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New 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 **Alleen Pace Nilsen**) nominated as Executive Council Member-at-Large for 2010–12 **Dr. Ernest L. Abel** of Detroit, Michigan.



Dr. 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.

2011 ANS Annual Meeting

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items not provided by LSA. Papers that are accepted must be read by their author. If the author is unable to attend the meeting, the paper will not be presented or read by another individual.

Further information concerning the Linguistic Society of America may be obtained from the LSA homepage at www.lsadc.org. Additional information about the American Name Society may be accessed at www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/. Complete information regarding the 2011 annual meeting, including all fees, will be available on the ANS website by early autumn.

History of the American Name Society

Thomas J. Gasque, who served as ANS President for 2001-2002, presented a history of the American Name Society as the plenary address at 2010 annual meeting in Baltimore. His paper, "Six Decades of the American Name Society," is now available on the ANS website. You can access the paper from the ANS home page, or you can reach it directly by following this link:

<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/Gasque-ANS%20History.doc>

Baltimore, Maryland, 2010

The 2010 Annual Meeting of ANS took place at the Hilton Baltimore, 401 West Pratt Street. The program included more than thirty papers on all aspects of onomastics. Since some of the presentations were made by more than one person, there were over fifty participants, many of whom were from countries out of North America.

All officers and committees presented an annual report. A highlight of the conference was the voting and announcement of the Name of the Year. There were initially four categories, and here are the winners in each: Salish Sea was chosen Name of the Year on January 9, 2010. Salish Sea was also the Place Name of the Year. Twitter was chosen as Trade Name of the Year. Max was voted Fictional Name of the Year. Chesley Burnett "Sully" Sullenberger III was voted Personal Name of the Year. ANS members also voted to create a special Miscellaneous Name of the Year for H1N1, the name of the influenza virus that caused worldwide concern in 2009.

Another highlight of the conference was the keynote address by Prof. Tom Gasque. Dr. Gasque provided a comprehensive history of the American

Name Society covering six decades from 1951 to 2009.

The Executive Council made or confirmed several important decisions at its meeting including membership in the American Name Society as a requirement for publication of articles in *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* and the need to increase ANS membership reaching out to the following academic departments/disciplines: English, linguistics, geography, psychology, anthropology, etc.

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, 2009

Second Vice President **Donna Lillian** 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.) included: (1) "The Pedagogy of Names," Eric Charles LeMay, Columbia Univ.; (2) "The Name as Stigma: 'Jewish' Names in Thomas Mann," Yahya Elsaygh, 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.) included: (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.

Call for Papers: ANS at MLA, 2011

ANS will organize a panel at MLA, January 6-10, 2011, in Los Angeles. Please, submit proposals in the area of Names in Literature: Investigation and exploration of significant or interesting patterns of names and naming practices in literature. Focus on personal names, place names, or institutional names. Submit a 150-word abstract as pdf or Word document to Donna Lillian lilliand@ecu.edu. Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2010.

The American Name Society and the Division on Children's Literature (MLA), will organize a joint panel at MLA, January 6-10, 2011, Los Angeles. Please, submit proposals in the area of Names in Children's and Young Adult Literature: Non-fictional and fictional uses of names in texts for young readers. Submit a 500 word abstract in rtf or pdf to both Keith Dorwick kdorwick@louisiana.edu and Donna Lillian lilliand@ecu.edu by March 1, 2010.

2010 Emerging Scholar Winner

The ANS Executive Council congratulates Carol Lombard from Lewiston, Montana, who is the ANS Emerging Scholar Award recipient for 2010. Her winning paper, "The Sociocultural Significance of Niitsitapi Personal Names: An Ethnographic Analysis," grew out of her M.A. thesis in Sociolinguistics from the University of South Africa. Reviewers remarked that Lombard's paper provided "compelling confirmation of those sociocultural values that have been noted by a long and prestigious line of scholars," while it also offered "new interesting insights into the ways in which those values might be shifting in response to continued pressures from non-Indigenous cultures and languages." In addition to her present involvement in onomastics, Carol maintains an interest in cognitive linguistics, linguistic typology, as well as language and cultural preservation and revitalization.

Outstanding Teacher Award

In December 2009, ANS member Sandra K. Wright, who is a frequent presenter at the annual meetings, was named the Outstanding Teacher at California State University, Chico, for 2009-2010 academic year.

