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Editor's Note

This is the second issue for which I, as Secretary of the American Name Society, am responsible. ANS Bulletins are distributed electronically. For those who do not have access to e-mail, copies will be mailed if a timely request is made. **Please contact me if you would like a paper copy.** Because of the printing and mailing costs, members who opt for the paper copy will likely pay slightly more than our very modest dues.

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ANS Teleconference, 8/30/2009

The Executive Council of the American Name Society held a teleconference on August 30, 2009, to discuss: contract with Maney Publishing; attracting new members and participation in ICOS; ANS website and bulletin.

Contract with Maney Publishing and accreditation for NAMES. The point was to know what ANS contracted for. ANS Treasurer (Michael McGoff) gave an overview of content of contract. An important issue was getting lists of ANS members and institutional members from Maney Publishing. It was agreed that ANS President and Treasurer will work with Maney to get these lists that should be sent to the following officers: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. ANS Editor reported that he had no concerns with Maney Publishing. He works very well with them. Another important concern was getting accreditation for ANS journal (*NAMES*) published by Maney Publishing. It appeared that accreditation will make the ANS journal more appealing to ANS members out of North America, particularly in Europe and Africa. It was agreed that Michael McGoff and Lisa Johnstone will work on this issue.

New members and ICOS Participation.

An important question debated during this teleconference was how to attract new members. It appeared that this is part of the job description for the 2nd VP, but certainly other ANS members could help with this effort. It is important to do more publicity, particularly in Europe and in Africa. It is also important to find alternative methods for paying membership dues, particularly for ANS members in Africa and Asia who do not have credit cards. It also appeared that there is a need to stay active and to engage members in Europe, and in non-English speaking countries. Efforts to attract new member should include advertizing on linguist list and geography and psychology lists. ANS could also advertize in the journal *WORD* and allow this society to advertize in ANS journal. The teleconference discussed the possibility of someone representing ANS getting on the ICOS board in elections to be held in two years. This means getting enough members to attend the ICOS elections and act as a block as did certain groups in the last election.

ANS website and Bulletin. Questions were raised about content and usability of the ANS website. The website should be improved to make it more user friendly; to make joining ANS and renewing membership easy; to provide links to other onomastic societies; to list all ANS bulletins published in recent years. Information and ideas for the website should be sent to Michael McGoff. It was agreed that the ANS *Bulletin* should be published quarterly to make members feel more "connected," and to advertize calls for proposals. Information and ideas for the *Bulletin* should be sent to ANS Secretary, Michel Nguessan (cangaley@yahoo.com).

Nomination of Member-at-large

Three Executive Council Members-at-Large are part of the governing body of the Society. They vote on all matters coming before the Council (which includes all officers) and serve on committees as appropriate. One Member-at-Large is elected each year for a three-year term. The nominating committee (**Edwin D. Lawson**, chair; **Cleveland Kent Evans**, and **Aileen Pace Nielsen**) nominated as Executive Council Member-at-Large for 2010–12 **Dr. Ernest L. Abel** of Detroit, Michigan.



Dr. Ernest L. Abel is professor of obstetrics/gynecology and professor of psychology at Wayne State University in Detroit. He is past president of the Behavioral Teratology Society ("Birth defects of the mind") and past president of the Fetal Alcohol Study Group, and is the former scientific director of the Fetal Alcohol Research Center at Wayne State. Abel is currently on the editorial board of three journals and is a member of the board of directors of the American Council on Science and Health. He has published 44 books (the most recent (2009) is "Death Gods") and more than 250 articles, including three in *Names*, and one in press.

Name(s) of the Year

One of the most exciting parts of the upcoming annual meeting is the contest to determine the 2009 Name(s) of the Year. Names selected will be those whose use during the last year most illustrates trends in North American culture and exemplifies the importance of names and naming in the United States and Canada.

The American Name Society requests nominations for the "Names of the Year for 2009." The names selected will be ones that best illustrate, through their creation and/or use during the past 18 months, important trends in the culture of the United States and Canada.

Nominations are called for in the four following categories:

Personal Names: Names or nicknames of individual real people, animals, or hurricanes.

Place Names: Names or nicknames of any real geographical location, including all natural features, political subdivisions, streets, and buildings. Names of national or ethnic groups would be included here.

Trade Names: Names of real commercial products, as well as names of both for-profit and non-profit companies and organizations, including businesses, universities, and political parties.

Fictional/Literary Names: Names of fictional persons, places, or institutions, in any written, oral, or visual medium, as well as titles of art works, books, plays, television programs, or movies.

