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LSA News

LSA Committee Nominations

At its May 2009 meeting, the Executive Committee of the LSA approved a number of changes to the Society's existing committee structure. Three new committees – Fundraising, Linguistics in Higher Education, and Public Relations) were created, and several committees (CELP, CEDL, LiSC, COMSIT, COSIAC, COSWL, and TAC) became “open,” committees, meaning that any LSA member may on request become a member of any of these committees for up to three years. A full list of LSA committees, with links to their committee charges and activities, may be found on the LSA website at <https://lsadc.org/info/lsa-comm.cfm>. LSA members are encouraged to nominate themselves or other LSA members for service on any of the open committees.

Election of LSA Officers and Executive Committee Members

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of members to stand for election in September-November 2009:

Vice President/President-Elect:

- Sandra Chung (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Executive Committee (2 at-large seats):

- Maria Polinsky (Harvard University)
- Eric Potsdam (National Science Foundation/University of Florida)
- Roger Shuy (Georgetown University, Emeritus)
- Arthur K. Spears (City University of New York)

For the LSA guidelines on committee nominations, please see the LSA Constitution, Article IV.

Online voting in the annual LSA elections will begin 1 September and will close on 8 November.

For links to candidate bios and the LSA constitution, please see <https://lsadc.org/info/lsa-candidates-2010.cfm>.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Four constitutional amendments have been proposed on the basis of the support of at least two thirds of the Executive Committee, as provided in the LSA Constitution. Also as provided by the constitution, they are submitted to the membership for a vote. To become effective, each amendment must receive the approval of at least two thirds of the members voting on it.

A brief rationale for each of the proposed amendments is presented, along with any applicable changes to the wording of the Constitution, at <https://lsadc.org/info/amendments2010.cfm>. Online voting will take place from September 1 through November 8.

LSA Contribution Funds

The LSA has simplified the process of making tax-deductible contributions to the Society. Donors may now donate to one of four contribution funds: the Financial Assistance and Student Support Fund, the Program Development and Committee Activities Fund, the Ken Hale Fund, and the LSA General Fund. Individuals wishing to make recurring annual donations of \$100 or more may become members of the LSA's Leadership Circle. All donations will be acknowledged on the LSA website if requested. A complete description of all LSA contribution funds is available on the LSA website at <https://lsadc.org/info/supp-index.cfm>. Prospective donors may also download a printable contribution form at http://lsadc.org/info/pdf_files/donationform.pdf. These reorganized funds retain the intention of the previous large number of LSA funds – to contribute various forms of financial assistance to LSA members, to

support the work of various committees, and to support the LSA in general – while greatly simplifying the contribution process.

Bequest from former LSA President

The Society has received, and gratefully acknowledges, a generous bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of former LSA president (1976) Rulon S. Wells III, who died in May of 2008. The bequest will be used to support the Ken Hale Chair in Field Methods at the biennial Linguistic Institute. To learn more about remembering the LSA in your will, please contact Alyson Reed, LSA Executive Director, at areed@lsadc.org.

New Book Review Editor

The LSA is pleased to announce the appointment of Natsuko Tsujimura (Indiana University) as Book Review Editor of *Language*. More information about Book Notices and Book Reviews is available online at <http://www.iub.edu/~langrev/>. The Society also expresses its sincere appreciation to Gregory Stump (University of Kentucky) for his many years of service in this capacity.

Ethics Committee

At its May 2009 meeting, the LSA Executive Committee voted to adopt an Ethics Statement on behalf of the Society. Crafted by the ad hoc Committee on Ethics -- now a standing committee -- with input from LSA members, the statement aims to provide linguists working in all subdisciplines with a general framework for making ethical choices. You can now access the statement on the LSA website at http://lsadc.org/info/pdf_files/Ethics_Statement.pdf. Thanks are due to the members of the Ethics Committee (Claire Bower, Lise Dobrin, Penny Eckert, Ted Gibson, Jane Hill, Keith Johnson, Jack Martin, Philip Rubin, Susan Steele, Sara Trechter), to Executive Committee liaison Monica Macaulay, and to all the LSA members who contributed feedback on the statement in its draft form.

eLanguage

Since its launch by the LSA in 2007, eLanguage (www.elanguage.net), the LSA's internet-based publishing platform, has grown to encompass several peer-reviewed, open-access journals, provide a new home for LSA book notices (formerly found in *Language*), and serve as a source of information about issues affecting the linguistics profession. As of June 2009, eLanguage and its constituent journals have published ten scholarly articles and over a hundred book notices. We hope you will visit the eLanguage site to review these items: they represent a rich and diverse body of work. In the next few months, look for a new publication of eLanguage, *The Grapevine*, which will cover workforce news and trends in the field of linguistics.

eLanguage welcomes your proposals for creative and resourceful journals to join this growing body of linguistics scholarship. These may be entirely new journals or currently-existing, subscription-based print journals that would benefit by becoming online open access journals. Proposal guidelines are available on the eLanguage site. We also encourage LSA members to support eLanguage by submitting their best linguistics research articles to current and future eLanguage journals in their fields of specialization. Submission requirements can be found on the home page of each journal, linked from eLanguage.

Penultimate issue of LSA Bulletin

This is the penultimate issue of the *LSA Bulletin*. A Fall 2009 issue will be published containing, among other items, the preliminary program for the LSA's 2010 Annual Meeting. All online issues of the *Bulletin* will remain available on the web site for public viewing. In the future, visitors will have access via the LSA website to the information previously contained in the *Bulletin*; note that access to certain areas, such as the job listings, guides to grants, fellowships and awards, etc., will be restricted to LSA individual members.

**Linguistic Society of America
Executive Committee (EC)
Minutes
May 9-10, 2009
National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA**

PRESENT: Sarah Thomason (President), Paul Chapin (Secretary-Treasurer), Jennifer Cole, Alice Harris, David Lightfoot (Vice President/President-Elect), Christopher Potts, Alyson Reed (ex officio), Catherine Ringen, Rachel Walker, Thomas Wasow.

ABSENT: Ellen Prince (Immediate Past President)

GUESTS: Greg Carlson (Editor, *Language*), Terry Langendoen, David Robinson (Director of Membership and Meetings).

Motions of Approval

Agenda: Dr. Thomason noted that the proposed agenda is very full and that some adjustments might be needed to allow more time for discussion of the eLanguage agenda items. **The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.**

Minutes: Ms. Reed noted that the minutes of the January, 2009 meeting make reference to an action item that was deferred until the May meeting. It was agreed that this would be addressed under Committee Reports. She also noted that the minutes are somewhat vague with regard to action on the Ethics Committee status and would therefore need to be clarified through formal action at this meeting. **The minutes of the Jan 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.**

President's Business

Dr. Thomason explained that the Immediate Past President, Ellen Prince, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Dr. Thomason announced the receipt of a bequest made by the estate of Rulon S. Wells III, a former President of the LSA (1976). This bequest is a restricted contribution to the Ken Hale Fund.

Dr. Thomason reported that a member of the LSA had asked to "observe" a portion of the meeting via speaker phone (skype). Although it turned out that the member was not actually available at the specific time the agenda item will be addressed, it raises the larger question of accommodation for "virtual" observation/participation in EC meetings. It was suggested that the Technology Advisory Committee be charged with determining the best mechanism to permit/facilitate virtual observation for future EC meetings at no cost to the LSA.

Dr. Thomason directed the EC's attention to correspondence in the packet from Dr. Virginia Fichera, offering a critique of the wording in the LSA's Strategic Plan. She suggested replacing the singular use of the word "language" in § C.iv of the plan with the plural, "languages." **A motion was offered to make the suggested substitution and unanimously approved.**

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Ratification of E-mail Ballots

The following votes were conducted via E-mail since the January 2009 meeting:

1/21 Acquiring two new domain names for the LSA website, and awarding a one-year student membership to Ethan Poole in exchange for one of them.

- 2/9 Appointing Michal Temkin Martínez as a student member of the Language in the School Curriculum Committee.
- 2/13 Appointing Jen Hay as Associate Editor of *Language*.
- 2/15 Approving LSA's joining the Science and Human Rights Coalition, sponsored by the AAAS, as a full member.
- 2/20 Making the LSA Liaison to Unicode an ex officio member of the Technology Advisory Committee.
- 2/27 Approving Colin Phillips, Ted Supalla, and Deborah Tannen as plenary speakers for the 2010 Annual Meeting.
- 4/19 Appointing Anna Papafragou to the Program Committee.

The motion to ratify all E-mail ballots passed unanimously.

Report of the Finance Committee

Dr. Chapin provided an overview of the committee's deliberations at its meeting held the day before the EC meeting. The committee approved the proposed revisions to the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual; the dues and fees for FY2010; the changes to the investment accounts and restricted funds, and the FY2010 operating budget, with minor amendments. These will all be reviewed and discussed later on the agenda. Dr. Chapin reported that the LSA's investment broker, Bill Coffey, and his investment group, had moved from Smith Barney to Merrill Lynch. Both firms are now courting the LSA to stay or make the switch. The committee authorized Dr. Chapin to explore other options, in consultation with Ms. Reed.

Dr. Chapin reviewed the proposed Joint Venture Policy, indicating that it is necessary to have such a policy in order to satisfy the new reporting requirements to the IRS on Form 990 (tax return). A number of EC members requested clarification of various provisions of the policy. Ms. Reed was unsure of the correct interpretation. It was suggested that the LSA attorney be asked to provide additional clarification of the meaning of the provisions in question. A motion was offered to approve the policy on a preliminary basis, with the understanding that our attorney will provide additional explanatory information. **The motion was approved.**

Dr. Chapin reviewed the proposed policy on Executive Compensation. **A motion to approve the policy was made, seconded, and approved.**

Dr. Chapin reviewed the proposed revisions to the Financial (and Administrative) Policies and Procedures Manual. He noted that references to "surface" mail would be changed to "postal" mail in the final version. In response to a question, it was agreed that references to the "guaranteed Society contribution to an Institute (\$15,000)" on page 8 should be altered to delete a specific dollar amount and refer instead to a "planning grant." In response to a question, it was further agreed that references to the "Reimbursement of Travel Expenses of Members of the Committee on Linguistic Institutes and Fellowships" be deleted from page 11. **A motion to approve the Manual, as amended, was made, seconded, and approved.**

Proposed Changes to LSA Dues and Fees

Dr. Chapin provided an overview of the proposal. A number of EC members expressed concern about the cost to students, particularly for on-site registration at the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that the option of waiving registration for student volunteers (to a maximum of 50) at the meeting be more widely promoted, and made available to all student members regardless of their geographic location. It was also

recommended that we re-evaluate the student registration fee in the light of our experience at the 2010 Annual Meeting. **A motion to approve the proposal was made, seconded, and approved.**

Proposed Budget FY 2010

Dr. Chapin provided an overview of the budget, noting with pleasure that it includes a small operating surplus. He reported that the Secretariat and the Finance Committee are recommending that a request for \$1200 from two committees (CEDL and COSWL) for catering at their meetings be declined. It was agreed that these committees (and others) should be informed about how they can arrange to have catering provided at their own collective expense, or other appropriate mechanisms for attendees to bring their own individual refreshments. There were a number of questions and responses regarding the projections for membership revenue, the expenses of the Editor's office, and the Annual Meeting revenue. **A vote on the budget was scheduled for the next day, following an Executive Session to discuss staff salaries and benefits.**

LSA Restricted Funds and Investment Accounts

A series of action items were presented, discussed, and voted on individually. The items have been renumbered and minor changes included in Addendum A. **Motions were offered and seconded to approve each action item (1-12) individually. All such motions were approved.** With the retirement of the Stokoe Fund, it was agreed that the LSA would refer to ASL interpreters as "Stokoe interpreters" and that any acknowledgement of support for ASL interpretation at meetings would reference Stokoe. With the retirement of the various named committee funds, it was agreed that the affected committees would be explicitly informed of this change and reminded of the new procedures available to both support committee activities through contributions and to make requests for allocations from the general operating budget.

