Public Policy; and Teaching Linguistics. With the March issue, readers will notice that the LSA is now accepting paid advertising in its online edition, and we are pleased to offer this space to the 2013 Linguistic Institute, co-sponsored by the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the LSA.

Call for Organized Session Proposals, 2014 Annual Meeting: Deadline May 15

LSA members are encouraged to consider submitting proposals for an Organized Session at the 2014 Annual Meeting, which will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota from January 2-5. An organized session is an excellent opportunity to present a group of similarly-focused presentations on a wide variety of topics and in a wide variety of formats.

LSA Committees and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are also encouraged to submit proposals on topics falling under their purview. Program Committee Chairs are available to discuss ideas for possible organized session topics.

Organized sessions may be on any linguistic topic that would be of interest to meeting attendees (e.g. characteristics of a particular language family; trends and advances in a particular subfield of linguistics; current debates on a particular research topic). They may also address topics of interest to particular groups of attendees (e.g. students, hopeful book authors, prospective grant-writers, policy advisors). They may have a theoretical or a pragmatic focus. Graduate students and junior faculty are particularly invited to submit proposals on professional development topics.

Click [here](#) to read the full call for Organized Session Proposals.

Action Alert: Congressional Support for the Humanities

LSA members who are concerned with possible funding cuts to the National Endowment for the Humanities, including those engendered by the sequester, may wish to contact their elected officials to voice their concerns.

Click [here](#) if you would like to write your representative about this issue.

Liaison to Modern Language Association Appointed

The LSA is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Mamie Jo Petray (Cal Poly) as Liaison to the Modern Language Association. Please see the [Delegates and Liaisons page](#) for a list of the LSA's representatives to colleague organizations. Contact [David Robinson](#), Director of Membership and Meetings, if you are interested in serving as a Delegate or Liaison.

-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](#).

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](#)