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Major Changes Ahead for the LSA

At its May 2005 meeting in Washington, DC, the LSA Executive Committee approved a plan for fiscal year 2005-2006 with several new features. These features are designed to provide additional services to our members while at the same time reducing expenses.

1. LSA Bulletin

The June 2005 LSA Bulletin will be the last bulletin published in paper format. Beginning with the first issue of the LSA Bulletin in the new fiscal year (beginning October 2005), the bulletin will be available on-line at the LSA website; a printed version will no longer be mailed to members. In place of a paper bulletin, an electronic newsletter will be sent out to all members, with short news items and links for additional information.

2. On-Line Membership Renewal

In the next few months, the LSA website will be upgraded to allow current members to renew their memberships on-line. It is expected that this service will be available by the end of the summer, making it possible to renew membership for 2006 on-line. Members will also be able to preregister for the Annual Meeting and make contributions to LSA funds when renewing. The facility for new members to join the LSA and pay membership dues on-line will be available in the near future.

3. Registering for the Annual Meeting

It is expected that later this fall current members will be able to preregister on-line for the 2006 LSA Annual Meeting in Albuquerque (if they have not already done so when renewing their membership).

4. 2005/2006 Membership Dues

Beginning 1 July 2005, new or returning members will become members for the remainder of 2005 and for all of 2006. Prior issues of *Language* will no longer be mailed automatically to new or returning members who join after 1 July each year. These individuals will have the option of purchasing prior issues separately. The membership dues for these individuals will be as follows:

U. S. Addresses

Regular Members (new and returning): \$110

Student Members (returning): \$ 45

Student Members (new): \$ 30

Non-U. S. Addresses

Regular Members (new and returning): \$120

Student Members (returning): \$ 55

Student Members (new): \$ 40

These individuals can request the March 2005 and June 2005 issues of *Language* (\$20 each) using the dues invoice.

The new dues structure means that members who join or return late in the calendar year will no longer immediately receive a renewal notice for the upcoming year; they will already be members. Since new students typically do not join the LSA until the beginning of the school year, the new dues structure will allow them to join at a reduced rate for the remainder of 2005 and all of 2006.

5. The LSA Summer Meeting

The LSA Summer Meeting will return! These student-focused gatherings will be held during even-numbered years in alternation with LSA Linguistic Institutes which occur during odd-numbered years. Michigan State University has offered to host the inaugural 2006 Summer Meeting. More information about the Summer Meeting will be available soon on the LSA website. Institutions wishing to host future summer meetings are invited to contact the LSA Secretariat (lsa@lsadc.org) or the Secretary-Treasurer (gw@northwestern.edu).

7. LSA Fellows

If a constitutional amendment is passed by the LSA membership, members of the Society who have made distinguished contributions to the discipline may be recognized as Fellows of the LSA. Nominated by LSA members, Fellows will be selected via secret ballot by the six elected at-large members of the Executive Committee. After the language of the proposed amendment to the LSA Constitution has been finalized, members will vote on the proposed amendment in August.

For further information, contact the [LSA Secretariat](#). In the meantime, stay tuned for future developments!



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Slate of Candidates for 2006

At its January 2005 meeting, the Executive Committee nominated Gregory Ward (Northwestern U) to serve as Secretary-Treasurer and Brian Joseph (OH SU) to serve as Editor. The Nominating Committee (Susan Fischer, chair; Barbara Abbott; Joan Bybee; Louis Goldstein; Sharon Inkelas; David Lightfoot; and Shana Poplack) submits the following slate of members to stand for election in August 2005: Vice President/President-Elect: Stephen Anderson (Yale U); for Executive Committee: Peter Culicover (OH SU); James Huang (Harvard U); Monica Macaulay (U WI-Madison); and Johanna Nichols (UC-Berkeley).

If ten or more members separately and in writing nominate any additional personal member for any position by 1 July 2005, that name will be added to the mail ballots submitted to the members. Nominations should be sent to: Nominating Cte, LSA, 1325 18 St, NW, Ste 211, Washington, DC 20036-6501.



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LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL)

Special Open Meeting
2006 LSA Annual Meeting
6 January 2006
8:00-10:00 AM
Room: TBA

In the fall of 2004, CEDL conducted a survey of minority scholars in linguistics to determine how the recruitment and retention of minority linguists might be improved. We asked undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members in linguistics who are members of minority groups in the US to participate in this survey. At the 2006 LSA Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, CEDL will hold an open meeting to present and discuss the results of this survey. The meeting will consist of a one-hour presentation of the results followed by a one-hour discussion period. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Information regarding the CEDL Mentoring System and funding opportunities will also be available at this meeting. If you have any questions regarding the open meeting, please contact [Tracey L. Weldon](#).