Winners will be chosen in each category, and then a final vote will determine the overall **Name of the Year for 2009**. Anyone may nominate a name. All members of the American Name Society attending the annual meeting in Baltimore will select the winner from among the nominees on January 8, 2010. The winner will be announced that evening at a joint celebration with the American Dialect Society.

Advance nominations must be received by January 6, 2010, though nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Please send your nominations, along with a brief rationale, by United States mail or e-mail to:

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Emerging Scholar Award

In 2007 the American Name Society established the ANS Emerging Scholar Award (ANSESA), funded anonymously in the amount of \$250, to be awarded to the undergraduate or graduate student who submits the best paper accepted for presentation

at the annual meeting.

In addition to the cash prize, the student will receive a two-year membership in ANS, as well as assistance in preparing the paper for publication in *NAMES* or another journal. The paper will also be designated as the prize-winning student paper in the ANS annual meeting program. In years that no paper is deemed worthy, no award will be given.

Students who are presenting papers at the annual meeting will be notified of the rules and the deadline for submission.

ANS at MLA

Second Vice President **Donna Lillian** has organized two sessions for the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in Philadelphia, December 27–30, 2009.

Session 243 (Monday, December 28) about “Names and Naming” (presided by Rebecca Cantor, Claremont Graduate Univ.) includes: (1) “The Pedagogy of Names,” Eric Charles LeMay, Columbia Univ.; (2) “The Name as Stigma: ‘Jewish’ Names in Thomas Mann,” Yahya Elsayge, Univ. of Bern; (3) “John, Joseph, Mary, Ruth: Early American Religion, Superstition, and Naming Practices,” Rebecca Cantor. Session 697 (Wednesday, December 30) about “Names in Literature” presided by Andrea Powell Wolfe, Ball State Univ.) includes: (1) “Naming Tess of the D’Urbervilles,” Susan Cook, Univ. of South Florida; (2) “Referential Plentitude and Place Names in Thomas Hardy’s Wessex,” Tracy Miller, New York Univ.; (3) “‘Naming and Claiming’ and Rights to the Gaze in Sherley Anne William’s *Dessa Rose*,” Andrea Powell Wolfe.

Submitting Articles to *Names*

Professor **Frank Nuessel**, Editor of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*, encourages all names scholars to submit articles for consideration for publication.

Essays on any aspect of names or naming are welcome. For format guidance, consult the *Names* Style Sheet (revised 2008), which can be found at the ANS website (www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/)/./ANS/. This same information is also available on the inside back cover of each issue of *Names* for 2009.

All submissions must be in electronic format, sent by e-mail attachment.

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If you have a book to suggest for review in *Names*, or if you would like to write a review, please contact Book Review Editor **Christine De Vinne**, Ursuline College (cdevinne@ursuline.edu), (440) 684-6072.

Name Matching Patent

ANS first vice president **Kemp Williams** and several of his colleagues at IBM were recently awarded a U.S. patent for their invention that improves automated personal name matching. The new name-matching engine uses culturally specific orthographic regularization rules to collapse variant forms of names in a language that may have identical or similar pronunciations. The engine would recognize, for example, that the Anglo names *Knox* and *Naucks* may be pronounced identically, or that the Arabic names *Abdal Rahman* and *Abdurrehman* are different spellings for the same name in the Arabic alphabet. Williams presented an overview of the system at the 2008 ANS annual meeting in Chicago. A pdf version of the patent is available at:

<http://www.freepatentsonline.com/7599921.html>

Conferences

COGNA

The Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) comprises a group of individuals who are responsible for naming policy in the U.S. and in the several states. Once called The Western States Geographic Names Council, the group is now open to all fifty states and meets annually at a different location around the country.

The 2009 meeting occurred September 8-12 Charleston, South Carolina, hosted by ANS members **Tom Gasque** and **Roger Payne**. The delegates heard presentations by state and national authorities on various aspects of naming, with a focus on the correct forms and placement of names that appear on Federal maps and in federal documents. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names, which meets monthly, held its September meeting at the COGNA conference to discuss and vote on new names and name changes. For further information, contact Tom Gasque (tgasque@usd.edu).

ANS Membership Dues

Membership in the American Name Society includes four issues of *Names*, the *Bulletin*, and participation in the meetings. Members also support the ANS Listserve. Dues are as follows (in U. S. dollars or U. K. pounds):

UK/EU/ROW.....	£26.00
USA/USD	\$45.00
Retired/Student UK/EU/ROW	£20.50
Retired/Student USA/USD	\$38.00

See the ANS Website (www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/) for details on how to pay or renew your dues.