Proposed Changes to LSA Committee Charges and Composition

Dr. Chapin reviewed suggested changes to the document, offered by the Committee on Committees and Delegate Appointments. These changes, along with revisions approved by the EC, are included in an attachment to the minutes (Addendum B). There was considerable discussion regarding the inclusion of a former Bloch fellow on the Institute and Fellowships Committee. A specific motion was offered to vote on this one issue, and the EC approved this provision by a vote of 6-3, with one abstention.

A motion was then offered and seconded to approve all of the proposed revisions, as amended. The motion was approved.

Constitutional Amendments

Four amendments were proposed. All relate to Article IV, Committees.

A motion was offered to amend Article IV, Section 2.

Proposed revision of the first paragraph (second paragraph to remain unchanged):

2. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of seven members. Two members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee each year to serve for three years. Each year the President shall appoint one of the two senior members as Chair. The seventh member shall be selected by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, from LSA members who have recently served as elected members of the Executive Committee (not including officers). This seventh member will serve for a period of one year.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was offered to amend Article IV, Section 5.

Proposed revision:

5. There shall be an Audit Committee composed of three members of the Society, serving staggered three-year terms, plus one member of the Executive Committee. Each year the President shall appoint one of the members as Chair, except that the Executive Committee member shall not be appointed as Chair. The Committee is charged with reviewing the Society's engagement letter with the firm selected to perform the annual audit, considering the draft financial report and management letter, and presenting a report to the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was offered to amend Article IV, Section 6.

Proposed revision: Delete the section.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was offered to amend Article IV, Section 7.

Proposed revision: Delete the section.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee and Delegate Appointments

Dr. Chapin and Mr. Robinson provided an overview of the nominations for each committee and position, indicating where open slots remain to be filled. A motion was offered and seconded, to approve all of the proposed nominations. **The motion was approved.** It was suggested that the LSA seek additional liaison nominations for other organizations not listed in the document.

Secretariat Reports

Executive Director's Report (see also Addendum C)

Ms. Reed provided a quick overview of the proposed LSA Policy on Record Retention and Document Destruction. It was suggested that the document be revised to clarify that referee reports for manuscripts accepted for publication be included in the Western Historical Manuscript Collection (WHMC). It was further suggested that the document be revised to clarify that current personnel records, while confidential, are not subject to destruction after one year. A motion was offered, and seconded, to approve the policy, with the suggested revisions. **The motion was approved.**

Ms. Reed reviewed her memo regarding the status of the LSA website support and potential revamp. It was agreed that the LSA should invest up to \$10,000 in making additional fixes to the current site via LinguistList. However, many felt that the LSA should not wait five years to reassess, but rather should pursue the discovery process with a web design firm that specializes in open source software, with the goal of migrating the site to a new platform within the next three years. It was also noted that our current provider seems to be looking for alternative university sites for hosting their activities. Given the differing information about the status of our current provider, it was suggested that we seek further clarification and discuss the possibility of a merger or other cooperative venture where feasible. The ad-hoc workgroup convened by Ms. Reed should continue to consult with the EC and the Secretariat on these efforts.

Report from the Director of Membership and Meetings

In addition to his written report (Addendum D), Mr. Robinson provided an overview of plans for the 2013 meeting, including the site selection. He issued an RFP to Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Atlanta,

Tampa and Washington, DC. He will be making site visits to Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta and DC. A number of EC members expressed a preference for Boston and a strong reluctance for Atlanta.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 5:30 pm.

The meeting reconvened on Sunday morning at 9:00 am for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (see Addendum E for the minutes of that session).

Approval of FY2010 Budget

Dr. Chapin reiterated that the budget would be adjusted to reflect the personnel decisions agreed to in Executive Session. He also noted that the catering request of \$1200 for CEDL and COSWL would be deleted. **A motion to approve the budget as amended was made, seconded, and approved.**

Committee, Delegate and Editor Reports

Ethics

A motion was offered and seconded to approve a change in status for the committee, from Ad-hoc to one of permanent standing. **The motion was approved.**

A motion was offered and seconded to approve the proposed Statement on Ethics. Following favorable discussion, **the motion was approved.** A motion was offered and seconded to thank the members of the committee for their outstanding work on drafting the statement. **The motion was approved.**

Committee on Endangered Languages and their Preservation (CELP)

A motion was offered and seconded to approve a change in the term of service for the Chair of this committee, from one year to two years in duration. **The motion was approved.**

Technology Advisory Committee

Dr. Thomason led a discussion regarding the TAC's recommendations regarding the LSA's role in fostering cyber-infrastructure for linguistics. She also invited Terry Langendoen to comment. Most viewed the recommendations favorably. The conversation centered around concerns relating to IRBs, the treatment of data on endangered languages, and the role of the Linguistic Data Consortium and related costs. It was noted that eLanguage would be the best vehicle for addressing many of the recommendations. It was also suggested that TAC collaborate with the Ethics Committee on issues relating to endangered languages and data availability. The EC will discuss these recommendations in greater detail at its January meeting.

Editors' Reports

Language

Dr. Carlson provided an overview of the proposal for the LSA to publish a volume of *Studies in the History of Language*. Many liked the idea but were concerned about the cost to the LSA. After considerable discussion, a motion was offered and seconded, to encourage the authors to pursue publication through electronic means, in collaboration with the Secretariat, or alternatively through commercial publishers. If published electronically, it would be the first electronic supplement to *Language*, possibly setting a precedent for any future supplements. **The motion was approved.**

eLanguage

Dr. Thomason led a discussion regarding the memos and other correspondence between Paul Newman, LSA pro bono special counsel on intellectual property, and Dieter Stein, Editor-in-Chief of eLanguage. A motion was offered and seconded to charge Greg Carlson with drafting an author's agreement to be used for articles published in any of the eLanguage co-journals. The agreement will specifically assign copyright ownership to the author(s). This draft will be reviewed and approved by Drs. Newman and Stein prior to a vote by the EC. **The motion was approved.**

There was considerable discussion of the other issues raised in the correspondence, including the need for agreements between the co-journals and eLanguage. It was suggested that LSA ask Paul Newman to draft an agreement, and to pay him if he asks for such compensation.

In addition to the legal issues raised by the correspondence, a number of EC members expressed concern about the need for greater transparency, oversight, reporting, and delineation of the various roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders associated with eLanguage: the LSA (Secretariat and EC); *Language* (book notices and reviews); the University of Dusseldorf; the editors of the co-journals; the authors of co-journal articles; Dr. Stein and other eLanguage personnel. Drs. Potts and Walker offered to communicate the main points of the discussion to Dr. Stein.

Other Business

It was agreed that the Spring meeting of the EC in 2010 (and thereafter) would be held on the first weekend of May. The specific dates are May 1-2 (with committee meetings on the afternoon and evening of April 30th).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Addendum A

Reorganization of LSA Restricted Funds and Investment Accounts

1. To establish a Bloch Fellowship Fund in the amount of \$50,000 within the LSA investment accounts. The earnings¹ from this Fund will be used to support the appointment of a Bloch fellow to attend the Linguistic Institute. This award includes tuition, travel, room and board for the Institute, plus approved expenses associated with service on the EC for a two-year term. Expenses for service on the EC may be drawn from the general operating budget.
2. To establish the McCawley Fellowship Fund in the amount of \$35,000 within the LSA investment accounts. The earnings from this Fund will be used to support the appointment of a fellow to attend the Linguistic Institute. The fellow must either be: 1) a graduate student from the University of Chicago; or 2) a graduate student from an Asian country². The Institute committee shall only make one such award for any Institute. This award includes tuition, plus travel, room and board for the Asian student where applicable. Awards will only be made when earnings are sufficient to support the amount needed to cover expenses.
3. To establish the Ken Hale Fund in the amount of \$175,000 within the LSA investment accounts. The earnings from this Fund will be used to support the appointment of the Ken Hale Chair to teach at the Linguistic Institute. This professorship includes travel, room and board, and an honorarium. The award also covers travel, room and board, and an honorarium for a consultant. Awards will only be made when earnings are sufficient to support the amount needed to cover all expenses.
4. To establish the Collitz Fund in the amount of \$65,000 within the LSA investment accounts. The earnings from this Fund will be used to support the appointment of the Collitz Professor to teach at the Linguistic Institute. This professorship includes travel, room and board, and an honorarium. Awards will only be made when earnings are sufficient to support the amount needed to cover all expenses.
5. To revise and clarify the stated purpose of the Linguistic Institute Fund, and allocate \$200,000 within the LSA investment accounts. The earnings from this Fund will be used to support a planning grant to the institution that is hosting the Linguistic Institute. Funds may also be used to support the appointment of the Sapir Professor to teach at the Linguistic Institute. This professorship includes travel, room and board, and an honorarium. The Sapir award will only be made when earnings are sufficient to support the amount needed to cover all expenses.

¹ For the purposes of this document, “earnings” is defined as: interest and dividends received on the investments in the restricted fund over the period since the last previous disbursement from the fund. If the net asset value of the fund, exclusive of interest and dividends, has appreciated by 10% or more since the last previous withdrawal from principal, up to 5% of the fund may be added to the earnings to be disbursed, with the approval of the Chief Financial Officer.

² For the purposes of this fellowship, “Asian country” is defined as: Burma, Cambodia, China (including Taiwan), Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

6. To shift these previously established temporarily restricted funds into two new temporarily restricted funds, as follows:

<u>Old Fund</u>	<u>New Fund (abbreviated)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cmte Status of Women in Linguistics	Program Development...	\$ 4796
Membership Assistance	Financial Assistance...	\$ 9408
Child Care Assistance	Financial Assistance...	\$14,084
Cmte on Ethnic Diversity	Program Development...	\$ 3123
Cmte on Endangered Languages	Program Development...	\$ 7088
Archiving Endangered Language	Program Development...	\$ 4022
Stokoe Fund for Interpreting Services	Financial Assistance...	\$ 7313

7. To retire the following restricted funds and related activities:

- Bloch Alternate
- LSA Professorship/Chair
- Austerlitz Fund
- Akmajian Fund
- Hutchins Fund
- Language in the USA Fellowship
- LSA Fellowship
- President's Fellowship
- Jaeggli Fund
- Fund for the Future of Linguistics in Memory of Vicky Fromkin
- Linguistic Institute Fellowship Fund
- Linguistic Institute Contribution Fund
- Capital Equipment Campaign

8. To spend down the funds raised for the Maggie Reynolds Fellowship (~\$8,000) through direct awards, and retire this award when the fund balance falls below \$1,000. Any remaining funds will be shifted at that time to the Financial Assistance Fund.

9. To retire the SIL Fellowship and return the balance of funds to SIL, retaining a fee of \$500 for managing this fund since 1986.

10. To establish a new LSA General Fund within the LSA investment accounts, with a starting balance of \$111,000. Earnings and principal may be withdrawn with EC approval to pay for general operating expenses.

11. To establish a Financial Assistance and Student Support Fund within the LSA investment accounts, with a starting balance of \$30,805. Only earnings may be used for the stated purposes.

