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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LASSO 2015 AND BEYOND

LASSO members who would like to host a future LASSO conference should contact the Executive Director (rmorin@tcnj.edu) for more information. Proposals may be presented at the Executive Committee meeting and/or the General Business Meeting. You do not have to be on the Executive or any other committee to present a proposal to host a LASSO conference. If you are interested in hosting a conference, we encourage you to let us know!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL THROUGH PAYPAL

It's that time again! Special thanks go out to Daniel Villa and Devin Jenkins for making it possible to renew your membership through PayPal. Just go to http://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/dues_payment.html. If you prefer to renew by check there is a 2012 Membership Renewal Form at the end of this Newsletter that you can print out and send in.

LAST CALL IN THIS NEWSLETTER: SEARCH FOR NEW (CO-)EDITOR(S) FOR THE *SOUTHWEST JOURNAL OF LINGUISTICS*

The *Southwest Journal of Linguistics* (SWJL) is soliciting nominations for the position of (co-) editor(s). We would very much prefer our next editor to be a LASSO member who understands and values the culture of our organization. The *Southwest Journal of Linguistics* is the journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest (LASSO). The journal appears twice a year and publishes papers across a broad range of topics in linguistics, though research papers dealing with the languages of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico are especially encouraged. The journal also publishes scholarly reviews of the literature, book reviews, and occasional commentary on topics of concern to the journal's readership. Proposals for thematic issues and nominations for guest editors are invited.

For further information on SWJL, please see <http://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/swjl.html>. The position has a 3 year term. SWJL currently has two co-editors but in the past has had a single editor. Interested candidates should send CVs, and a brief statement of interest in the position to Pamela Anderson-Mejías & Hugo A. Mejías, Joint Editors, SWJL, Department of Modern Languages, The University of Texas--Pan American, 1201 University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78539, or to swjlasso@utpa.edu.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!!

Books sent to the SWJL Book Review Editor, Peter Gingiss, can be found at:

http://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/swjl/review_list.html

If you would like to review one of the books for SWJL, please contact Peter at pjgingiss@uh.edu, and he will send the book for review. Guidelines for the review can be found at: http://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/swjl/Review_Guidelines.html

THANK YOU, UTB AND SOUTH PADRE ISLAND!

South Padre Island, Texas, was the site of the fabulous 40th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest. The meeting was hosted by the University of Texas, Brownsville, and held from September 30th to October 2nd, 2011 at the Pearl South Padre Hotel. Special thanks go out to John Foreman, the Local Arrangements Chair, and Holly Cashman, the LASSO Vice President and Program Chair. We would also like to thank all the faculty and student volunteers who contributed to the success of the conference, Daniel Villa for his continued help with PayPal, and UTB for its generous logistical and financial support.

The morning of Friday, September 30, featured parallel sessions on Language Rights, Attitudes and Policies, Subject and Object Pronoun Expression, Second Person Pronouns In Spanish, Language Contact, Heritage Spanish Lexicon, and Heritage Spanish Speakers' Attitudes. There was a Special Session on the editorship of *The Southwest Journal Of Linguistics* offered by the joint editors, Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo A. Mejías. In the afternoon talks were presented on Language Ideologies, Historical Perspectives and Language Change, Migration, Revitalization and Demographic Factors, Pedagogy and Language Learning,

Variation in Spanish Morphosyntax, and Structures and Strategies of Spanish in Literature. Carmen Fought's plenary address, "Unchecking the boxes: The role of contact varieties in constructing identities" was an excellent fit for our conference theme of "English and Spanish in Contact".

Saturday, October 1, saw another full day of presentations. Special panels included "SWJL: How to get published 101", "Bilingual youth in Texas: Examining emergent social identities and linguistic practices", and "Spanish in Houston, *El español en Tejas—Más allá del Tex-Mex*". There were parallel sessions on Linguistic Politeness, Mesoamerican linguistics, Variation in Spanish Phonetics and Phonology, Syntax, Semantics,

Discourse Analysis and Popular Culture, Transitivity and Ergativity, Language Maintenance and Shift, and Heritage Spanish Morphosyntax and Discourse. And we all learned from Irene Moyna's presidential address, "Linguistic research and why it matters: An example and some personal reflections", that *Google* indisputably ranks right up there with the invention of the wheel and penicillin. I'm sure many of us would agree.