Renewal of Membership to the American Name Society

There are three options for renewing membership to the American Name Society:

1) Via the Maney Website

Either visit the *Names* page on the Maney website at www.maney.co.uk/journals/nam and click on the button **Subscribe**. Scroll past institutional rates, and then choose from the list of member types in the list and pay using a secure credit card facility.

The Maney website can also be reached from the membership page on the ANS website <http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/members.htm>.

2) Via Telephone

Contact the Maney offices in the USA (toll free): 866-297-5154) and UK (+44 (0)113 386 8168) by phone to pay by credit card or to ask for help with your renewal.

3) Via Mail

Mail a cheque, made out to Maney Publishing to our USA or UK offices (full addresses can be found below).

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For additional help and information

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American Name Society Annual Meeting

Baltimore, Maryland

January 7-10, 2010

The American Name Society (ANS), a professional organization devoted to the study of names and their role in society, will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), along with the American Dialect Society (ADS), the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences (NAAHoLS), and the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), January 7-10, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Baltimore, 401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Those wishing to attend and participate in ANS sessions should be members of the American Name Society and pay the appropriate LSA conference registration fee, as well as the ANS registration fee--\$20 for regular members or \$10 for emeritus members, students, spouses, and guests--to cover expenses for items not provided by LSA. The LSA fee allows one access to all LSA and other allied organizations' sessions, the plenary sessions, the book exhibits, and the job placement service. It also makes one eligible for the reduced hotel rate of \$125 per night, single or double, with a \$20 surcharge for each additional person per night, plus tax, at the Hilton Baltimore. Executive level rooms with additional amenities are available for an additional \$30 per night.

ANS Membership Dues		LSA Advance Registration		LSA On-Site Registration	
USA/USD	\$ 45.00	Regular members	\$140.00	Regular members	\$190.00
UK/EU/ROW	£ 26.00	Emeritus	\$140.00	Emeritus	\$190.00
Student/Retired:		Unemployed	\$70.00	Unemployed	\$80.00
USA/USD	\$ 38.00	Student	\$ 60.00	Student	\$80.00
UK/EU/ROW	£ 20.50	Individual non-member	\$240.00	Individual non-member	\$290.00
		Student non-member	\$105.00	Student non-member	\$125.00
				One-day rate	\$100.00

NOTE: LSA advance registration is available on the meeting website and will be accepted only until December 18, and credit cards will not be accepted under any circumstances for on-site registration. ANS members need not be members of LSA to be eligible for the LSA registration rates. **However, you must use the sister society registration page (<http://lsadc.org/meetings/registration1.cfm?type=ssm>)** and select the **ANS2010** code from the drop-down menu when registering.

HIGHLIGHTS: The meeting will include papers on every aspect of onomastics and feature a special, invited presentation by Roger Payne entitled "The United States Board on Geographic Names: Most Notorious Cases and Decisions." There will also be a cash bar, Meet and Greet Reception with ADS, NAAHoLS, and SSILA, Thursday evening, January 7, and the traditional ANS banquet on Friday, January 8, at Sabatino's Italian Restaurant. Dinner for members and their guests will consist of Italian bread with butter, house salad, choice of six entrees, dessert, and beverage for \$41 per diner, which includes taxes and gratuity. Drinks during the social hour preceding dinner and wine during dinner may be purchased separately.

Regular sessions will begin at 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 7, which should allow travelers from the East Coast and abroad to arrive on time, but due to different airline schedules, it may be necessary to travel the day before, Wednesday, January 6. The final session will end at or before 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 10.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Details for online room reservation are available on LSA's Annual Meeting information page (<http://lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm>). Alternatively, you may make reservations by calling 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667), in which case **be sure to state that you are attending the Linguistic Society of America meeting** in order to receive the reduced LSA rates described above. In addition, attendees making room reservations using either of these two methods will receive complimentary guest room internet for the duration of the meeting, and complimentary access to the hotel's fitness center, which includes a heated indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, and fitness equipment. Reservations must be made by December 15 to qualify for the LSA special rates. **Please note: The Hilton Baltimore is a 100% non-smoking facility.**

Hilton Baltimore
401 W. Pratt Street
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With its premier location in downtown Baltimore, the hotel is within walking distance of the National Aquarium, Camden Yards, and Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor. It is also only a block away from the Light Rail Camden Yards Station, an economical transportation alternative to and from the BWI airport. Onsite parking is available.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Baltimore can be reached by air most easily from the Baltimore-Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport (BWI). BWI is a major hub for Southwest Airlines, which in many cases might offer the most inexpensive flight options. Members are encouraged to check rates at the Southwest Airlines website (www.southwest.com), since not all travel websites post information for Southwest flights. Travel to Washington, DC's Reagan National Airport or Dulles International Airport is also possible, although ground transportation from those destinations to Baltimore may be prohibitively expensive. Directions to the hotel from these airports are available on the LSA meeting website. (Note: Traveling to Baltimore on AmTrak may be an option for some attendees. See the LSA meeting website for more information on this option.)