12. To establish a Program Development and Committee Activities Fund within the LSA investment accounts, with a starting balance of \$19,029. Only earnings may be used for the stated purposes.

Addendum A, subpart I

Reorganization of the LSA's Contribution Options

Financial Assistance and Student Support Fund (Restricted)

- Provides support for student fellowships to attend the Linguistic Institute.
- Provides financial assistance to student members presenting at LSA meetings.
- Provides support for childcare services during Linguistic Institutes, the Annual Meeting and the Summer Meeting.
- Provides support for scholars from countries experiencing economic hardship to participate in Linguistic Institutes and provides complimentary electronic access to *Language* for scholars and institutions in such countries.
- Provides support for sign interpreting services at Annual Meetings

Ken Hale Fund (Restricted)

- Provides support for an endowed Chair in field methods at the Linguistic Institute

Program Development and Committee Activities Fund (Restricted)

- Provides support for the development of new programs and services to address the interests of LSA members, the linguistics community, and the general public.
- Provides support for ongoing programmatic activities, including the work of LSA committees.

LSA General Fund (Unrestricted)

- Provides support for the LSA's general operating fund.
- Provides support for the LSA's website, technology and equipment needs.

Approved by the LSA Executive Committee, January 8, 2009; amended May 9, 2009

Addendum B

Committee Charges and Composition

May 2009



Awards Committee

Background

Established in 2009. Subsumes the Linguistics, Language, and the Public Interest Award Committee.

Responsibilities

When nominations are presented for any of the Society's awards described below, the Committee evaluates them, and may or may not recommend a candidate for any or all of these awards to the Executive Committee, which must formally approve the recommendation(s). Nominations must be submitted to the Secretariat or to the Committee's chair by 1 July. The recommendation(s), accompanied by a citation, are forwarded to the Secretariat by 1 September. The Committee also prepares a 50 word citation to be read at the awards ceremony at the Annual Meeting and later published on the LSA website.

The Awards:

1. Linguistics, Language and the Public Award: This award honors an individual, or a collaborative group, for a work or body of work that effectively increases public awareness and understanding of linguistics and language. Works in any medium are eligible, for example, one or more books, documentary films, articles in popular magazines or newspapers, software, or lectures series. The nominees need not be members of the Society.

In order to be considered, individuals must have published, presented, or aired some representative work during the four years immediately preceding the deadline for the receipt of entries. Note that, because an individual's representative work is eligible for four years and the award can be given in any year when warranted, work could be considered in more than one award cycles.

Entries include a letter of nomination and copies of the representative work (books, videotapes, transcripts, other recording, etc.). They may also be accompanied by evidence of the work's impact (e.g. letters of commendation, newspaper articles, public notices). Four copies of all materials are required. The awardee is invited to attend and, if appropriate, to present the work to the LSA members.

2. Victoria A. Fromkin Lifetime Service Award: First presented in 2001 as the "Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for Distinguished Service", this award was established to recognize individuals who have performed extraordinary service to the Society and the discipline throughout their career.

Nominations must be accompanied by an endorsement letter outlining why the individual should be recognized and a brief citation that can be read at the presentation of the award. All nominees must be current members of the LSA.

3. Kenneth L. Hale Award: First presented in 2002, the award recognizes outstanding linguistic scholarship undertaken by a scholar that documents a particular endangered or no longer spoken language or language family.

Nominations must be accompanied by a copy of the work and any other supporting material. All authors must be current members of the LSA, and works should normally be no more than 15-20 years old.

4. Linguistic Service Award: This award was established to honor those members who have performed distinguished service to the Society and discipline.

Nominations must be accompanied by an endorsement letter outlining why the individual should be recognized and a brief citation that can be read at the presentation of the award. All nominees must be current LSA members.

Membership (by invitation)

The committee chair is the most recent Immediate Past President. The committee includes a member of the Executive Committee in the third year of service. In addition, two other members of the Society are appointed for staggered two-year terms. Previous awardees should be considered as potential committee members.

Any member of the Committee who feels him/herself to be in a position of possible conflict of interest (such as sponsorship of work, principal consultant, colleague of contestant, etc.) should make this fact known to the other members of the Committee at the onset.

Staff Liaison: ED

Bloomfield Book Award Committee

Background

Established in 1990. The award was originally presented only in even-numbered years; starting in 2009 it will be presented annually.

Responsibilities

The Committee evaluates all books submitted and recommends one title to the Executive Committee which must formally approve the recommendation. Nominations are solicited from the linguistics community by May 1. The recommendation and a citation is sent to the Secretariat by 1 November. The Committee also prepares a 50-word citation which is read at the award ceremony during the Business Meeting and later published in the LSA Bulletin. The prize is not to be split, and there are no honorable mentions. Books entered for this prize need not be returned.

Membership (by invitation)

Suggested composition to include:

Former Awardee(s)

One EC member

3 members, serving two-year terms (one member to be appointed in odd year, two members to be appointed in even years).

Staff Liaison: DMM

Committee on Endangered Languages and Their Preservation (CELP)

Background

Established in 1992.

The CELP encourages the study and documentation of endangered languages and makes technical assistance available to language communities seeking to maintain their languages as living means of communication, or to document them for future generations. The Committee coordinates its activities with other relevant organizations, such as CIPL, the American Anthropological Association (AAA), the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), the Society for Linguistic Anthropology, the endangered language committees of the linguistic professional societies of Canada, Australia, Germany, and others, and several private organizations and foundations focused on language endangerment, including the Institute for the Preservation of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

Responsibilities

The work of the Committee includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Promotes strategies for use by individuals and institutions to assist and support the maintenance and revitalization of language varieties in language communities at risk of, or currently experiencing, significant language or dialect loss.
- b. Assists institutions to offer training and degree programs oriented to the preparation of grammars and dictionaries of threatened and poorly documented languages, as well as to the documentation and study of naturally occurring speech of all kinds in communities whose traditional linguistic variety is threatened.

Membership (Open)

At least 6 members, serving three-year terms.

Staff Liaison: DMM

Ethics Committee

Background

In 2006 the Executive Committee established an ad hoc Ethics Committee with two subcommittees. One subcommittee was charged with drafting new guidelines for the responsible conduct of linguistic research; the other was asked to develop materials to help linguists work with Institutional Review Boards. The committee was made permanent in January 2009.

Charge

The LSA is committed to helping linguists carry out their research in an ethical manner, given that the discipline receives so much of its data from human beings. The goal of the Ethics Committee is to encourage linguists to actively engage with the ethical issues that arise in the course of their professional activities, and to foster increased discussion of ethics within the discipline.

Responsibilities

- maintaining the Society's Ethics Statement, and overseeing its update as necessary
- posting and maintaining case studies, relevant links and articles, and updates on regulatory developments on the LSA website or through appropriate media
- collaborating with the ethics bodies of other professional organizations
- sponsoring tutorials and other activities at LSA meetings

Composition (by invitation)

The committee is composed of at least 6 members with three-year terms and at least one student member. The committee membership should reflect the methodological diversity of the discipline (e.g., emergent fieldwork, lab experimentation, sociolinguistic research, etc.). Continuity of purpose is facilitated by leadership through a 3-person team of co-chairs, consisting of the current, past, and incoming chair. [This parallels the current CELP and TAC leadership structures.]

Staff Liaison: ED

Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL)

Background

Established in 1994 as the Interim Committee on the Status of Minorities in Linguistics. Current name was adopted in 1995.

Recognizing that some ethnic and racial minorities in the United States are significantly underrepresented in the linguistics workforce and in the membership of the LSA, and that it is in the interest of the field of linguistics and of American society to be enriched by the participation of all its ethnic groups, the LSA established a Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics. Its principal charges are:

1. Helps the Society and the profession identify, publicize, and implement ways of improving the recruitment, retention, and professional development of linguists from underrepresented ethnic minorities.
2. Makes recommendations to the Society and the profession concerning ways in which full equality of opportunity can be provided to all who seek to study, teach, or conduct research in linguistics.

The Society acknowledges the wide range of ways in which the term ‘ethnic minority’ may be interpreted. The Committee's work is directed to those groups which are clearly underrepresented at all levels in the linguistics workforce relative to their numbers in the US population. Such groups include African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Americans from a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander back-grounds. The activities of the Committee are not limited to any stipulated set of such groups but are aimed at increasing access to and diversity within the field on a broad basis.

Responsibilities

The work of the Committee includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Suggests ways in which LSA annual meetings can promote the goal of increasing ethnic diversity in linguistics and can more inclusively serve the interests of current and future members of the Society who belong to ethnic minority groups, e.g. by encouraging the submission of scholarly symposia and by organizing other kinds of sessions and open meetings.
2. Working in cooperation with the LiSC and the new PR Committee, promotes better awareness and understanding of linguistics in schools and in society, with a view to attracting people from diverse backgrounds into linguistics and maximizing the accessibility of the subject and the profession to members of underrepresented ethnic groups.
3. Collects and shares ideas about undergraduate and graduate teaching that will encourage ethnic diversity in linguistics, including ideas about course content and design, teaching, assignments, teacher training (for both TAs and faculty) that encourages sensitivity to diversity-related issues; collects and makes available resource material that facilitates minority and nonnormative speech data to be incorporated into linguistics courses at both specialist and general-education levels.

4. Explores issues relating to ethnic diversity in linguistics in a broad range of education contexts (e.g. K-12; university outreach to high schools; outreach or exchange programs involving colleges with high minority enrollment; graduate schools), and brings relevant ideas and information to the attention of the Society and the profession.
5. Promotes communication, networking, and mentoring between minority students and professional linguists.
6. Promotes the positive recognition of mentoring, advising, and other supportive roles that may take up a disproportionately large contribution of time for the few ethnic minority faculty members in the profession and disseminates information about solutions to the problem of overburdening minority faculty in this way.
7. Establishes liaison with other committees or organizations that are concerned with ethnic diversity in academia and in related professions and disciplines and engages in cooperative efforts where appropriate.
8. Identifies unfair or discriminatory practices, and practices which have de facto discriminatory or discouraging effects on ethnic minority members, and advises the Society and the profession of ways in which they may be rectified.
9. Collects and disseminates relevant data and resource materials and publicizes the activities of the Committee by all appropriate means.

Membership (open)

At least 6 members, serving three-year terms with at least one student member.

Staff liaison: ED

Fundraising Committee

Charge: To assist the Executive Director in planning and implementing the LSA's Business Plan.

Suggested activities:

Provide expert advice on:

- potential projects for grant-funding
- potential sources of corporate support (those with an interest in linguistics)
- potential sources of government and foundation support
- potential major donors

Review proposals and fundraising appeals drafted by the ED to ensure that they accurately reflect linguistics scholarship and/or the needs/concerns of linguists.

Assist with outreach to prospective donors/funders that build on existing relationships.

Suggested membership (Hybrid of open and invitation*)

Secretary-Treasurer (chair)*

President*

At least one other member of the EC*

Immediate Past Secretary-Treasurer*

Members with successful grant portfolios

Former NSF program staff

Other interested LSA members

Staff Liaison: ED

Committee on Honorary Members

Background

Established in 1970.

Mandate

The LSA Constitution, Article II, No. 8 states:

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. The total number of honorary members shall not exceed sixty and not more than three may be elected in any one year.

