Dear Colleagues,

I am writing with a few late-breaking updates which will be of interest to LSA members:

ELECTION OF LSA OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Voting for LSA Officers and at-large Executive Committee members having closed, the following have been elected to the Executive Committee by a majority of voting members:

Ellen Kaisse (University of Washington) was elected Vice President/President-Elect.

Susan Fischer (University of California, San Diego) and Lisa Green (University of Massachusetts Amherst) were elected to the Executive Committee for three-year terms beginning in January 2012.

Please join me in welcoming Ellen Kaisse, Susan Fischer, and Lisa Green to the Executive Committee.

LEONARD BLOOMFIELD BOOK AWARD

A Grammar of Creek (Muskogee), by Jack B. Martin (University of Nebraska Press, 2011), has been selected to receive the LSA’s prestigious Leonard Bloomfield Book Award. First presented in 1992, the Bloomfield Award was established to recognize the volume which makes the most outstanding contribution to the development of our understanding of language and linguistics. The Award will be presented at a ceremony preceding the Presidential Address on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the LSA Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. All attendees are encouraged to attend the ceremony, where the Bloomfield and several other LSA awards will be presented.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS: REVAMPED COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY

The LSA is seeking members to serve on the (former) Committee on Social and Political Concerns, now renamed the Committee on Public Policy. The revamped committee is charged with furthering the LSA’s efforts to proactively address policy issues affecting the field of linguistics and the linguistics profession. The revised mission and charge of the Committee may be viewed at http://www.lsadc.org/info/lsa-comm-social.cfm.

Specifically, we are seeking committee members with an interest in public advocacy on behalf of linguistics, including: federal legislation; funding for linguistics research and programs; and related regulatory issues. Committee members will be directly involved in monitoring various policy issues, formulating recommendations, and taking action as appropriate to advance the LSA’s positions.

Service on this committee is open to any member of the LSA. To join the committee, please contact drobinson@lsadc.org. A meeting for interested members will be convened at the upcoming LSA Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon in January.
Several LSA members have recently received such honors as election to American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Humbolt Research Fellowship, and Canada’s prestigious Killam Prize. Read more in the “Laurels to Linguists” section at www.lsadc.org. If you would like to have your own or someone else’s achievement mentioned, please e-mail lsa@lsadc.org.

The LSA Ethics Discussion Blog provides an opportunity for you to contribute to the ongoing discussion on this important topic. Check out this blog and the LSA’s other interactive resources at http://www.lsadc.org/info/res-interactive.cfm.

The LSA accepts job advertisements online, in print, and at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in advertising a job position, please e-mail Rita Lewis at rlewis@lsadc.org.

The LSA maintains listings of conference announcements, grant opportunities, in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. To submit a listing, e-mail lsa@lsadc.org.

The LSA maintains an online depository of syllabi, exercises, handouts, and other pedagogical documents at http://lsadc.org/e-learning/admin/index.cfm (Login to LSA website required).

The LSA administers an online Book Exchange for individuals wishing to donate or request linguistic books or other materials. More information is available at http://www.lsadc.org/book-exchange/.

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

Other meetings and calls for papers (http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-other.cfm);

Jobs (http://www.lsadc.org/info/jobs-index.cfm)

Guide to grants, fellowships, and awards (http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-dirs-grants.cfm)

"In Memoriam" listings for recently deceased LSA members (http://www.lsadc.org/info/res-news.cfm).

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