Sunday's special panel on "*El español en Massachusetts: Historia, vigencia y actualidad*" and parallel sessions on Bilingual Proficiency and Assessment, Structure of Conversation and Performance, and Discourse Analysis, rounded out this year's offering of conference presentations.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

If you have any professional news to report about yourself, or if you would like to publicize an event that would be of interest to other LASSO members, please send a message to Regina Morin at rmorin@tcnj.edu for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all members who contributed news of their professional accomplishments for the current newsletter. Congratulations to all!

Eduardo D. Faingold has a paper in press entitled "Official English in the constitutions and statutes of the 50 states in the United States", to appear in *Language Problems and Language Planning* in 2012. In his article Eduardo exhaustively screens the constitutions and legislative statutes of the 50 United States to identify legal language defining the linguistic obligations of the state and the language rights of individuals and groups. He suggests that in the United States, "hands-off" is good language policy not only nationwide but also statewide, because states adopting a hands-off linguistic policy are consistent with the Constitution of the United States, while states adopting a "hands-on" policy are in conflict with it. States adopting hands-on language legislation in their constitutions or statutes are deemed to be "nativist" because they seem unfavorable toward speakers of minority languages, while states adopting a hands-off policy are "non-nativist" because they seem favorable (or at least neutral) toward speakers of minority languages.

Eduardo is also proud to announce that he has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Museum is dedicated to the collection and preservation of art and artifacts, and presentation of educational displays and programs, relating to the history of the Jewish people from its beginning to the present and around the world; the history of the settlement and contributions of Jews in the United States, in general, and in Oklahoma and the American Southwest, in particular; art by Jewish artists and artisans and about matters Jewish; the Holocaust and its lessons; and the history, life, culture and experience of Jews in the Land of Israel. The collections, displays and presentations shall be used in furtherance of the education of persons of all ages and cultures, from Oklahoma in particular, and all others who care to learn in order to foster understanding, cooperation and coexistence.

Fredric Field announces that he was promoted from Associate Professor to full Professor. In addition, his book, *Bilingualism in the U.S.A.: The Case of the Chicano-Latino Community* is now in print. According to the announcement from John Benjamins, the publisher:

This text provides an overview of bi- and multilingualism as a worldwide phenomenon. It features comprehensive discussions of many of the linguistic, social, political, and educational issues found in an increasingly multilingual nation and world. To this end, the book takes the Chicano-Latino community of Southern California, where Spanish-English bilingualism has over a century and a half of history, and presents a detailed case study, thereby situating the community in a much broader social context. Spanish is the second most-widely spoken language in the U.S. after English, yet, for the most part, its speakers form a language minority that essentially lacks the social, political, and educational support necessary to derive the many cognitive, socioeconomic, and educational benefits that proficient bilingualism can provide. The issues facing Spanish-English bilinguals in the Los Angeles area are relevant to nearly every bi- and multilingual community irrespective of nation, language, and/or ethnicity.

More information is available at:

<http://benjamins.com/#catalog/books/sibil.44/main>

Fredric's, *Key Concepts in Bilingualism* (Palgrave Macmillan, ISBN: 978-0-230-23233-4, and ISBN10: 0-230-23233-7), is also now available. According to the publisher:

Arranged alphabetically, this accessible glossary provides a quick source of reference for a range of readers, from students of linguistics to educators who need help navigating the vocabulary of Bilingualism. Cross-referenced throughout, this guide considers a range of concepts that relate to the interdisciplinary nature of the field.

For additional information, please consult: <http://us.macmillan.com/keyconceptsinbilingualism/FredricField>

María Irene Moyna has recently published her book *Compound Words in Spanish: Theory and History* (Current Issues in Linguistic Theory 316, ISBN 978 90 272 4834 3). The publisher's website states:

This is the first book devoted entirely to the history of compound words in Spanish. Based on data obtained from Spanish dictionaries and databases of the past thousand years, it documents the evolution of the major compounding patterns of the language. It analyzes the structural, semantic, and orthographic features of each compound type, and also provides a description of its Latin antecedents, early attestations, and relative frequency and productivity over the centuries. The combination of qualitative and quantitative data shows that although most compound types have survived, they have undergone changes in word order and relative frequency. Moreover, the book shows that the evolution of compounding in Spanish may be accounted for by processes of language acquisition in children. This book, which includes all the data in chronological and alphabetical order, will be a valuable resource for morphologists, Romance linguists, and historical linguists more generally.