Responsibilities

The Committee on Honorary Members recommends to the Executive Committee scholars who, in the Committee's judgment, should be considered for honorary membership. These recommendations are made in the form of citations and are accompanied by CVs. The Executive Committee recommends that LSA members attending the Business Meeting accept the nominations and, upon the acceptance of these nominees, letters, including the citation, are sent to the nominees requesting their written consent to become honorary members. When consent is received, these citations are published in the LSA Bulletin.

Membership (by invitation)

3 members, serving staggered three-year terms.

Staff Liaison: DMM

Language in the School Curriculum Committee (LiSC)

Background

Established in 1992.

Responsibilities

The Committee explores and pursues ways in which the linguistics community can have an effect on school instruction in language-related topics, including linguistics. Some activities the Committee might pursue include:

1. Set up some apparatus to serve as an information clearinghouse for individual linguists who have been working on schooling-related projects or who want information on such projects.
2. Organize activities (such as conferences, sessions at the Annual Meeting, courses or workshops at the Linguistic Institute) or publications (such as newsletters or reports) devoted to these questions.
3. Assemble curricular guidelines for use by curriculum commissioners, textbook publishers, and the wider educational community, and take such steps as are necessary to make these guidelines publicly available.
4. Pursue ways to ensure that professional linguists' efforts have an effect on schooling.
5. Coordinate with new PR Committee on efforts to educate students about the basics of linguistics.

The Committee is authorized and encouraged to collaborate with other professional societies and organizations that have an established interest in these questions, and particularly with classroom practitioners.

Membership (Open)

At least 6 members, serving three-year terms.

Ideally, at least one member who is a secondary school teacher.

Staff liaison: ED

Linguistics in Higher Education Committee (LiHEC)

Charges: To advance linguistics education and training at U.S. colleges and universities. To promote the development and sustenance of linguistics programs and departments. To facilitate communications among and between the LSA and linguistics programs and departments on issues of mutual interest and concern. To consult as needed on the collection of data on faculty, students, graduates, and other pertinent information. To serve as a resource for those concerned about the diminution of linguistics programs and departments and about the incorporation of linguistic content into broader, interdisciplinary enterprises. To assist programs and departments with recruiting and retaining talented students, undergraduate majors and degree candidates. To highlight and address the unique needs of undergraduate programs and students. To maintain a subcommittee of experienced members that is prepared to advise the EC on responding to requests for assistance from departments and programs that may be threatened with reduction or elimination.

Suggested Projects:

- Partner with NSF and Am. Acad. of Arts & Sciences on data collection projects
- Convene annual roundtable of dept/program heads at LSA Annual Meeting
- To develop a resource guide for those seeking to start new programs or upgrade their programs to departments
- To examine linguistics training in the U.S. Partner with the new PR committee to develop/fine tune student “recruitment” materials.
- Proactive outreach to departments: LSA as a resource, place to call for help.

Suggested Composition (open):

- At least one member of the EC
- At least one current department head (PhD granting)
- At least one undergraduate program/dept head (non-PhD)
- At least two students (1 undergrad; 1 grad)
- Former program/dept heads
- Others as interested (open)

Membership on the subcommittee is by invitation only.

Staff liaison: DMM

Committee on Linguistic Institutes and Fellowships (CLIF)

Background

Established in 1975.

Responsibilities

The Committee is responsible for evaluating all applications for financial support for the Linguistic Institute and for preparing rank ordered lists of fellowship applicants. The Committee may make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding future Institutes and fellowship procedures.

Membership (by invitation)

The following individuals serve ex-officio on this committee:

The current Institute Director (subject to EC approval)

The immediate past Institute Director

The upcoming Institute Director (if identified)

The committee should also include:

One member of the EC

A former Bloch Fellow

Other members as appointed by the President.

The host institution designates a Director for the Institute, subject to approval by the EC. After receiving the recommendations of the Committee on Committee and Delegate Appointments, the President appoints this Committee in consultation with the Linguistic Institute Director,. The Committee is appointed only in odd-numbered years.

The Director of a recent biennial Institute shall serve as the Chair.

History

In 1975, this Committee was constituted as a 10-member committee consisting of the LSA Vice President/President-Elect; Secretary-Treasurer; three individuals from the host institution; the past, current, and forthcoming Linguistic Institute directors; and two external members.

In June 1976, the Executive Committee voted to reduce the 1977 Linguistic Institutes Committee to seven members because of the costs of meeting in Hawaii. The 1977 Committee consisted of the LSA Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, current and forthcoming Linguistic Institute directors, and three local faculty. The 1978 Committee appointments reflected the format devised in 1975. At its spring 1978 meeting, the Executive Committee appointed seven members for the 1979 Committee because of the costs of transportation. The Committee for 1980 was also appointed at that time and consisted of the LSA Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, the 1980 Linguistic Institute director, three members of the local host faculty, and two external members. In 1981, the size of the Committee was again reduced due to increased cost.

Beginning with the 1982 Institute, the Committee consists of the LSA Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, the immediate past and forthcoming Institute directors, and one local faculty member. In 2009, the staff recommended a further change: to eliminate the LSA officers and to add a former Bloch fellow.

Staff Liaison: DMM

Local Arrangements Committee for the Annual Meeting

Background

Established in 1969.

Responsibilities

The Committee prepares a list of restaurants around the hotel and in the area of the meeting site. The Committee members also find responsible students within their universities who are willing to volunteer their time to work during the meeting.

Membership

Committee members include the Sign Interpreting coordinator and faculty and students from all local universities invited by the Chair to serve.

Committee Members (open)

Membership to be determined annually.

Staff Liaison: DMM

Committee on Membership Services and Information Technology (COMSIT)

Background

Established in 2006

Responsibilities

To oversee the LSA's internal IT policy, membership services, and strategies for recruiting new, retaining current, and winning back lapsed members.

Membership (open)

At least 6 members, serving three-year terms. the Executive Director serves as ex officio with technical contacts added as necessary. The Chair of TAC serves ex-officio.

Staff Liaison: DMM

Nominating Committee

Background

Established in 1939.

Mandate

The LSA Constitution, Article III, No. 7, states:

The Nominating Committee shall nominate one person for the position of Vice-President and two for each vacant position on the Executive Committee. A report from the Nominating Committee and the slate of nominees shall be mailed to the members at least seven months in advance of the Annual Meeting. If six months before the Annual Meeting, ten or more members have separately and in writing nominated any additional personal member for any position, that name shall be added to the mail ballot submitted to the members. This ballot shall be mailed not less than four months in advance of the Annual Meeting. A quorum shall consist of those replies which have been received by the Secretary two months in advance of the date of the Annual Meeting.

Responsibilities

The Nominating Committee nominates the Vice President/President-Elect and four candidates for the Executive Committee. The Committee conducts all of its business by electronic mail and/or phone and submits the slate of nominees to the membership in the June *LSA Bulletin*.

Membership (by invitation)

The LSA Constitution, Article IV, no. 2, states:

There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of seven members. Two members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee each year to serve for three years. Each year the President shall appoint one of the two senior members as Chair. The immediate Past President shall serve ex-officio with vote as the seventh member.

(Note: an amendment to the Constitution was approved by the Executive Committee in May, 2009 that would alter the composition of the committee. It will be considered by the LSA membership via electronic ballot in the Fall of 2009.)

The Nominating Committee shall nominate one person for the position of Vice President and two for each vacant position on the Executive Committee. A report from the Nominating Committee and the slate of nominees with statements from the candidates shall be sent to the members at least seven months in advance of the Annual Meeting. If six months before the Annual Meeting, ten or more members have separately and in writing nominated any additional individual member for any position, and that member agrees to be presented as a

candidate for the position in question, then that name shall be added to the ballot submitted to the members. This ballot shall be sent not less than four months in advance of the Annual Meeting. A quorum shall consist of those replies which have been received by the Secretary-Treasurer two months in advance of the date of the Annual Meeting.

Staff Liaison: ED (does not participate in deliberations)

Program Committee

Background

Established in 1968.

Mandate

The LSA Constitution, Article III, Section 8 states:

The Program Committee shall have responsibility for the scholarly content of the Society's meetings and for recommending general policies on the form of the meetings to the Executive Committee for action.

Article V, Section 3 states:

Titles and descriptions of papers to be read before the Society must be submitted to the Program Committee beforehand and its disposition of such papers, including a possible limitation of the time to be devoted to them, shall be final.

Responsibilities

Members of the Program Committee are expected to read, evaluate, and rate all abstracts blind prior to the meeting; approve, add, change, and/or delete any statements in the abstract guidelines; set up the program; and provide a list of linguists to be invited to chair sessions. The Chair is expected to attend the Annual Meeting and Business Meeting at the end of his/her tenure. Committee members are not precluded from submitting abstracts. Beyond evaluating abstracts, the Committee is encouraged to seek input on meeting format and other content from LSA members.

Membership (by invitation)

The LSA Constitution, Article III, Section 8 states:

There shall be a Program Committee consisting of members appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee, each to serve for a period of three years. Each year the President shall appoint one of the senior members as Chair.

Staff Liaison: DMM

Public Relations Committee

Charge: The mission of the Public Relations Committee is to inform the public about the role of language and linguistics in society, placing particular emphasis on efforts to inform members of the news media, academia, and scientists.

Suggested activities:

Organize educational programs (webinars, workshops, courses) for journalists.

Maintain a “Press Room” on the LSA website, to include a roster of experts available for press interviews on different topics. Encourage these experts to write op-eds and other articles intended for a “lay” audience. Consult with the ED on placing these articles in “mainstream” publications.

Collaborate with the Editors of Language, eLanguage, and the Chairs of the Program Committee to spotlight significant research of interest to those outside the linguistics community, as published/presented in the current issues and/or meeting. This should include garnering press coverage for the Annual Meeting.

Consult with the ED in preparing LSA news releases as appropriate.

Maintain the FAQ brochures and related content on the LSA website, identifying additional topics of interest where appropriate.

Suggest nominees for the Linguistics, Language and the Public Award to the awards committee.

Coordinate efforts with the LiSC regarding educational programs and policies for primary and secondary school students and teachers.

Coordinate outreach efforts with LSA liaisons and delegates to external organizations representing the academic and scientific communities.

Monitor websites and other publications for items relating to linguistics and language (for example, Facebook, LinkedIn, Wikipedia, LinguistList, LanguageLog, etc.)

Consult with the ED in seeking grants to support these activities, as appropriate.

Possible membership (open):

Editors of Language and eLanguage

Member of Program Committee

Members with experience as journalists

Members who write/speak for a popular audience

Members who are quoted frequently by the news media

One member of LiSC

Staff Liaison: ED

Resolutions Committee

Charge: A Resolutions Committee consisting of three members will be appointed by the president prior to the beginning of each regular or special meeting. Any member wishing to introduce a resolution must submit it in advance to the Resolutions Committee which, in addition to its traditional duty of formulating resolutions of thanks and the like, will have the duty to make sure that the language is clear, and that duplication is avoided. The Resolutions Committee may meet in advance for this purpose or may, if necessary, retire to caucus during the course of the meeting.

Membership (by invitation)

The two first-year members of the Executive Committee are automatically on the committee, plus one member recommended from the local area in which the Annual Meeting is being held, appointed by the Executive Committee.

Staff Liaison: ED

Committee on Social and Political Policies

Background

Established in 1988 as the Committee on Social and Political Issues. “Issues” changed to “Concerns” in 1992, “Concerns” changed to “Policies” in 2009

Responsibilities

The committee advances the field of linguistics through social public policy initiatives. These includes efforts to encourage expanded government, foundation, and private funding for linguistics research, to create greater public support for linguistics instruction, and to advance the policy positions of the LSA with regard to linguistics as a scholarly profession and as an academic discipline. The committee works closely with the Executive Director, the new PR Committee, and the various delegates/liaisons to colleague organizations with an interest in policies affecting the social sciences and humanities.