Each fall, the Faculty Recognition and Support Committee (FRAS) selects one faculty member for this award, and its selection is based on a nomination packet that includes recommendation letters from faculty, staff, and students. The committee also visits classes of the finalists, and these visitations help determine the final selection.

In October, at the official awards ceremony, Sandra will give a short talk and be honored with a plaque and a check for \$1,500. She will also be invited to teach a seminar in spring 2011 for the Honors Program, titled "A Seminar with an Outstanding Teacher." Other perks include write-ups in the university paper, in the local paper, and on the university web page.

Sandra holds a PhD in linguistics from Northwestern University and serves as an associate professor of linguistics in, as well as assistant chair of, the Department of English. Her most recent research focuses on titles of address and the biases associated with different address forms in English. One of her two presentations in Baltimore, "First-Name Address and the Millennial Generation," noted that student use of title and last name (TLN) is disappearing while first-name (FN) address is becoming more common. She also presented the findings of her collaborative work with Richard Hunt, Peloton Research Partners, on "The Naming of American Communities."

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NAMES, A Journal of Onomastics, publishes articles of general, theoretical, and topical interest, reviews of recent books and other significant resources, queries, notes, and comments of concern to onomastics. Reports of original research in onomastics as well as redactions and summaries of existing research are welcome. *NAMES* is a fully-refereed journal; manuscripts of articles are read and evaluated anonymously by at least two qualified scholars. Membership in the American Name Society is not required for initial submission to *NAMES*; manuscripts from non-members and from scholars in related disciplines are encouraged. Once an article is accepted for publication in *NAMES*, the author must join the American Name Society.

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Award for Best Article in *NAMES*

The Award Committee consists of the Executive Council Members-at-Large. For 2010, they are:

1. Michael McGoff, SUNY, Binghamton.
2. Dwan Shipley, Western Washington University, USA (Chair, 2010)
3. Iman Laversuch, University of Cologne, Germany (Chair, 2011)

Michael McGoff is serving on the award committee in place of Ernest Abel who is not serving because he has an article being considered for the award. Each year, a new

member-at-large is elected to the Executive Council and one member rotates off.

The award committee operates completely independently of the editor. The award is given to only one article per year. The decision of the award committee is final. The criteria include: (1) the significance of the article; and (2) the significance of the article to the science of onomastics.

The award consists of a plaque that reads as follows:

The American Name Society
Recognizes
Name(s) of Author(s)
For the Best Article to Appear in
NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics
For the year 2010

The award committee selected the following award winners for 2009: Denis Huschka, Jürgen Gerhards, and Gert G. Wagner for their article entitled “Naming Differences in Divided Germany,” which appeared in *NAMES* 57:4 (2009): 208-228.

The award committee members deserve special mention for their exceptionally hard work and dedication in reviewing meticulously all of the articles that appeared in volume 57 (2009) before making their final decision.

New Listserv

Michael McGoff announces that a new listserv, which includes only ANS members and very recent members, has been created. Called ANSMMBR-L, it will replace ANS-L for announcements to the membership of the American Name Society. ANSMMBR-L is a monitored and moderated list. That means that nothing can be posted to it without Dr. McGoff’s approval. This makes it possible for those who have indicated that they are unhappy with the number of postings on ANS-L to remove themselves from that list without fear of missing an important announcement from the American Name Society. ANSMMBR-L will only be used for important announcements. Of course, membership on both lists is also possible. If a member has not received a “test” posting from ANSMMBR-L by mid-February, please notify Dr. McGoff at

mmcgoff@binghamton.edu, so he can be sure to add you to the list.

ANS Membership Dues

Membership in the American Name Society includes four issues of *NAMES*, the *Bulletin*, and participation in the meetings. Members will also receive notices via ANSMMBR-L. 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 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 **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

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The American Name Society, Meeting with the Linguistic Society of America Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 6-9, 2011



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All précis will be evaluated anonymously, and their authors will be notified on or before September 15, 2010. The abstracts for papers that are accepted will be published in the *LSA Meeting Handbook*. Abstracts and biographical information for each participant, which will be requested at the time the proposal is accepted, will be printed in an abbreviated ANS program.

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