For more information see:

<http://benjamins.com/#catalog/books/cilt.316/main>

Diane Uber has two new articles out. The first, "Forms of Address: The Effect of the Context", appears in *The Handbook of Hispanic Sociolinguistics*, ed. by Manuel Díaz-Campos. (Blackwell Handbooks in Linguistics. Chichester, UK: Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2011, 244-262, ISBN: 978-1-4051-9500-3). The following appears on the publisher's website:

This Handbook provides a comprehensive, state-of-the-art overview of theoretical and descriptive research in contemporary Hispanic sociolinguistics.

- ❖ Offers the first authoritative collection exploring research strands in the emerging and fast-moving field of Spanish sociolinguistics
- ❖ Highlights the contributions that Spanish Sociolinguistics has offered to general linguistic theory
- ❖ Brings together a team of the top researchers in the field to present the very latest perspectives and discussions of key issues
- ❖ Covers a wealth of topics including: variationist approaches, Spanish and its importance in the U.S.,

language planning, and other topics focused on the social aspects of Spanish

- ❖ Includes several varieties of Spanish, reflecting the rich diversity of dialects spoken in the Americas and Spain

For more information go to:

http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-WILEY2_SEARCH_RESULT.html?query=Handbook%20of%20Hispanic%20Sociolinguistics

Diane's second article, "*La unidad grupal, el respeto y la cortesía: Fórmulas de tratamiento en los negocios en el español porteño*", is found in the *Proceedings of the XVI Congreso Internacional de la ALFAL (Asociación de Lingüística y Filología de la América Latina), Obras Colectivas de Humanidades 28*, compiled by Ana M. Cestero, Isabel Milina and Florentino Paredes, Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Spain, 2011. (on CD, ISBN: 978-84-8138-923-4)

Anthony K. Webster co-edited a special issue (2011) of *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 35(2) with Leighton C. Peterson on "American Indian Languages in Unexpected Places." He co-wrote the "Introduction" with Peterson and authored the article "'Please Read Loose': Intimate Grammars and Unexpected Languages in Contemporary Navajo Literature" (*American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 35(2): 61-89) which deals with the use of Navajo English in contemporary Navajo writing. For more, please see:

<http://www.books.aisc.ucla.edu/books/aicrjv35n2.asp>

Webster and Blackhorse Mitchell co-wrote a paper for *Working Papers in Athabaskan Languages (Alaska Native Language Center Working Papers*, edited by Siri G. Tuttle and Olga Lovick, No. 9: 1-14) titled, "Losing Control in a Navajo Poem: On the ethnopoetics of an expressive feature in a poem by Rex Lee Jim." More information is available at:

<http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/publications/detail/index.xml?id=214>

YOU STILL HAVE TIME! FEBRUARY 28 IS THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR HELMUT ESAU PRIZE

LASSO is very proud of all of our student members and encourages them to not only present their research at our annual meeting, but to also participate in the contest for the Esau Prize.

To be eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, students must first present at the Annual Meeting and then submit a revised version of their paper to the LASSO Vice President. The prize is awarded to the best of all high-quality submissions received. Recipients of this prestigious prize receive a \$400 cash award.

If you are a student and presented your work at the LASSO conference on South Padre Island, you can be

considered for the 2011 Esau Prize. Your polished, article-length manuscript should be sent to Holly Cashman at (holly.cashman@unh.edu) and must be in her hands by February 28, 2012.

This award is named in honor of Helmut Esau, who was active in the early days of LASSO.

Professor Esau died in an automobile accident shortly after he was elected to the LASSO presidency, and his colleagues at the time established the Esau Award to commemorate his contributions to the Linguistic Association of the Southwest and to the profession at large.

2012 LASSO MEETING TO BE HELD IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Please visit the [conference website](#) for more detailed information

Program Highlights and General Information

IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, 2101 East Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805) will host LASSO October 11-13, 2012, with the board meeting on the evening of the 11th. If you have some time before or after the conference you can visit the many local attractions.