The Committee also recommends to the Executive Committee policies concerning official responses by the Executive Committee to such issues as (a) political pressures affecting the ability of linguists to pursue their research and (b) legislation concerning language or linguistic rights. The Committee also brings to the attention of the Executive Committee social or political issues that they should be aware of. The Committee may be called upon by the Executive Committee to draft responses or position papers on specific issues or to initiate inquiries. The Committee should keep in mind that such responses and position papers, once approved by the Executive Committee and/or endorsed by the membership, will be in the public domain and may be widely circulated on the web and in the press. A subcommittee may be established from time to time by the Executive Committee to monitor and consult with government and other agencies on specific social and political issues.

Membership (open)

Suggested composition to possibly include:

Delegates/liaisons to COSSA, NHA, JNCL and AAAS.

One former EC member

At least 6 members, serving three-year terms.

Staff Liaison: ED

Committee on Student Issues and Concerns (COSIAC)

Background

Established in 2007.

Responsibilities

To address issues and concerns of student members; to review services currently provided to student members (e.g., the Student Mixer at the Annual Meeting), with an eye to expanding and improving them; and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on ways to increase student participation and involvement in LSA activities. It is expected that this Committee will be composed primarily of student members.

Membership (open)

Chaired by the Bloch Fellow. Composed primarily of students. At least 6 members, serving three-year terms plus the Bloch Fellow *ex officio*.

Suggested projects:

To expand and update content for students on the LSA website

To suggest topics and speakers for professional development sessions at the Annual Meeting and Linguistic Institute.

To assist with outreach to prospective student members, in consultation with COMSIT.

To consult with COSWL and CEDL on issues affecting female and minority students.

To assist with the development of mentoring programs among LSA members.

Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics (COSWL)

Background

Established in 1974.

Mission

To monitor and advance the status of women in Linguistics.

Responsibilities

The work of the Committee includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Monitors and advances the status of women in linguistics.
2. Proposes to the Executive Committee LSA policies regarding the rights, opportunities, and needs of women in linguistics.
3. Maintains liaison with other organizations concerned with the status of women in linguistics and investigates possibilities for cooperating with such groups on specific projects.
4. 5. Advocates for the Society's guidelines for nonsexist usage, proposing revisions or additions to the Executive Committee as deemed appropriate.
6. Organizes professional development programming to assist women in advancing their careers as linguists.
7. Encourages research on language, women, gender and sexuality.

Membership (Open)

At least 6 members serving three-year terms.

At least one graduate and one undergraduate student member

Staff Liaison: ED

Technology Advisory Committee (TAC)

Background

At its January 2006 meeting, the LSA Executive Committee reviewed the mandates of the Computing and Web Advisory Committees and determined that these two committees should be combined and renamed the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC).

Responsibilities

To assess the role of new technologies in linguistics research and support efforts for such technologies to be used by linguists.

To serve as liaison between the LSA and digital standards bodies (e.g., ISO and the Unicode Consortium) and to coordinate this work with the LSA's sister societies, both within linguistics and other disciplines, in order to ensure that the interests of the field of linguistics are represented in the development and maintenance of digital standards.

To advise the LSA Executive Committee on what actions to take with respect to the development of new digital modes of dissemination for scholarly linguistic work.

To assess the role of new technologies in linguistics instruction and support efforts for such technologies to be used by instructors.

Membership (open)

At least 6 members, serving three-year terms; also the Executive Director, the editor of eLanguage, and the LSA delegate to ACL serve as ex officio; technical contacts are asked to serve as necessary.

Staff Liaison: ED

“Subcommittees” of the Executive Committee

Finance & Audit Committees

The Constitution specifies the following:

4. There shall be a Finance Committee composed of the Secretary-Treasurer, who will serve as Chair, the President, Vice President/President-Elect, and the immediate Past President. One additional person may be appointed to the committee by the Secretary-Treasurer in consultation with the Finance Committee to serve as Investment Advisor. The Committee shall have the responsibility for recommending fiscal policy to the Executive Committee and for overseeing the financial affairs of the Society. The Committee shall meet at least twice each year in conjunction with the meetings of the Executive Committee.

5. There shall be an Audit Committee composed of three members of the Society, including one current member of the Executive Committee, serving staggered three-year terms. Each year the President shall appoint one of the three members as Chair. The Committee is charged with reviewing the Society's engagement letter with the firm selected to perform the annual audit, considering the draft financial report and management letter, and presenting a report to the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting.

(Note: an amendment to the Constitution was approved by the Executive Committee in May, 2009 that would alter the composition of the committee. It will be considered by the LSA membership via electronic ballot in the Fall of 2009.)

Committee on Committee and Delegate Appointments.

This committee solicits nominations for service on committees and as delegates to external organizations. It makes recommendations to the EC and the President regarding the appointment of committee chairs, members and delegates. The committee has traditionally been Chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer, and includes the two second-year members of the EC. The DMM serves as the staff liaison, and the ED is privy to its deliberations. It meets once a year at the May meeting of the EC, but may also conduct its business electronically in-between meetings.

Addendum C

Executive Director's Report, May 2009
(Reflecting January – April, 2009)

Strategic Plan Implementation

- Circulated approved plan to committee chairs to facilitate changes in committee conduct.
- Created public version of plan and uploaded it onto LSA website.
- Drafted proposed changes to committee charges and composition, including new committees.
- Consultation with DMM and Program Committee to encourage more professional development programming at the Annual Meeting.

Business Plan Implementation

- Drafted survey and compiled results of business practices for ACLS member organizations; prepared a proposal for restructuring of LSA dues and fees.
- Created and disseminated Prospectus for advertisers, exhibitors and sponsors.
- Consultation with DMM on development and implementation of membership marketing campaign.
- Sent fundraising appeals to current LSA members and to former fellowship recipients.
- Updated contribution options on website.
- Conducted extensive review of restricted funds history and accounts; drafted recommendations for consideration by ad-hoc working group; convened meeting of working group; drafted action items for consideration by the EC.
- Convened a telecon to discuss a possible proposal to NEH on digital humanities.
- Negotiated agreement for bartering ads with MIT Press.
- Actions to reduce expenses:
 - Met with alternative composition/printing company and obtained estimate;
 - Eliminated ISDN telephone line;
 - Contracted for new postage meter lease;
 - Investigated numerous website vendors (see additional detail below);
 - Transferred off-site storage boxes to archive collection at WHMC;
 - Paid down line of credit to zero;
 - Discussions with Hilton about lowering room rates in Baltimore;

Fundraising/Development (see also Business Plan above)

- Submitted application for participation in the Combined Federal Campaign.
- Consultation with DMM on preparation and implementation of membership marketing plan, including outreach to non-member faculty and colleague organizations.
- Added list of Leadership Circle members to the website.
- Met fundraising goal for NEH matching grant (Ken Hale) and submitted final report.

Administrative/Financial

- Prepared FY2010 propose budget.
- Reviewed tax returns and submitted them; disseminated to EC.
- Reviewed 1st and 2nd quarter financial statements and discussed with S-T.
- Proposed revisions to the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual.
- Implemented new payroll system.
- Implemented matching contributions for LSA retirement plan.
- Developed new performance review forms and conducted reviews for both staff members.
- Consultation with current staff to update job descriptions.
- Filed delinquent Form 5500 with DoL for retirement plan years 2006 and 2007.
- Renewed DC Business License and paid penalty for lapsed license (two years).

Annual Meeting

- Posted online evaluation form and sent e-mail reminder to registrants.
- Consultation with DMM on: call for organized sessions; RFP for 2013.
- Met with Hilton representatives to discuss meeting locations for 2015 and beyond.
- Conducted site visit to Baltimore (2010).
- Prepared a proposal for an organized session on “Linguistics in the Public Arena.”

Linguistic Institute

- Revised application form for Bloch Fellowship.
- Correspondence regarding finances.
- Circulated sponsorship materials to prospective sponsors.

Website

- Met with Chris Potts to discuss current challenges for the LSA website.
- Convened a telecon with key stakeholders to discuss open source software alternatives
- Contacted recommended vendors to discuss possible web revamp.
- Met with LinguistList to discuss their estimate for website revamp.
- Reviewed reporting module developed by LinguistList; requested estimate for revamping online contribution form.
- Prepared recommendations for enhancements and ongoing maintenance of the site.

Language

- Consultation with outgoing Editor, LSA Archivist and President on document retention and archiving policies. Drafted revised policy and action item for consideration by the EC.
- Responded to request from Editor for proofreading and copy-editing rate increase.
- Developed a recommendation for site licensing of Language thru PMUSE (approved).
- Attended PMUSE Publishers Meeting.

Committee Support (including the EC)

- Consultation on various electronic action items of the EC.
- Implemented Conflict of Interest Policy (annual declaration forms).
- Prepared EC meeting packet (May 2009).
- Consultation with TAC on various issues, including a request for recommendations regarding cyberinfrastructure for linguistics.
- Consultation with Language in the Schools Committee on proposal to incorporate the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad.
- Consultation with Political and Social Affairs Committee on: proposal to join Science & Human Rights Coalition; ACLU support letter on ideological exclusion.
- Conducted orientation for new EC member Scott Grimm (Bloch fellow).
- Consultation with COMSIT regarding website revamp and membership outreach.

External Relations

- Attended Executive Committee meeting of COSSA, and a COSSA-organized meeting with NSF division directors.
- Attended two meetings of the Coalition for National Science Funding, including their Annual Exhibition on Capitol Hill.
- Attended National Humanities Alliance Annual Meeting and Advocacy Day.
 - Met with staff in Rep. Steny Hoyer's office
- Attended Diversity in Science briefing on Capitol Hill.
- Attended CAL Anniversary Symposium.
- Attended AAAS Human Rights Coalition Conference (see also Committee Support above).
- Met with NSA representative to discuss advisory committee on language.
- Attended American Academy of Arts & Sciences symposium.
- Attended Interagency Language Roundtable Meeting.

Other

- Reviewed marketing document and correspondence relating to legal issues affecting *eLanguage*.
- Prepared citations for Honorary Members inducted in 2009.
- Responded to various media and member inquiries.
- Responded to various copyright permissions requests and related issues.
- Attended condo owners meeting.

Addendum D

TO: LSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 FROM: DAVID ROBINSON, DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS
 SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP REPORT
 DATE: 27 APRIL 2009

This report presents statistics on LSA membership, particularly as compared with figures from the end of the previous year, projects membership gains through the end of calendar year 2009, and summarizes past and ongoing efforts to recruit new members and retain existing ones.

I. Membership statistics and projections

The table below shows LSA membership statistics as of 24 April, 2009. Note that the figures in the "2008" column are from 29 December 2008, and so represent total LSA membership at the end of that calendar year.