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: By far the most economical method of ground transportation from BWI airport to the Hilton Baltimore is via the Maryland Transit Administration Light Rail system. The hotel is one block from the Camden Yards Light Rail Station and one-way fare is \$1.60. Detailed directions for taking light rail to the hotel are available on the LSA meeting website.

Distance from BWI to hotel:	10 miles
Time:	15 minutes
Limousine:	\$35.00 (est.)
Light Rail:	\$1.60 (actual cost)
Super Shuttle:	\$13.00 (actual cost, shared ride, one-way)
Taxi:	\$25.00+ (est.)

DIRECTIONS and PARKING: For those who will be driving, complete, specific directions are available on the Hilton Baltimore web page. Self-service and valet parking is available at \$26.00 and \$36.00 per day, respectively.

VISAS: Those traveling from abroad should be sure to contact the nearest U. S. embassy or consulate as soon as possible to receive all necessary information and apply for the appropriate visas to travel to the United States.

ANS AUTHORS: There will be a display table of ANS publications and memorabilia, including articles, books, monographs, etc. of ANS authors. If you have published in any of these formats or have relevant, informational brochures to share, please bring copies with you for our members and others to see.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Information about the Linguistic Society of America and the 2010 LSA meeting in Baltimore is available at www.lsadc.org. Information about the American Name Society and its activities may be accessed at www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/. **ANS registration information will be available on the ANS website by early October; the preliminary ANS program will be available on the ANS website by mid-October.**

ADDITIONAL WEBSITES:

Hilton Baltimore

http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BWICCHH-Hilton-Baltimore-Maryland/index.do

Baltimore Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport (BWI)

<http://www.bwiairport.com/>

Super Shuttle

<http://www.supershuttle.com/>

Sabatino's Italian Restaurant

<http://www.sabatinos.com>

2010 American Name Society Annual Meeting

Baltimore, Maryland, January 7-10, 2010

Registration Form

Please copy and send this form and payment by **December 11, 2009**, to Michael F. McGoff, Treasurer, American Name Society, State University of New York at Binghamton, Office of the Provost (AD 711), Binghamton, NY 13902-6000.

Name (Please print): _____

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Name of Guest(s): _____

(To be used to prepare an ANS badge, which will be valid for ANS sessions and functions only)

Note: To be either a participant in or a presenter at the 2010 ANS Annual Meeting, one must be an ANS member, register with both LSA and ANS at the appropriate level, and complete and submit this form to the above address.

ANS Membership: Please pay your 2010 ANS dues in advance by **December 11, 2009**. Information and the appropriate link may be found at www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/.

LSA Registration: To register, go <http://lsadc.org/meetings/registration1.cfm?type=ssm>. Advance LSA registration will only be accepted until **December 18, 2009**, and **credit cards will not be accepted under any circumstances for on-site registration**. **Please note:** ANS members are eligible to register at LSA member rates and are **not** required to become members of LSA. The Sister Society code is **ANS2009**.

ANS Registration: To cover expenses that are related to the annual meeting but are not covered by the LSA registration fee, participants and presenters are asked to register with ANS at the appropriate level.

Member _____ @ \$20 = _____
Emeritus/Spouse/Guest(s)/Student _____ @ \$10 = _____

ANS Dinner: The traditional ANS dinner will be held Friday, January 8, at Sabatino's Italian Restaurant, where one will have a choice of several entrees from a special menu, house salad, beverage, and dessert included. In addition to paying for yourself and your guest(s), please consider hosting a graduate student or an international member for this occasion.

Member, Spouse, and Guest(s) _____ @ \$41 = _____
Hosting Graduate Student(s) and/or International Members(s) _____ @ \$41 = _____

Total: All amounts listed are in U. S. dollars: _____

Payment: Please enclose a check made payable in U. S. dollars to the **American Name Society**, OR, to pay by credit card, please complete the following Binghamton University Foundation Credit Card Authorization Form **AND include a \$1.00 transaction fee**.

Check one of the following: _____ American Express _____ Discover _____ MasterCard _____ Visa

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