All activities (registration, sessions, board meeting and dinner) on Thursday, October 11 will be held at the Holiday Inn IPFW & Coliseum:

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/fort-wayne/fwayn/hoteldetail>

All activities (registration, sessions, Plenary Talk and banquet) on Friday, October 12 will be held at the IPFW Walb Union: <http://new.ipfw.edu/walb/>

On Saturday, October 13, the sessions will be held at the IPFW Walb Union, while the Presidential Address and Reception will be held at the Holiday Inn IPFW & Coliseum. (for building locations see the [campus map](#) or [view the Virtual Tour](#)). All these venues are less than a miles distance from each other and shuttle service will also be provided.

Detailed program information will appear in the August Newsletter.

Facilities

All of the conference rooms at the Holiday Inn IPFW & Coliseum, as well as those at IPFW Walb Union are equipped with a computer, a USB connection for memory sticks, high-speed Internet connection, and computer projector. Please do not bring your laptop for your presentation; rather, save your Power Point on a memory stick to plug in to the USB connection. This will help avoid lost time due to incompatibility problems between systems.

Parking

Free visitor parking is available on campus. For Information, see the [IPFW visitor parking](#) page.

Travel Information

Nearly all major US airlines fly into Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA). The airport is located about 12 miles from the IPFW campus. You may either rent a car there, or take the complimentary Hotel shuttle. Travelers do need to make reservations for the shuttle, at 1-260-482-3800.

Accommodations

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn IPFW & Coliseum, 4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Fort

Wayne, IN 46825, 1-260-482-3800. The hotel has an indoor pool, bar, and restaurant that works during breakfast and dinner time. Conference rates are \$90. Alternative lodging is available at Don Hall's Guesthouse, 1313 West Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825, (260) 489-2524, 3.5 miles from IPFW. Courtyard by Marriot is located on 1619 West Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

A good array of options for lunch are within a short driving distance from IPFW, such as Baan Thai (4634 Coldwater Road, (260) 471-2929), Casa Mare (4111 Parnell Ave., (260) 483-0202), Firefly Coffee House (3523 North Anthony Blvd.), Old Crown Coffee Roasters (3417 North Anthony Blvd., (260) 422-5282). There are on-campus facilities for lunch located in the Walb Union and at Kettler Hall.

Registration

Regular registration is \$125, and for students \$85. There will be a link on the conference website for conference participants to register and pay by credit card. This is the preferred method for registration and payment. If you are unable to pay by credit card, you can send a money order or check to

Talia Bugel
ILCS - IPFW
2101 East Coliseum Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Register early! After August 15 the rate will be \$145 for regular registration and \$105 for students.

We also strongly urge you to send in your new or renewed LASSO membership fees prior to the conference. A 2012 Membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

Procedure for cancellations:

Please notify us in writing at cleggj@ipfw.edu via e-mail no later than one week before the start of the conference.

Contact Information

Contact Jens Clegg at cleggj@ipfw.edu for questions regarding abstracts, panels, and paper scheduling. For questions about local arrangements contact Talia Bugel at bugelt@ipfw.edu

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
41ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST
OCTOBER 11-13, 2012
DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: MAY 25, 2012

Conference Theme: Are language borders expanding, evolving, or eroding?

Abstracts for papers or posters in any area of linguistics are welcome, as are proposals dealing with language issues of special interest in the Southwest. Abstracts for papers or panels on border issues and language contact are especially welcome. Proposals for complete panels with 2-4 speakers are also welcome.

Submissions by graduate students are welcome, and students are eligible for the Helmut Esau Prize, which includes a \$400 cash award.

Deadline for abstract/proposal submission is May 25, 2012. Early submission of panel proposals is desirable.

Presentation format:

Presentation time for papers will be 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for discussion. Abstracts may be in English or Spanish. Presentations should be given in the same language as the abstract. Only one abstract as single author and a second as co-author will be accepted from any one individual.

Abstract format:

Abstracts should be 250-500 words, single-spaced in 12 point Times New Roman font. Abstracts should summarize the main points and indicate key aspects of the data and methodology. Use of special font items should be kept to a minimum. In general, omit the bibliography. Abstracts will be distributed via the Internet as received.

At the beginning of the abstract, write the title of the paper. At the end of the abstract, repeat the title and also list the author's name (if more than one author, list names in the order they should appear in the program), academic affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail. If the author will not be available at his/her usual address or e-mail during the summer, provide summer contact information in the cover e-mail.

Abstract submission:

Abstracts should be e-mailed to cleggi@ipfw.edu as a PDF or Microsoft Word (doc or docx). Special font items travel best as a PDF. In addition to sending the abstract as an attachment, please paste the text of the abstract into the e-mail message itself.