			2008	2009
Individual Memberships				
	Regular			
		US	1412	1143
		Non-US	<u>941</u>	<u>615</u>
		Total	2353	1758
	Student			
		US	1356	1095
		Non-US	<u>205</u>	<u>193</u>
		Total	1561	1288
	Emeritus		15	24
	Honorary		46	49
	Life			
		New (40 years)	33	Tk
		New (\$1500)	15	7
		New (Honorary)	2	3
		Previous	<u>479</u>	<u>529</u>
		Total	529	539
	Total Individual		4504	3658
Institutions/Agencies				
	US		897	880
	Int'l		<u>506</u>	<u>409</u>
	Total		1403	1289
Total Memberships			5907	4947
Regular/Total			52.2%	48.1%
Student/Total			34.7%	35.2%

Fig. 1. LSA Membership figures, 24 April 2009 vs. 29 December 2009

In 2008, the LSA gained 417 new members between 24 April and 30 June, and an additional 302 new mid-year members between 1 July and 31 December. If the same number of new members joined the Society during the remainder of calendar year 2009, individual memberships would show a decline of 2.5 percent.

While it is fruitless to speculate too specifically on the effects of the recession, it is reasonable to suggest that, *ceteris paribus*, membership figures will be negatively affected. To combat existing and potential declines in memberships, the Secretariat has undertaken and is continuing to undertake a variety of efforts to attract new members to the Society and retain our existing ones.

Membership Recruitment

To attract new members to the LSA, it is necessary to identify individuals and institutions that may be interested in LSA membership. These fall into three main categories, with some prominent examples given.

- I. Individuals (regular or student members)
 - visitors to the LSA website
 - former LSA members
 - nonmember registrants at LSA Meetings.
 - nonmember faculty at institutions with linguistics departments and programs
 - nonmember faculty at other institutions
 - members of other, affiliated organizations and attendees at their meetings
 - individuals with a general interest in linguistics
 - linguists in industry and government

- II. Students
 - students in graduate programs at institutions with linguistics departments and programs
 - undergraduate students at institutions with linguistics departments or programs

- III. Institutions
 - institutions which receive *Language* neither in hard copy, from the LSA, nor online, via Project MUSE

Campaigns already undertaken by the Secretariat during the past few months include:

- membership e-mail to individuals who have visited the LSA website but not joined;
- membership e-mail to nonmember registrants at the LSA 2009 Annual Meeting;
- paper membership letter to nonmember faculty in linguistics departments listed in the LSA's online directory of departments and programs (to be followed, pending

- detailed evaluation of the results of this campaign, by a letter to nonmember faculty in institutions having linguistics programs);
- paper membership letter to faculty in these linguistics departments and programs who are former members of the LSA;
 - paper membership letter to former Linguistic Institute named Fellows whose memberships have lapsed;
 - personal membership appeals from Executive Committee members (and, eventually, LSA committee leadership) to nonmember colleagues;
 - paper membership letter to non-member department and program heads, signed by Executive Committee members who lead linguistics departments or programs.

Judging from the responses we have received in terms of new and returning members, these outreach efforts have met with a modest success which at least justifies the cost of labor, material, and postage. A more detailed analysis of effectiveness will be made where feasible.

Other, more comprehensive outreach efforts are still in the works, and it is on these that I will be focusing heavily in the coming months:

- outreach to colleague organizations for sale or, preferably, barter of such items as membership lists, conference attendee lists, advertising space in journals, web site listings, and material to be distributed at meetings;
- a revamped “Why Join the LSA?” membership brochure and associated poster or flyer, to be developed in conjunction with COMSIT and distributed at other meetings and through linguistics department chairs and program heads;
- a student-focused membership brochure and/or poster with tear cards, to be in place by fall 2009 when new and returning students arrive on campus;
- membership materials targeted to Baltimore-Washington area linguists, who will be more likely to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting;
- incentives and programs, as approved by the Executive Committee and if consistent with our website capabilities, such as: rolling membership, joint memberships, gift memberships, “refer-a-member” programs, “design-a-slogan” programs, and the like.

Membership Retention

Existing LSA members periodically have their attention drawn to the benefits and services to which they are entitled. Some of the more prominent benefits and services—e.g. *Language* and the LSA Annual Meeting—are eagerly anticipated. Others are promoted by such means as:

- the “Take Note” entries at the top of every LSA page
- “Quick Links” at the left of every LSA page
- Periodic e-mails to the membership

In addition, several renewal reminders are e-mailed to existing members toward the end of each calendar year. A paper reminder is sent to those members who have not responded to

the first two or three e-mailed appeals, and renewal reminders continue to be sent during the first three months of the following year. Special renewal letters are also sent each year to former LSA members whose memberships have lapsed for over one year.

Institutional subscribers to *Language* are sent paper renewal notices towards the end of each calendar year, as well as reminder notices on a schedule similar to that used for individual members. A “final notice” was recently sent to those institutional subscribers who had not renewed for 2009.

As institutional subscribers increasingly turn to online access to *Language*, the LSA’s own institutional subscription numbers are affected, although it is difficult to determine the extent of the effect. It is worth noting that by 2010, we expect to be able to offer site licenses providing online access to the journal directly to institutional subscribers that wish it, at a substantial reduction in costs compared to the provision of a paper copy of the journal.

Member Benefits and Services

Member benefits and services serve both to attract new members to the LSA and to retain those we already have. Member benefits and services include recent enhancements to the LSA website such as the Book Exchange and the Linguistic Academic Depository; longstanding benefits such as access to *Language*, the *LSA Bulletin* (until it is retired), eligibility to submit abstracts for the Annual meeting, and eligibility to submit articles to *Language*; and revamped benefits such as discounts on books and journals through publishers. These benefits are touted to potential members in materials that are sent to them, and to existing members via the means noted in the “Membership Retention” section, above.

During the coming months, we will continue to work, with the assistance of LSA committees and our webmaster, to make the LSA website more user-friendly, better organized, and more current technologically.

A note on Inbound Marketing

We plan this year to explore the development of what is termed “inbound marketing” to promote both LSA membership and the Annual Meeting. To date, our promotional efforts have focused on traditional “outbound marketing” methods, whereby we identify potential members and target them with “interruption-based” materials such as letters or e-mails. In contrast, inbound marketing is “permission-based” in that it focuses on getting found by individuals who are already interested in and learning about linguistics or about the LSA.

Inbound marketing efforts are internet-based and include the use of technologies such as:

- search engine refinements
- blogging and microblogging (twittering)
- RSS feeds
- social networking (Facebook, LinkedIn)
- social bookmarking sites (Del.icio.us)
- photo/video sharing sites (Flickr, YouTube, Google Video)
- news aggregators (Digg, Mixx, Reddit, NewsVine)

We expect to explore some of these options with the assistance of the Technology Advisory Committee, the LSA webmaster, and other interested individuals.

TO: LSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 FROM: DAVID ROBINSON, DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS
 DATE: 27 APRIL 2009
 SUBJECT: MEETINGS REPORT

2009 Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting took place at the Hilton San Francisco from 8-11 January. In addition to the academic program, which featured the usual plenary talks and symposium, organized sessions, concurrent paper sessions, and poster sessions, the Meeting featured an Exhibit Hall with nineteen participating exhibitors; a job placement service used by a dozen universities and other organizations; open meetings of LSA committees, government entities, publishers, and the like; a panel on graduate student interests; and a reception in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Center for Applied Linguistics. The LSA Business Meeting included the presentation of awards, induction of LSA Fellows, introduction of resolutions, and other business.

Careful and timely preplanning allowed the LSA to keep meeting costs low and, in keeping with the goal outlined in the LSA's newly-adopted strategic plan, to generate a modest net revenue for the LSA through registration/exhibitor fees, ads, sponsorships, and other promotional opportunities. In particular, planning for this meeting featured:

- outreach to former and potential advertisers, exhibitors, and sponsors, resulting in a modest increase in the number of each, and the LSA's first-ever sponsored Annual Meeting Tote Bag
- a reconfiguration of the Job Placement Service which completely eliminated staffing costs and significantly reduced other overhead costs
- early solicitation of proposals from decorators and audiovisual equipment providers, resulting in timely negotiation of contracts and significant cost reductions.

Nearly 1100 people attended the Meeting. For a number of reasons, including the desirable location and the extremely attractive sleeping room rate, many chose to extend their stay in San Francisco. As a result, the LSA exceeded its contracted block of sleeping rooms by nearly 50 percent, leading to an addition discount on our master bill with the San Francisco Hilton.

Attendee satisfaction was gauged through an attendee survey included with the Annual Meeting handbook and made available online. Although the number of surveys completed was relatively small, the majority of respondents indicated satisfaction with the quality and quantity of events at the Meeting.

2010 Annual Meeting

Marketing

The 2010 Annual Meeting will take place at the Hilton Baltimore, a new hotel in the city's Inner Harbor area, from 7-10 January. Executive Director Alyson Reed and I attended the hotel's grand opening in October 2008 and paid another site visit to the property in April 2009 to view the meeting space firsthand and begin to allocate rooms for the 2010 meeting.

In view of the current economic climate, we are planning to promote the meeting aggressively to LSA members and other potential attendees. In particular, I am working with:

- the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association on materials for the Annual Meeting web page to promote Baltimore as a destination;
- a former colleague at Georgetown on materials to highlight the linguistic interest of the Baltimore area;
- a Local Arrangements Committee for the 2010 meeting.

Among its other tasks, the Local Arrangements Committee will be asked to

- develop Baltimore transportation, dining, nightlife, and "Baltimore on a budget" links for the Annual Meeting page (and, eventually, handouts for meeting attendees);
- ensure a vigorous participation at the meeting by Baltimore and Washington linguistics departments, programs, and other organizations;
- solicit student volunteers for the Meeting;
- develop promotional materials for the Meeting on social networking sites such as Facebook, Flickr, and Twitter;
- assist us with obtaining lists of local media contacts.

The Hilton Baltimore is well suited to host an LSA meeting, with ample sleeping and meeting room space for the LSA's needs. It is an item of some concern, particularly in the present economic climate, that the sleeping room rate negotiated for this meeting when the contract was signed in 2007 is noticeably higher (\$125/night) than the \$99/night rates we were later able to negotiate for the 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2014 meetings. I am monitoring sleeping room rates at other hotels in the area, particularly the nearby Holiday Inn, and am endeavoring to find out if we can get any leverage to negotiate this rate downwards.

Planning for this meeting will also feature extended periods of time for abstract submission (1 June through 31 July), meeting registration (1 September through mid December), and hotel room reservation (October through mid December) in order to maximize the opportunities for individuals to participate.

Planning

Most planning for the 2010 meeting is still in the preliminary stages. The preliminary deadline for the submission of organized session proposals was 17 April. The remaining work for the 2010 meeting will take place later this year. Most significantly:

- in May, a call for abstracts will be posted on the website and disseminated to our colleague organizations; information on Baltimore will begin to be placed on the Annual Meeting web page;
- decorators (for the exhibits area), audio-visual equipment providers, and printers (for the Handbook) will be solicited beginning in August;
- advertisers (for the meeting Handbook) and sponsors (for tote bags, packet inserts, receptions, etc.) will also be solicited beginning in August;
- abstract notification will take place in mid to late September;
- in October, the complete schedule of sessions will be posted on the website.

2011 Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held from 6-9 January at the Hilton Pittsburgh. The contract for this hotel was negotiated along with the contract for the 2014 meeting in Minneapolis, allowing the LSA to take advantage of multi-year discounts offered by Hilton.

2012 Annual Meeting

The 2012 Annual Meeting will take place at the Hilton Portland and Executive Towers from 5-8 January. Portland was the original site of the 2009 meeting, which was moved due to a labor dispute affecting the property. The 2012 return to Portland was negotiated in tandem with the relocation of the 2009 meeting to San Francisco and Hilton's extension of the \$99/night Portland hotel rate to the San Francisco venue.

