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The LSA provides networking and informational resources for linguists in academia and industry who are interested in topics such as endangered languages, linguistics in the school curriculum, and new technologies of interest to the profession.

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