Minority Travel Fund

Minority students who are current LSA members and have a paper accepted for presentation at the LSA Annual Meeting or any of the concurrent meetings may apply for travel funds (up to \$500). For the purpose of this fund, the term 'minority' is defined as "members of racial and ethnic groups in the US that have been historically disenfranchised in the US and are traditionally underrepresented in higher education in general, and in linguistics in particular." These funds are restricted to US citizens as well as permanent residents of the US. Application consists of a letter from the applicant indicating minority status and estimated travel costs, a copy of the abstract, and a brief letter from the student's chair or advisor verifying the applicant's standing and indicating what other funding resources (if any) the student has available at his/her home institution. All materials should be sent to [Tracey L. Weldon](#) via email or snail mail at: English Dept, U SC, Columbia, SC 29208; (803) 777-2074; (803) 777-9064 (fax). Electronic submissions are preferred but not required. The deadline for receipt of materials is 31 October 2005.

Mentoring System

In an effort to improve the retention of minority scholars in linguistics, CEDL is organizing a mentoring system for minority students. If you would like to participate in this system (as either a mentor or a mentee) please contact [Ana Celia Zentella](#). (Note: You do not need to be a member of a minority group to serve as a mentor). Also, check the [CEDL website](#) for more details as the system develops.



Executive Committee Report

The 2005 Annual Meeting was moved from the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco, CA, to the Marriott City Center in Oakland, CA. This change was necessitated by on-going labor disputes involving 14 hotels in San Francisco including the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero.

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The Officers and Executive Committee met on Thursday, 6 January 2005, at the Oakland Marriott City Center at 8:00 AM and continued until 4:30 PM. Those attending were Joan Bybee, President; Mark Aronoff, Vice President/President-Elect; Ray Jackendoff, Past President; Gregory Ward, Secretary-Treasurer; Kristen Syrett, Bloch Fellow; Mark Baker; Eve V. Clark; Larry Hyman; Ellen Kaisse; and Gillian Sankoff. Donna Christian, President of the Center for Applied Linguistics; Sally McConnell-Ginet, Vice President/President-Elect for 2005; Dennis Preston, Executive Committee member-elect; Past Presidents Elizabeth Traugott, D. Terence Langendoen, Peter Ladefoged, and Arnold Zwicky; Peter Sells, Louanna Furbee, and Ivan Sag were present by invitation. Margaret W. Reynolds represented the Secretariat.

A. Motions of Approval

The minutes of the May 2004 meeting were approved with amendment. The revised agenda and the proposed schedule for the meeting were approved.

B. President's Business

The appointment of Mark Aronoff, Joan Bybee, D. Terence Langendoen, Sally McConnell-Ginet, and Gregory Ward to the Finance Committee for 2005 was unanimously approved. The Committee on Committee and Delegate Appointments was asked to review subcommittees of the Executive Committee at its May 2005 meeting. James Huang was appointed to serve on the Committee on Linguistic Institutes and Fellowships for 2005, and Barbara Shaffer was asked to serve on the Social and Political Concerns Committee for a three-year term beginning in 2005. The Committee on Language in the School Curriculum was encouraged to organize a session to be presented at the 2005 convention of the National Council of Teachers of English.

The Committee encouraged Mark Aronoff to design a fundraising campaign for the Ken Hale Chair. The Committee received a brief report entitled "Archiving Endangered Languages: A Conversation" by Louanna Furbee and thanked Dr. Furbee and the others involved in the project. The establishment of liaison status with the Unicode project was noted with thanks.

The Committee agreed in principle to establish a Fellows Program to recognize especially distinguished contributions of members and asked that a constitutional amendment be prepared adding a provision for the election of fellows. The Committee approved formal motions of thanks to Northwestern U, OH SU, and the U SC for their support of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Editor of Language, and the Book Review Editor of Language, respectively.

C. Secretary-Treasurer's Business

The Committee verified the ballots taken by mail since the May 2004 meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer noted the continuing decrease in the number of individual LSA members: These declines are not reflected by the discipline at large (as evidenced by the fact that the number of PhDs granted each year continues to rise) or by other professional societies. The Secretary-Treasurer reported on a number of initiatives currently underway to increase membership.

The Committee voted unanimously to establish a new position devoted to IT. A Search Committee will be charged with developing a job description, planning a search, interviewing potential candidates, and making recommendations, drawing on advice from expert consultants should they deem it advisable.