2013 Annual Meeting

The site selection process for the 2013 meeting is well under way. The results to date of the site selection process, including planned site visits to Atlanta, Georgia and Boston, Massachusetts, are detailed in my 2013 Annual Meeting Site Selection Report, included elsewhere in this packet.

2014 Annual Meeting

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held from 2-5 January at the Hilton Minneapolis. The contract for this hotel was negotiated along with the contract for the 2011 meeting in Pittsburgh, allowing the LSA to take advantage of multi-year discounts offered by Hilton.

2015 and Beyond

Through 2014, we are committed to our current meeting dates and times. Planning for the 2015 meeting should begin in 2011, a little under four years ahead of the meeting dates. Therefore, within the next few years, the Executive Committee may wish to consider such questions as:

- the feasibility of utilizing convention centers for some of our meeting space. This would expand the number of hotel properties in which we might meet, and allow for a more competitive bidding process;
- the possibility of changing the dates on which we meet (for example, should the MLA meeting on our dates prove to be a significant drain on our attendance);
- the possibility of changing the pattern of days on which we meet (for example, having sessions throughout the day on Thursday instead of just in the afternoon);
- the desirability of meeting in warmer-weather destinations, should prevailing hotel room rates make this a possibility.

TO: LSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 FROM: DAVID ROBINSON, DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS
 SUBJECT: SITE SELECTION FOR 2013 ANNUAL MEETING
 DATE: 27 APRIL 2009

In keeping with the LSA's established meeting dates and the three-year geographical site rotation established in 2008, the 2013 Annual Meeting will take place in an East Coast city from 3-6 January. Based on the site selection process described in the following report, I will conduct site visits to Atlanta, Georgia and Boston, Massachusetts in the near future.

I. Site Selection and Request for Proposal (RFP)

In March, 2009 I prepared a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the LSA's 2013 Annual meeting. An RFP is a meeting planning document, made available to Convention and Visitors Bureaus (CVBs) and individual hotel properties, which outlines in a preliminary fashion the LSA's needs for sleeping and meeting room space as well as our expectations for contractual concessions. It allows hotels to evaluate the financial benefit to them of hosting an LSA meeting.

After discussion with Secretariat staff and industry colleagues, the RFP was sent to the CVBs of six different cities: Atlanta, Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Tampa, and Washington DC. Selection of a possible host city is based mainly on:

- the number of hotel properties with sufficient sleeping and meeting space;
- a linguistics presence in local institutions of higher education, which can drive meeting attendance and student volunteerism;
- the presence of one or more major hub airports, preferably served by discount airlines;
- ease of access to hotels from the airport(s).

Figure 1, below, shows the number of proposals received from available properties of appropriate size in these cities, along with the range of sleeping room rates offered by the hotels. No hotels were available in New York City since the Modern Language Association, which will meet on the same dates as the LSA beginning in 2011, has a hold on all convention hotel space in that city for our 2013 dates.

City	Proposals	Low rate	High rate
Atlanta	5	\$105	\$159
Boston	3	\$101	\$109
New York City	0	n/a	n/a
Philadelphia	1	\$119	\$119
Tampa	1	\$109	\$109
Washington, DC	3	\$129	\$149

Fig. 1. Number of proposals received for 2013 Meeting, showing range of sleeping room rates.

II. Preliminary Negotiations

After proposals are received, the next step is to conduct preliminary negotiations for sleeping room rates and concessions to be offered. I negotiate both for items which will be of value to all meeting attendees, such as complimentary internet access in guest rooms and discounts at hotel eateries, and for items which will reduce the LSA's costs, such as complimentary and discounted staff rooms, complimentary upgrades, and discounts on catering and audiovisual equipment.

I felt it was important to obtain a sleeping room rate that compared favorably with the \$99/night the LSA will enjoy at its 2011, 2012, and 2014 meetings, and was able to prevail on many of the bidding properties to lower their rate to something much closer to this. In the present economic climate, meeting planners are in a good bargaining position vis-à-vis hotels, and I was able in many cases to obtain all, or nearly all, of our desired concessions.

III. Site Visits

The next step in the process is to conduct site visits, which allow me to have a first-hand look at potential host cities and to evaluate host hotels in terms of meeting and sleeping room space, general appearance, room layout, location, and transportation options.

Site visits take approximately two days, and are arranged by local CVBs. Typically, a tour of the city is arranged, and approximately two hours are spent in each potential host hotel, viewing meeting and sleeping room space, exhibit halls, and other facilities. The cost of transportation to the host city is typically covered by the CVB or the hotels, and complimentary housing is provided at one of the host hotels, so costs to the LSA are negligible.

Based on the number of offers received and the concessions offered, I will make site visits to Atlanta and Boston in the near future. While the offers received from Washington, DC properties are not as attractive, I can arrange to take a few hours to visit each of them (all are within walking distance of the Secretariat). Since the options in Philadelphia and Tampa are fewer, I will not make a site visit to these cities, but there is a proposal from a property in each which merits consideration.

The site visits will be take place in May. I will prepare a final report for the Executive Committee by early June providing details of each city and hotel visit, comparing proposals, and making a final recommendation. I will present my recommendation to the Executive Committee for ratification by e-mail vote, after which a contract will be negotiated with the selected property.

Addendum E

LSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 9-10, 2009 Addendum to the Minutes

On Sunday morning, May 10, 2009, the LSA Executive Committee went into executive session to discuss the continued employment and compensation of the three LSA staff members – Alyson Reed, Executive Director, David Robinson, Director of Membership and Meetings, and Rita Lewis, Executive Assistant.

After discussion, the EC decided to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director Performance Review Committee to continue the ED's employment for the coming year, with a special note of praise for her extraordinary performance since joining the LSA. The EC approved increasing her annual leave from 12 days per year to 18 days per year. Also, the EC voted to award her a bonus in recognition of exceptional performance, the amount of the bonus being \$3,000 total cost to the LSA, including any payroll taxes and/or fringe benefits that are required accompaniments to compensation.

The EC approved the ED's recommendation for continued employment for David Robinson and Rita Lewis, and to award them each a 5% increase in salary.

LSA Meetings and Institutes

LSA 2010 Annual Meeting

The LSA's **2010 Annual Meeting** web page, which includes links to hotel registration, abstract submission, and other information about the Baltimore meeting, is available at <http://lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm>. Information about submitting organized session proposals is available at

http://www.lsadc.org/info/pdf_files/2010%20Organized%20Sessions.pdf. Proposals for 20-minute papers and posters are also due by July 31. Full abstract guidelines and specifications are available on the LSA website at <https://lsadc.org/info/meet-ann10-abguide.cfm>. LSA members may log into the website to submit a proposal; nonmembers may join at <http://www.lsadc.org>.

Specific dates of interest to members are:

1 June through 31 July	Online submission of abstracts
1 September through 12 December	Online preregistration for the Annual Meeting
Late September	Notification of abstract acceptance/rejection
Fall 2009 – 4 December 2009	Hotel registration available

(Dates subject to change)

Other Future Meetings and Institutes

6-9 January 2011	Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
Summer 2011	Linguistic Institute, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
5-8 January 2012	Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
3-6 January 2013	Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
2-5 January 2014	Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

Institutions with an interest in hosting a future Linguistic Institute should contact David Robinson, Director of Membership and Meetings at the Secretariat, at drobinson@lsadc.org.

Other Meetings and Institutes

August, 2009

7-9. 13th Harvard International Symposium on Korean Linguistics (HISOKL-13)

Location: Harvard University

Website: <http://www.harvard-isokl.org>

Contact: kuno@fas.harvard.edu; ihlee@yonsei.ac.kr

7-9. The 2009 International Course and Conference on Role and Reference Grammar (RRG)

Location: University of California, Berkeley

Website: <http://www.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/RRGCONF09/>

Contact (for abstract submission): rrgconf09@phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de

27-29. 2009 Annual Meeting and Conference of the Gypsy Lore Society

Location: University of Helsinki

Website: http://www.ling.helsinki.fi/ykiel/GLS_2009/

Contact (for abstract submission): Kimmo.Granqvist@kotus.fi

Contact: salla.makela@helsinki.fi

28-30. 2009 Conference on Community-Based Language Revival

Location: The Three Rivers Language Center, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne

Website: <http://www.ipfw.edu/trlc/Conference.html>

Contact: Chad Thompson (ThompsOC@ipfw.edu)

September, 2009

10-12. 6th International Conference on Third Language Acquisition and Multilingualism

Location: Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy

Website: <http://www.unibz.it/L3conference>

Sep 17 - Oct 7. Festival of Languages

Location: Bremen, Germany

Website: <http://www.festival.uni-bremen.de/>

October, 2009

12-14. International Multiconference on Computer Science and Information Technology (IMCSIT 2009)

Location: Mragowo, Poland

Web Site: <http://cla.imcsit.org/>

19-30. Compass Interdisciplinary Virtual Conference

Location: Online, USA

Contact Person: Kirsten Claiden-Yardley

Meeting Email: compassconference@wiley.com

Web Site: http://www.blackwell-compass.com/home_conference

November, 2009

7. Language & Linguistics Student Conference

Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 September 2009

Location: University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma

Contact (for abstract submission): langconf@gmail.com

Web Site: <http://www.libarts.uco.edu/english/linguistics.htm>

January, 2010

29-31. Second International Conference on the Development and Assessment of Intercultural Competence

Theme: Intercultural Competence through Foreign Language Teaching and Learning

Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 June 2009

Location: Tucson, Arizona

Web Site: http://www.cercll.arizona.edu/icc_2010.php

February, 2010

4-6. Current Approaches to Spanish and Portuguese Second Language Phonology 2010

Abstract Submission Deadline: 31 August 2009

Location: University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Contact: Gillian Lord (glord@ufl.edu)

Web Site: <http://caspslp2010.edublogs.org/>

19-21. First International Conference on Heritage/Community Language

Abstract Submission Deadline: 1 September 2009

Location: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Contact: Sara Hosegera (shosegera@summer.ucla.edu)

Web Site: <http://www.international.ucla.edu/languages/nhlrc/conference/>

March, 2010

26-28. The 40th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages

Abstract Submission Deadline: 13 November 2009

Location: University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Contact: lsrl2010@u.washington.edu

Web Site: <http://depts.washington.edu/lsrl2010/>

April, 2010

7-10. 1st Conference on Applied Interculturality Research (cAIR)

Abstract Submission Deadline: 31 August 2009

Location: University of Graz, Graz, Styria, Austria

Contact: cair10@uni-graz.at

Web Site: <http://www.uni-graz.at/fAIR/cAIR10/>

9-10. Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable

Location: UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California

Contact: Irmengard Rauch (irauch@berkeley.edu)

22-25. National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages 13th International Conference

Theme: Moving LCLTs to a New Professional Level

Location: Sheraton Madison Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

Contact: ncolctf@mailplus.wisc.edu

Website: <http://www.councilnet.org/conf/conf2010/2010-announce.htm>

July, 2010

8-10. 12th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon 12)

Theme: "Gesture as language, gesture and language"

Location: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA

Contact: labfon12@unm.edu

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>URL</u>
Fulbright Scholar Program for US Faculty and Professionals	8/1/2009	http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/
NSF DEL (Documenting Endangered Languages)	9/15/2009	http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12816
Franklin Research Grants	10/1/2009	http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/franklin.htm
Sabbatical Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences	10/15/2009	http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/sabbatical.htm
Franklin Research Grants	12/1/2009	http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/franklin.htm
Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research	2/15/2010	http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/lewisandclark.htm
Phillips Fund Grant for Native American Research	3/1/2010	http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/phillips.htm