Authors will receive a reply notifying them that their abstracts are under consideration. If such notification has not been received within one week, the abstract did not reach its destination and should be resent. Authors will be notified by late July as to whether their papers have been accepted.

LASSO membership:

Participation in LASSO is a privilege of membership; this means that an individual must be a current member in order to present a paper and be listed in the conference program. You may fill out a membership form at the same time you register for the conference online. Membership includes a subscription to the Southwest Journal of Linguistics.

<http://clas.ucdenver.edu/lasso/index.html>

THE SOUTHWEST JOURNAL OF LINGUISTICS

Joint Editors Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo Mejías at the University of Texas Pan-American are accepting manuscripts for consideration for publication during 2012-2013. Manuscripts should be sent electronically to swjlasso@utpa.edu, but must also be accompanied by a pdf. version or a hard copy to following address: Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo A. Mejías, Joint Editors, *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*, Department of Modern Languages, University of Texas—Pan American, 1201 University Drive, Edinburg, Texas, 78541, USA.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Manuscripts are to be prepared according to the *Language* style sheet, published annually in the December *LSA Bulletin* and available at:

<http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-lang-style.cfm>

In addition to meeting *Language* requirements, Southwest Journal of Linguistics contributors should also:

- Prepare manuscripts using WORD or another common word processing program for PC or Mac. Contact the editor for guidance in using special symbols.

- Submit manuscripts in either English or Spanish.
- Include an abstract in English of between 100 and 150 words.
- Submit 1 copy in WORD and one in pdf or hard copy for comparison (especially if symbols are used).

Given the comprehensive goal of the journal, attention is drawn particularly to the *Language* style sheet provision that contributors provide the names and addresses of appropriate referees.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

If you have renewed your membership for 2012, we thank you. If you haven't renewed yet, you will find a copy of the 2012 membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership in LASSO demonstrates commitment to the study of linguistics and provides scholars and students alike the opportunity to develop professional friendships, to obtain information about teaching and research, and to exchange ideas and network with each other. LASSO members receive two newsletters per year and two issues per year of the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*.

Presentation of papers at the annual LASSO conference is a privilege of membership, and only those who are LASSO members may have their work published in the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*.

Now is also a good time to check local library holdings; if your school does not receive the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*, by all means request that your institution subscribe today.

LASSO 2011 Financial Report October 2010-September 2011

Opening Balance October 2010		\$42,199.24
INCOME		
Memberships and back issues	\$6,716.80	
Royalties	\$50.76	
Funds from Las Cruces Conference	\$969.68	
Funds from Corvallis Conference	\$149.41	
Dividends	\$159.15	
Total Income	\$8,045.80	
EXPENSES		
SWJL 29:1	\$3,514.65	
CELJ Membership	\$45.00	
2011 Exec. Committee Meeting venue	\$2,160.00	
2010 Esau Award Winner (Jenny Dumont)	\$400.00	
SWJL Financials	\$500.00	
Total Expenses	\$6,619.65	
Current LASSO Account Balance		\$43,625.39

2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The LASSO Executive Committee met Thursday night, September 29, 2011, at the Pearl South Padre hotel. Members in Attendance: María Irene Moyna, President; Regina Morin, Executive Director; Members: Joke Mondada, Pamela Anderson Mejías, Jens Clegg, Daniel Villa, Holly Cashman, Adam Schwartz, Michael R. Woods, Eduardo Faingold, Donny Vigil, John Foreman, Danielle Alfandre, Michelle Ramos Pellicia, Samantha Coughlin, Kati Pletsch de García, Hugo Mejías, Sheila Dooley, Javier Rivas, Israel Sánchez Sanz, Ibrahima Ba, Aaron Marks, Laura Guglani, Damian Wilson.

The committee:

1. Approved the minutes of the 2010 Executive Committee Meeting in Las Cruces, NM.
2. Accepted Morin's financial report for the period of October 2010 through September 2011. The opening balance was 42,199.24. Income for the year was \$8,045.80, including \$159.15 in dividends, \$50.76 in royalties, \$6,716.80 from membership fees and the sale of back issues, \$149.41 forwarded by the organizers of the 2008 conference in Corvallis, and \$969.68 in funds

forwarded by the organizer of the 2010 conference in Las Cruces. Total expenses for the year were \$6,619.65, resulting in a bank balance of \$43,625.39. *SWJL* 29(2) has just been mailed out and these expenses will be reflected in the next financial report.