The election returns for terms beginning in 2005 were Sally McConnell-Ginet as Vice President/President-Elect, Diane Lillo-Martin and Dennis Preston to the Executive Committee, Brian Joseph as Editor of Language, and Gregory Ward as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Committee received the management letter prepared by McMaster and Associates with thanks. They concurred with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a constitutionally mandated Audit Committee be named. Since any constitutional amendments cannot take effect until 1 December, well after the audit for 2004-05, an Audit Committee for 2005 was appointed consisting of the Investment Advisor (4-year term), Dennis Preston (3-year term), and Donna Christian (2-year term). The Secretariat was asked to prepare a document describing internal control structures, financial policies and procedures in advance of the May 2005 meeting. The audit report was accepted with thanks.

The Committee approved the use of \$10,000 of the drawdown of the endowment funds from the 2002-03 fiscal year and \$10,000 from the 2003-04 fiscal year to support the Ken Hale Chair. The remaining \$30,000 will be used to pay the salary and fringe benefits of the new IT staff member. They approved the reimbursement of the Parliamentarian for one day's per diem and air travel up to \$500.00 to attend the Annual Meeting. They declined to establish a reduced fee structure for non-commercial exhibitors in the Book Exhibit. They approved the use of funds contributed in memory of Kathleen Ferrara to provide a special stipend (\$500.00) for successful Linguistic Institute fellowship applicants from Texas A & M.

The revised Personnel Manual and the Retirement Plan Documents were accepted with thanks.

D. Publications

Brian Joseph presented his report as Editor of Language for 2004, which was accepted with thanks. The nominations of William Davies, Shari Speer, and Tom Wasow to serve as Associate Editors were approved. The Committee noted with thanks the work of Monica Macaulay and Kristen Syrett, who are working on a new FAQ entitled "Why Major in Linguistics?" Reports on the activities of Project Muse and JSTOR were

received with thanks. The Committee received a report from an ad hoc committee consisting of Stephen Anderson, chair, Mark Baker and Brian Joseph which was charged to consider electronic services for LSA members, specifically the establishment of an online journal. After discussion the Committee tabled the final decision on the online journal until its May 2005 meeting.

E. Meetings

Diane Brentari presented the report from the 2004 Program Committee. The Executive Committee received the report with appreciation and congratulated the Program Committee on the breadth and richness of the 2005 Annual Meeting program.

Gregory Ward, Chair of the Committee on Membership and Services, presented, and the Executive Committee approved, a recommendation that the summer meeting be reinstated in the years without an institute. Though not limited to students, the summer meeting would be geared towards graduate students and the issues of importance to them. A prominent feature of the summer meeting would be special "professional development" panels designed to prepare students to be career linguists.

F. Reports from Sister Organizations and Collaborative Projects

The Committee received with thanks reports from the American Anthropological Association's Race and Human Variation project, the National Language Conference, the Decade of Behavior, the Consortium of Social Science Associations, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the National Museum of Language. After consideration, the Committee agreed to join the 2005: Year of Language effort being coordinated by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. In conveying our interest in participating, the Secretariat was asked to note that sign and endangered languages should be highlighted in this effort.

G. Committee and Delegate Reports

Reports from the chairs of the Advisory to Programs Committee, the Committee on Ethnic Diversity, the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, the ad hoc Committee on the Virtual Museum on Languages and Linguistics, and the Committee on Endangered Languages and Their Preservation were accepted with thanks. The report of the Committee on Honorary Members was accepted with thanks and the nominations of Anvita Abbi, Rodney Desmond Huddleston, and Gerrit Jan Dimmendaal for honorary membership were unanimously approved. The report from the Committee on Social and Political Concerns was accepted with thanks. This Committee was asked to review the sign language guidelines, prepared by David Perlmutter, and the policies governing requests for interpreters at the Annual Meeting and to prepare recommendations for the Executive Committee to consider at its meeting in May 2005. The reports submitted by the delegates and liaisons to Unicode, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and the Consortium of Social Science Associations were accepted with appreciation.

H. Linguistic Institutes and Summer Programs

Sabine Iatridou, Director, and the other organizers of the 2005 Linguistic Institute were warmly congratulated on the exciting program and handsome brochure prepared for this summer's institute at MIT and Harvard in Cambridge, MA. Peter Sells and his colleagues at Stanford were sincerely thanked for their detailed preliminary proposal to host the 2007 Linguistic Institute.

[The full text of the minutes of this meeting are available on request from the LSA Secretariat.]