Grant Agency Addresses

AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM, 1454 Van Hise Hall, University of Wisconsin, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706; (608) 262-2380; fax: (608) 262-6998

ALBERTA HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, Students Finance Board, 10th Floor, Baker Center, 10025 106th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5J 4P9; (403) 427-8640; fax: (403) 422-4516

ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION, Jean-Paul-Strasse 12, W-5300 Bonn 2, Federal Republic of Germany; (0228) 833-0; facsimile: (0228) 833 199; North American Office, 1350 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 903, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 296-2990; fax: (202) 833-8514

AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME, 41 East 65th Street, New York, NY 10021; (212) 517-4200

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609-1634; (508) 755-5221; fax: (508) 753-3311

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, Educational Foundation, 1111 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-4873; (202) 728-7603; helpline@aauw.org; <http://www.aauw.org/education/fga//index.cfm>

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES, Office of Fellowships & Grants, 633 3rd Avenue, New York, NY 10017-6795; (212) 697-1505; fax: (212) 949-8058; fellowships@acsl.org
<http://www.acls.org/grants/default.aspx?id=354>

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, One Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 939-9420; fax: (202) 833-4760

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES, 1130 East 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; (773) 702-8638; aiis@chicago.edu; <http://www.indiastudies.org/fellow.htm>

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PAKISTAN STUDIES, PO Box 7568, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC 27109; (919) 759-5453; fax: (919) 759-6104.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR YEMENI STUDIES, PO Box 311, Ardmore, PA 19003-0311; (610) 896-5412; fax: (610) 896-9049; mellis@sas.upenn.edu; <http://www.aiys.org>

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 104 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3386; (215) 440-3400; LMusumeci@amphilsoc.org; <http://www.amphilsoc.org>

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; (202) 336-6127; fax: (202) 336-6012; mfp@apa.org; <http://www.apa.org/>

AMERICAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN TURKEY, c/o University of Pennsylvania Museum, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6324; (215) 898-3474; fax: (215) 898-0657; leinwand@sas.upenn.edu; <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/>

AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION, 58 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016; (212) 879-9779; fax: (212) 249-3444; grants@amscan.org; <http://www.amscan.org>

BELGIAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC, 195 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510; (203) 777-5765

CAMARGO FOUNDATION, 64 Main Street, PO Box 32, East Haddam, CT 06423

CANADA COUNCIL, PO Box 1047, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 5V8; (613) 598-4310; fax: (613) 598-4390

CANADIAN EMBASSY, Academic Relations Office, 501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001; (202) 682-1740

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF UKRAINIAN STUDIES, 352 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2E8; (403) 492-2972; fax: (403) 492-4967

CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, 202 Junipero Serra Boulevard, Stanford, CA 94305; (415) 321-2052

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Position: Are you up to the challenge of achieving our mission abroad? The CIA's National Clandestine Service (NCS) is seeking highly qualified applicants with foreign language and cultural expertise that can make a difference to protect our country's security. NCS Language Officers engage in translation, interpretation and other language-specific functions in support of the intelligence issues of critical importance to US national security. This career track offers rewarding, fast-paced and high-impact challenges.

Qualifications: Applicants must possess a high degree of personal integrity, a love of country, a team-player attitude, strong interpersonal skills and advanced English and foreign language skills. We welcome applicants from various academic and professional backgrounds. All applicants must successfully undergo several personal interviews, medical and psychological exams, aptitude and language testing, a polygraph interview, and a background investigation. Following entry on duty, candidates will undergo job-specific training. US citizenship required. An equal opportunity employer and a drug-free work force.

Application Details: For more information and to apply, visit: www.cia.gov

AA/EEOE posted [02/19/09]

Verilogue, Inc.
Conversation Analyst / Applied Linguist
Horsham, PA

About Verilogue: Verilogue brings patients, physicians and the healthcare industry together to share information, enhance disease understanding and participate in medical marketing research. In order to develop more effective medicines and communication materials for patients and physicians, the healthcare industry requires more insightful customer data. Verilogue's patent-pending technology system captures information at the *point-of-practice*[™] and enables physicians to digitally record conversations with select patients each month. Verilogue provides a secure and confidential way for patients and physicians to share opinions during office interactions. To learn more, visit www.verilogue.com.

Position: Our Analytics Group applies linguistic and conversation analytic methods to physician-patient conversations, delivering deep insights about disease education, treatment selection, and emotional and attitudinal influences on interactions, among other aspects of physician-patient encounters. Verilogue is seeking an applied linguist with experience in conversation and discourse analysis, corpus linguistics, conceptual metaphor theory (CMT), and/or traditional market research to support the delivery of strategic research reports and other projects.

- Analyzing large bodies of conversational data;
- Aggregating and reporting insights and findings in PowerPoint format;
- Rapidly developing an understanding of the health care and pharmaceutical industry;
- Developing material for and facilitating discussions during client workshops; and,
- Developing external communications, including marketing newsletters, articles for scholarly and consumer publications, conference presentations, etc.

Key Competencies

- Leadership skills, personal incentive, and a demonstrated ability to undertake and successfully conclude projects with minimal supervision;
- An understanding of basic principles of analyzing language-in-use, conceptual metaphors, and discourse structure;
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, both autonomously and collaboratively;
- A sharp eye for detail, precise thinking, the ability to make close, analytical judgments, and a practiced sense of order and organization;
- Experience in corpus or text analysis, conversation analysis, sociolinguistics, and/or ethnographic research; and,
- Solid computer and software competency in a PC/Windows environment, including Microsoft Office (particularly Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint).

Qualifications

- Excellent academic credentials: graduate-level coursework in linguistics preferred; advanced undergraduate coursework acceptable;
- At least two years experience in a professional or business environment; and,
- Experience applying linguistic expertise to real language data.

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AA/EEOE posted [03/16/09]

Lionbridge Technologies, Inc.
Computational Linguists/Language Technology Engineers
Location: Tampere/Finland

<http://www.tampere.fi/english/index.html>

Lionbridge Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: LIOX) is a leading provider of globalization and testing services. Lionbridge combines global resources with proven program management methodologies to serve as an outsource partner throughout a client's product and content lifecycle -- from development to globalization, testing and maintenance. Global organizations in all industries rely on Lionbridge services to increase international market share, speed adoption of global products and content, and enhance their return on enterprise applications and IT system investments. Based in Waltham, Massachusetts, Lionbridge now maintains more than 50 solution centers in 26 countries and provides services under the Lionbridge and VeriTest brands. To learn more, visit <http://www.lionbridge.com>.

Position: We are looking for five (5) Computational Linguists/Language Technology Engineers for the following languages: Slovenian, Basque, Estonian, Finnish, and Hungarian.

Qualifications: Required Skills/Background. Educational background in computational linguistics; Experience in software development; Experience with at least one scripting language; Experience in document authoring, styling, and change control; Localization/Internationalization experience; Ability to take initiative and manage oneself; The ability to deal effectively with people, requiring tact, courtesy, patience and an outgoing personality; Great attention to detail; Coordination skills; Good communication skills; and good organizational and analytical skills, with the ability to work in a logical and methodical way. **Desired/Skills/Background:** Experience in analyzing language (recognition) and/or synthesizing language (generation); Experience in machine and automated translation process; Experience in working in/with large international companies; Experience in working in a multicultural environment. Education/Certification Required. Relevant university level studies, for example a Master's degree in Computational Linguistics.

Application Details: Contact for more information/Send your application: jobs.tampere@lionbridge.com. Please add the following details in your application: Your availability and desired salary. Close date: 30.4.2009.

AA/EEOE posted [04/15/09]

Brown University, Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences
Assistant Professor
Semantic/Pragmatics and Language Processing

Position: The Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences at Brown University has an opening for a 9-month visiting position in semantics/pragmatics and language processing for the academic year 2009-2010. The position will begin September 1, 2009. Duties will include teaching three courses including Introduction to Semantics/Pragmatics, Language Processing, and a third course of the candidate's choosing.

Qualifications: Preference will be given to applicants, who have completed the Ph.D. by August, 2009. Consideration will be given to applications received by May 20, 2009. Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

Application Details: Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a statement including teaching interests, prior experience, and evidence of teaching ability, if available. All materials and letters should be sent electronically to Rosa_Moniz@Brown.Edu with subject heading: Language Job Search. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Brown University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

AA/EEOE posted [05/05/09]

University of British Columbia, Department of Linguistics
Teaching Postdoctoral Fellowship in Linguistics

Position: The Department of Linguistics at the University of British Columbia invites applications for a Teaching Postdoctoral Fellowship in linguistics. Successful candidates will teach, conduct research, and participate actively in the intellectual life of the department. In addition to its strengths in semantics, syntax, morphology, phonetics,

phonology, first language acquisition and field linguistics, the UBC Department of Linguistics has a commitment to the theoretically informed study and documentation of First Nations Languages.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a primary specialization in some area of theoretical linguistics. In addition, expertise in field linguistics and/or another sub-discipline of linguistics would be desirable, especially in morphology, first language acquisition and/or in one or more languages of North America. Applicants should be prepared to teach at the undergraduate level, including at least one introductory course in linguistic theory (syntax or phonology); other courses may include acquisition of phonology, acquisition of syntax, morphology, or introduction to linguistics.

The Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow will teach 3 three-credit courses during the academic year (September to April inclusive). The appointment runs for 12 months, starting at a date to be negotiated between July 1 and September 1, 2009. Applicants should have a Ph.D in linguistics by the start date of the appointment, and must have completed the Ph.D within the past 3 years. The salary range is \$50,000 - \$ 55,000 (Canadian).

Application Details: Send a hard copy of the following materials to the address below: (i) application letter, including a statement outlining courses the applicant is prepared to teach; (ii) curriculum vitae; (iii) teaching evaluations (if available); and (iv) a sample of published or unpublished work. Also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to the same address, and send electronic versions of the application letter and curriculum vitae to edharmar@interchange.ubc.ca:

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Any applicant whose materials are received by June 1, 2009 is guaranteed consideration. The appointment is subject to final budgetary approval. UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity; we encourage all qualified persons to apply. Since these are postdoctoral awards, the positions are open equally to citizens of any country.

AA/EEOE posted [05/26/09]

Stanford University, Department of Linguistics

Lecturer

Sociolinguistics

Position: The Department of Linguistics at Stanford University announces a search for a 2/3-time Lecturer in sociolinguistics for the academic year 2009-10. This is a one-year position, with a salary of \$40,000. The primary duty is teaching four courses, including an undergraduate course on Language and Gender. Topics of the other courses will be worked out in consultation with the regular faculty.

Qualifications: Ph.D preferred.

Application Details: Application materials should be sent in PDF format to lingjobs@stanford.edu. They should include a cover letter, a CV, and teaching evaluations, if available. Two letters of recommendation, also in PDF format, should be sent by the recommenders to the same email address. Applicants' cover letters should indicate: 1) what other courses they would be interested in teaching; and 2) whether they would prefer a 2/3 appointment spread over the three quarters of the academic year, or a full-time appointment for two quarters. Deadline for the receipt of applications is June 22, 2009. Inquiries should be directed to Sue Learned-Driscoll (sld@stanford.edu). Stanford University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

AA/EEOE posted [06/08/09]

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Qualifications: Applicants must successfully complete a thorough medical and psychological exam, a polygraph interview and an extensive background investigation. As part of the screening process, selected applicants must take proficiency tests in their native language. US citizenship is required. An equal opportunity employer and a drug-free work force.

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