3. Accepted Morin's report on the Esau Award. The Award went to Jenny Dumont of New Mexico State University, who received a prize of \$400.

4. Accepted Foreman's and Cashman's report on the South Padre Island conference finances and program. To date expenses are \$18,889.86 and total income is \$18,548, for a difference of -\$341.86. Two additional registrations have been collected since the report was prepared. LASSO paid for the dinner and venue for the Executive Committee meeting, which was open to all members. UTB MAX contributed \$4401.82. Additional material support was provided by UTB and by the hotel. Approximately 95 abstracts for individual papers were received and 5 panel proposals with 14 papers. Four reviewers selected 86 papers for individual presentations and all 5 panels. There was a 17% withdrawal rate, so that the final count is 83 papers including panels, plus two special sessions by the editors of *SWJL*.

5. Accepted Jens Clegg's report on the 2012 conference to be sponsored by Indiana U-Purdue U at Fort Wayne. The conference hotel will be on campus and has guaranteed a \$90 per night rate. Jens will be program chair for the 2012 conference and his colleague, Talia Bugel, will be the local arrangements chair. The university has agreed to donate the use of all facilities at no cost. The conference will be held the second weekend in October.

6. Accepted the following Committee and other assignments:

- Katie Pletsch de García, Executive Committee (2014)
- Eduardo Faingold, Publicity Committee (2014)

So we now have:

Executive Committee

- Adam Schwartz, University of Texas-Pan American (2012)
- Donny Vigil, University of North Texas (2013)
- Katie Pletsch de García, Executive Committee (2014)

Nominating Committee

- Earl Brown, California State University, Monterey Bay (2012)
- Daniel Villa, New Mexico State University (2012)
- Danielle Alfandre, Southeastern Louisiana University (2013)

Publicity Committee

- Patricia Gubitosi, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2012)
- Eduardo Faingold, University of Tulsa (2014)
- Michelle Ramos-Pellicia, Cal State San Marcos (2012)
- Ana Sánchez Muñoz, California State Northridge (2012)
- José Esteban Hernández, University of Texas-Pan American (2012)

7. Accepted Anderson-Mejías' report on the status of the journal. The journal did not receive the presidential address for publication. Twenty-eight manuscripts were received in 2010-2011. 2 manuscripts were returned not juried. 15 manuscripts received a positive revise and resubmit letter, 9 received a negative revise and resubmit letter, 3 were rejected after review. 15 manuscripts were resubmitted. There were 9 of 15 manuscripts accepted on resubmission. There are 8 articles in the process of being revised. There were 4 book reviews. 72 jurors reviewed articles in 2010-2011. Most of the manuscripts received were not submitted by LASSO members. The editors encouraged members to submit their work to the journal.

8. Old business: In response to our discussion regarding amending the by-laws, including looking at the language used to define our organization:

A motion was passed to propose an amendment that the word "regional" be removed from the by-laws. If passed, the word "regional" will then be removed from all print and web-based literature describing the organization and the journal.*

A motion was passed to vote on said amendment at the business meeting of October 30, 2011.

8. New business:

The following advertisement will be placed on Linguist List if we do not receive a statement of interest from any current LASSO members:

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Daniel Villa suggested that we have an alternate plan in place, such as the publication of a special collection. The matter was left unresolved, since SWJL 30(2) is already scheduled to be a special issue.

* In response to the motion passed at the Executive Committee meeting of September 29, 2011 to propose an amendment that the word "regional" be removed from the by-laws, it was decided that no vote was necessary. Examination of the Constitution and By-laws revealed that the word "regional" does not appear in either document. Therefore, the word "regional" that appears on the home page of the LASSO website can be removed without a vote from the membership.

THANK YOU, LASSO VOLUNTEERS

Sincere thanks are extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents as officers and volunteers for the Linguistic Association of the Southwest:

President

Holly Cashman, University of New Hampshire (2012)

Past President

María Irene Moyna, Texas A&M (2011)

Vice President / Program Chair & President Elect

Jens Clegg, Indiana University--Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) (2012)

Executive Director

Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey (2013)

Executive Committee

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Local Arrangements Committee for 2012.

Jens Clegg, Indiana University--Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) (2012)

Publicity Committee

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