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NEH 2006 Summer Stipends

The Summer Stipends program supports two months of full-time research on a project in the humanities. The award is \$5,000. Regular faculty members of colleges and universities must be nominated by their institutions, and each institution may nominate a maximum of two applicants; independent scholars and adjunct or part-time faculty may apply for these grants without nomination. Information about the program may be found at:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>. Click on 'Frequently Asked Questions' for additional information about the program and the application process. Questions can be asked via email (stipends@neh.gov) or telephone: (202) 606-8200. The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 October 2005.

NSF: Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL)

This multi-year funding partnership between the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities supports projects to develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages. This effort also aims to exploit advances in information technology. Funding will support fieldwork and other activities relevant to recording, documenting, and archiving endangered languages, including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, and databases. Funding will be available in the form of one- to three-year project grants as well as fellowships for up to 12 months. At least half the available funding will be awarded to projects involving fieldwork. The full proposal deadline is 15 September 2005. For information, see: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12816.

SSRC/JSPS Fellowships

The JSPS Fellowship Program for ABDs and recent PhDs provides promising and highly qualified researchers in the humanities and social sciences with the opportunity to conduct extended research at leading universities and research institutions in Japan. Long-term (12-24 months): Applicants must have received the PhD degree no more than six years prior to the start of the Japanese fiscal year. Short-term (3-11 months): ABD applicants must be within two years of completing the degree. Postdoctoral applicants must have received the PhD degree no more than 10 years prior to the start of the Japanese fiscal year. The application deadline for both is 1 December 2005. Contact: Social Science Research Council, Japan Program, 810 7 Av, New York, NY 10019; (212) 377-2700; fax: (212) 377-2727; japan@ssrc.org; <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/japan>.



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Life Member
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Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award

In odd-numbered years, the Linguistic Society awards the Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award to recognize work that effectively increases public awareness and understanding of linguistics and language. Works in any medium may be nominated, for example, books, documentary films, articles in popular magazines, software, or lecture series. Nominees published, presented, or aired between 16 December 2001 and 15 December 2005 will be considered for the 2007 award. Nominations must be received no later than 1 April 2006.

Previous winners:

1997 Steven Pinker, author of *The language instinct* (William Morrow & Co., 1994)

1999 Eugene Searchinger, producer of "The human language", a public television series of three films distributed in 1995

2001 Geoffrey Nunberg, for his broadcasts on language for the radio program "Fresh Air" on National Public Radio

2003 John Rickford, co-author of *Spoken soul* (John Wiley, 2000) and author of substantive contributions to discussions surrounding Ebonics and AAVE

2005 Deborah Tannen, author of general audience and academic books as well as numerous columns in the press, and participant in public discussions presenting a sociolinguistic viewpoint to the public.

Nominations must include the work (book, videotape, transcript, other recording, etc.) and evidence of its impact. Four copies of all materials are required. Presentation of the award will take place at the January 2007 LSA Annual Meeting. The awardee will be invited to attend and to present the work to the LSA members.

Questions and materials should be directed to: Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award, c/o Linguistic Society of America, 1325 18th St., NW, Suite 211, Washington, DC 20036-6501; (202) 835-1714; (202) 835-1717 (fax); lsa@lsadc.org.



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Honorary Members

The LSA Committee on Honorary Members welcomes the names of foreign scholars of distinction in linguistic studies who are not resident in the United States and who might be recommended as honorary members. Nominations of women and of scholars from areas of the world not traditionally represented in this group would be particularly welcome. The Society's constitution permits a maximum of 60 honorary members at any time and not more than 3 elected in any one year. Suggestions should be sent to the committee chair: Daniel Everett, Dept. Linguistics and English Language, U Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, UK; dan.everett@man.ac.uk.



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Congratulations

The following students were awarded an NSF Graduate Fellowship in Linguistics or Linguistic Anthropology in 2005:

Anna Babel (U of Michigan)
Leah Bateman (U of Massachusetts-Amherst)
Charles Chang (U of California-Berkeley)
Hilaria Cruz (U of Texas-Austin)
Amy Rose Deal (Stanford U)
Kathryn Graber (U of Michigan-Ann Arbor)
Angie Heo (U of California-Berkeley)
Abby Shoun (U of California-Santa Cruz)
Elizabeth Smith (Ohio SU)
Maziar Toosarvandani (U of California-Berkeley)
Adam Wayment (Johns Hopkins U)

The following students received an Honorable Mention:

Cynthia Anderson (U of Texas-Austin)
Eriko Atagi (U of Texas-Austin)
Molly Babel (U of California-Berkeley)
Kara Becker (New York U)
Paula Chesley (SUNY-Buffalo)
Diana Gibrael (U of British Columbia)
Ivan Hovermale (Ohio SU)
Ruth Kramer (U of California-Santa Cruz)
Gwendolyn Lowes (U of Oregon-Eugene)
Nicole Marcus (U of California-Berkeley)
Frances Marti (U of California-Los Angeles)
Stephen Meiners (U of Texas-Austin)
Carolyn O'Meara (SUNY-Buffalo)
Victoria Philp (U of California-Los Angeles)
Kyle Rawlins (U of California-Santa Cruz)
Laura Robinson (U of Hawaii)
Daniel Roth (U of California-Santa Cruz)
Colin Sprague (U of Chicago)
Nola Stephens (Stanford U)
James Thompson (U of British Columbia)
Holman Tse
Matthew Wagers (U of Maryland)
Benjamin Wing (U of Texas-Austin)

N.b. The deadline for applying for a 2006 NSF Graduate Fellowship is 4 November 2005. Visit <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/> for more information.

John Beaver (Stanford U) received a 2005-2006 Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship.

George Cardona (U Penn) is now Professor Emeritus of Linguistics.

Ashwini Deo (Stanford U) received a 2005-2006 Geballe Dissertation Year Fellowship.

Arnold Zwicky (Stanford U) received a fellowship at the Stanford Humanities Center for academic year 2005-06.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation: James R. Dow (IA SU) and John A. Lucy (U Chicago) received fellowships in the 2005 competition.

Centre for Cognitive Science (U Polytech Turin) Mind and Brain Prize: Jerry Fodor (Rutgers U) and James McClelland (Carnegie Mellon U) received the Mind and Brain Prize, honoring distinguished researchers in the field of cognitive science, at the 27th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (July 2005).

National Council of Organizations of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL): Dora Johnson (CAL) was awarded the A. Ronald Walton Award in recognition of a career of distinguished service on behalf of less commonly taught languages.

ASL as a Foreign Language

Following a vote by the faculty of the Boston University College of Arts and Sciences on 16 March 2005, American Sign Language will be accepted for satisfaction of the college foreign language requirements for both undergraduate and graduate students. Details about recent history and the specific policy changes are available from: <http://www.bu.edu/asllrp/fl/>.

New CASBS Director

The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences announced the appointment of Claude M. Steele as the seventh director of the center, effective 1 September 2005. Dr. Steele is currently the Lucie Stern Professor in the Social Sciences at Stanford and director of Stanford's Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity.

Professional Masters in Computational Linguistics

The University of Washington announces a one-year program designed to give students training in computational linguistics required for positions in the field. The 12 months of full-time study prepare students for a variety of positions including jobs as translation technology specialists and linguistic data specialists. The program also offers an optional internship providing students with hands-on experience, as well as monthly guest lectures. Information on this program is available at: <http://www.compling.washington.edu/compling/>.

In Memoriam

John B. Carroll (Fairbanks, AK)
William C. Mann (Lancaster, SC)
A. Hood Roberts (Jacksonville, FL)
Timothy Shopen (Australian Ntl U)

Bonifacio Sibayan (Philippines Normal U)
William Staley (Grand Marais, MN)



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The Ken Hale Chair: A Progress Report

Responses to the request for contributions to the Hale Chair fund, published in the March 2005 LSA Bulletin, have been very generous. As of 30 April, 141 members and friends had contributed over \$60,000. This permitted the Society to apply for the first two installments of the NEH/NSF Challenge Grant Funds. Further, at their meeting in early May, the Officers and Executive Committee determined that everyone who contributes \$500.00 or more by 31 July 2005 will be deemed a Founding Donor. Please consider supporting this important cause and joining your friends and colleagues as Founding Donors.

You are cordially invited to attend the first Ken Hale Lecture, which will be presented by Mary Laughren, David Nash, and Jane Simpson at 2005 LSA Linguistic Institute on Sunday, 10 July 2005 at MIT. The 2:00 PM lecture will be followed by a reception.



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Thanks

The Society is grateful to Marianna Di Paolo for representing the Society at the inauguration of the new president of the University of Utah and Anna Maria Di Sciullo for representing the Society at the Forum for REBs/IRBs in Canada and the U.S.

New LSA Committee Members

The Society thanks Frederick Field (CSU-Northridge) and Catherine Rudin (Wayne SC) for their willingness to be part of the Language in the School Curriculum Committee and Barbara Shaffer (U NM) for accepting an appointment to the Social and Political Concerns Committee. The Society also welcomes new Bloch Fellow Rebecca Cover (UC-Berkeley) to the Executive Committee.