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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.

Q: How many years will it take a Life Membership in the LSA to pay for itself?

A.15 B. 20 C. 25 D. 30

(See answer below, immediately above "Other LSA Resources.")

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2015 Annual Meeting Abstract Submission: Deadline July 31


Abstracts for the [2015 Annual Meeting](#) (January 8-11, Portland, Oregon) will be accepted through July 31 on the LSA website. Technical support will be unavailable after 5:00 PM on July 31. [View the abstract submission guidelines.](#)

August 1 Deadline for Nominations: Editor of *Language*



The LSA is seeking candidates for election as Editor of *Language*, for a seven-year term beginning in January, 2016. All LSA members are invited to submit nominations, including self-nominations. The Editor of *Language* is charged with maintaining a high-quality and regularly published journal for the LSA. [Read more ...](#)

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 Through the AmazonSmile program, you can designate the Linguistic Society of America to receive (as a donation) 0.5% of the price of all Amazon purchases you make. Your purchase costs remain the same, and there's no need to bookmark any long URLs or remember any codes—just click [this link](#) or follow the instructions at smile.amazon.com to sign up.

LSA Summer Staff Spotlight: Brice Russ



Brice Russ started his work with the Society on June 2. As the LSA's Director of Communications, Brice is responsible for addressing the external communications needs of the LSA, including media relations, outreach to the non-member linguistics community, advocacy on behalf of the LSA's public policy agenda, and efforts to inform the public and build awareness about the field of linguistics. [Read more ...](#)

Chris Kennedy Joins *Language* as Associate Editor



Chris Kennedy (University of Chicago) has joined the editorial staff of *Language*. For those in semantics, Kennedy needs no introduction. His work on scales and comparatives is prominent, and he is highly active in all facets of scholarship. He has significant editorial and review experience, including chairing the LSA's Program Committee (2007-9), and promises to uphold the highest scholarly standards for the journal. Kennedy's appointment is effective through the conclusion of the January 2018 Annual Meeting.

Congressional Panel Restores Humanities Funding



The U.S. House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday reversed a Republican proposal to cut funding to the National Endowment for the Humanities by more than 5 percent in the coming fiscal year. The full committee approved an amendment to the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, which sets the NEH budget, to fund the federal humanities agency at the same level as the current year. The NEH is a significant funder of language documentation projects. [Read more ...](#)

The LSA: Proud Sponsor of NACLO



The LSA is a proud sponsor of NACLO, the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad. The Olympiad is a contest in which high-school students solve linguistic puzzles. Professionals in linguistics, computational linguistics and language technologies use dozens of languages to create engaging problems that represent cutting edge issues in their fields. The competition has attracted top students to study and work in those same fields. [Read more ...](#)

LSA Solicits Donations for Charles Fillmore Student Fellowship Fund



This fund, established in memory of our late colleague and former (1991) President, is supported by individual donations made in honor of Dr. Fillmore. It will support the Charles Fillmore Student Fellowship to the LSA's Linguistic Institutes. The fund has reached approximately one-tenth of its \$50,000 goal. The LSA invites colleagues, students, friends and extended family to make donations to this new Fillmore Fellowship Fund in his honor. [Donate now ...](#)

SciCast Recruiting Volunteers for Crowdsourcing Project



Scientists with diverse types of expertise are being recruited to assist in a science and technology forecasting project called SciCast. The purpose of this project, which is funded by the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), is to determine whether crowdsourcing can be used to accurately predict the future of science and technology questions. [Read more..](#)

Is Your Institution Listed in the LSA Directory of Departments and Programs



LSA Members with an academic affiliation are requested to check to see that their department or program is **correctly** listed in the LSA's new online directory. A complete institutional profile in the Directory allows the LSA to gather more accurate statistics on the changing demographics of the field and better serve the diverse needs of our members. [Read more ...](#)

Answer to This Update's Multiple-Choice Question

B: At current rates, a \$1900 Life Membership in the LSA will pay for itself in 20 years. Life Members are exempt from paying dues and therefore immune to future price increases. If you are interested in becoming a Life Member, please contact [David Robinson](#), the LSA's Director of Membership and Meetings. (Any LSA member can become a complimentary Life Member after fifty years of dues-paying membership.)

-Other LSA Resources-

WILMA, the Women In Linguistics Mentoring Alliance, provides women in linguistics with mentors to help them with professional development skills and advice at all stages of their careers: from undergraduates to women in senior positions. [Read more ...](#)

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](#).

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.

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

- [Other meetings and calls for papers](#);
- [Linguistics resources](#)
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- [Grants, fellowships, and awards](#).

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