Dear Colleagues:

As part of our program of periodic reminders and updates for LSA members, please see important updates — grouped by category — below. Items in this Update include news about the 2013 Annual Meeting, elections for LSA Executive Committee members and officers, nominations for potential Honorary Members, and more.

ONLINE VOTING AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 3

Online voting on the 2013 Slate of Candidates for LSA Officers and Executive Committee members will take place from September 1- November 3. LSA members should log in to the LSA website, then go to https://lsadc.org/info/lsa-candidates-2013-alt.cfm for further voting instructions. Note that a password is required in order to vote; you will find the password on the page referenced above.

LSA ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The 87th Annual Meeting of the LSA will take place at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts from January 3-6, 2013. The Meeting will feature plenary speakers David Pesetsky (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Gillian Sankoff (University of Pennsylvania), Plenary Poster Sessions on Friday and Saturday morning, a Plenary Symposium on Language in the Public Sphere on Friday evening, joint activities with the Modern Language Association, and much much more.

Hotel reservations for the Annual Meeting are available online at https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9918013 or by phone at 1-877-513-6305 (toll-free) or 1-506-474-2009 (international). If reserving a room by phone, be sure to request the Linguistic Society of America rate. Due to the high demand for hotel rooms in Boston (the MLA is also meeting there on these dates), we encourage everyone to reserve a hotel room early.

Abstract Notifications: Individuals who submitted abstracts for the 2013 Annual Meeting will be notified early during the week of September 17th of the result.

The LSA will host a satellite workshop on the foundations of historical linguistics. Experts from all disciplines will discuss cutting-edge research on how we can come to a greater understanding of a general theory of language change. Please see https://webspace.yale.edu/huntergatherer/lsa-satellite-workshop.html for further information.

More information on meeting registration (available from October 1), hotel room reservations (available from September 1), local transportation and dining options, sign language interpretation, child care, job interview service and more is or will be available on the Annual Meeting website at https://lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm.

2013 LINGUISTIC INSTITUTE NEWS
The Institute has secured funding for ten fellowships for undergraduates interested in pursuing graduate work in linguistics, in addition to the fellowships regularly offered by the LSA. Details will be available during the regular fellowship application process.

The Institute staff are still looking for images and other memorabilia from past institutes. If you have some to offer, please send them to lsa2013@umich.edu.

Bookmark the 2013 Institute website -- http://lsa2013.lsa.umich.edu/ -- for the latest news and updates, including -- soon -- the schedule of workshops.

NOMINATIONS FOR POOL OF POTENTIAL HONORARY MEMBERS

The LSA Honorary Members Committee (HMC) would like to sustain a pool of qualified potential nominees that it can consult in choosing the few (up to three) nominees for Honorary Membership that it presents to the LSA Executive Committee each year (if there are vacancies; the number of Honorary Members is capped at 60). According to Article II, No. 8 of the LSA Constitution, any foreign scholar of distinction in linguistic studies, not resident in the United States, may be elected an honorary member by the Society on recommendation of the Executive Committee.

LSA members are urged to look at the list of names of current honorary members, https://lsadc.org/info/lsa-honorarymem.cfm, for inspiration and to avoid duplication. Then we request that members send in new names for the pool of potential honorary members by clicking on the 'contact the LSA' link on the Honorary Members page. Please use the wording "Nomination for LSA Honorary Membership" in the subject line of your e-mail.

The nominator’s e-mail must include a justification for the nomination, in a paragraph or two, explaining why the nominee is deserving of the honor. This justification should be suitable for use as the basis for the citation the Committee proposes to the Executive Committee, in case the nominee is selected by the Honorary Members Committee. URL’s of relevant information, including CV’s, if possible, should be included in the nominator’s e-mail.

Nominations for the pool of potential honorees are welcome at any time, but if you wish your nominee to be considered for our current round of recommendations to the LSA Executive Committee, we must have your e-mail with the person’s name, contact information, URLs and CV (if possible), and justification paragraph(s) by October 1, 2012. If you submitted a nomination last year and the individual was not elected an Honorary Member, you need not resubmit it; nominations from previous years will remain in the pool of potential nominees.

LSA VIDEO ARCHIVE
The LSA’s popular Video Archive, which was offline for several months, is now back! It may be accessed at http://lsadc.org/lsava/.

NEW LSA WEBSITE TO DEBUT IN OCTOBER

A new LSA website will debut in October. The new website will feature easy navigation, greater access to social networking and communication facilities, and other enhanced features. The site will also debut a new logo and a new domain name: linguisticsociety.org. Look for a standalone message for LSA members about new login procedures and other access issues.

ACLS FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS ONLINE

Applications for American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences are available online through October 2. Linguists are strongly encouraged to apply. More information on these and other current Grants, Fellowships and Awards is available at https://lsadc.org/info/pubs-dirs-grants.cfm.
-Other LSA Resources-

LSA Archives

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 at http://lsadc.org/info/lsa-archives.cfm.

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.

LSA members interested in serving on any of the LSA’s open committees may contact the relevant committee chair at any time during the year. For more information on LSA committees, see https://lsadc.org/info/lsa-comm.cfm.

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). Upload your own materials to enhance the content of this professional resource.

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).
Sincerely,

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Please be advised that all correspondence directed to the LSA or its representatives may be made available to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection (WHMC) as part of the official LSA Archive. Correspondents who wish for their correspondence and/or related materials to remain confidential (and not placed in the archive), should mark their materials conspicuously as “CONFIDENTIAL.”