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REMINDERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK REVIEWS

If you would like to have a book reviewed, Eduardo Faingold, our Book Review Editor, will be happy to receive it. It may be addressed to:

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Guidelines for book reviews can be found on our [website](#).

NAME CHANGE FOR SWJL

It was proposed at the 2012 LASSO conference that the name of our journal be changed to the *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST*. Following parliamentary procedure, LASSO officers endorsed the motion in writing, and ballots were sent to all individual and institutional members whose membership was current through 2012. The motion was approved by an overwhelming majority of voting members. Volume 31 of the journal will be published under the new name, which will better reflect the scope of the current *Southwest Journal of Linguistics* and the expanding geographical area of the LASSO membership.

NEW CO-EDITORS FOR THE *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST*

JEREMY KING and **JILL BRODY**, of LSU, have graciously offered to serve as co-editors of the journal following the publication of the special issue (Vol. 30:2). All contact information will remain the same for the present time. Further information will appear in the August Newsletter, and will also be announced at our annual meeting. Our heartfelt thanks go out to **PAMELA ANDERSON-MEJÍAS** and **HUGO MEJÍAS** for their many dedicated years as co-editors of the journal.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OR SELF-NOMINATIONS

At the 2013 LASSO Annual Meeting, Regina Morin will be stepping down as Executive Director. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. The list of committee members appears at the end of this Newsletter. Regina will be happy to stay on as a Mentor during the first year to help the new Executive Director learn the ropes.

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

To renew your membership through PayPal just [click here](#). If you prefer to renew by check there is a 2013 Membership Renewal Form at the end of this Newsletter that you can print out and send in.

Once again, extra special thanks go out to **DANIEL VILLA** of NMSU for his help with PayPal. Daniel originally dragged us into the 21st century by setting up our very first PayPal account, and he has been indispensable in setting up our conference registration and payment page for several years running, including this one. We couldn't have done it without him.

THANK YOU, IPFW AND FORT WAYNE, INDIANA!

Fort Wayne, Indiana was the site of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest. The meeting was hosted by Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne (IPFW), and held from October 11-13, 2012. Special thanks go out to Talia Bugel, the Local Arrangements Chair, and Jens Clegg, the LASSO Vice President and Program Chair. We could not have asked for more friendly or more welcoming hosts. We would also like to thank all the faculty and student volunteers who contributed to the success of the conference, and IPFW for its generous logistical and financial support.

The afternoon of Thursday, October 11 featured parallel sessions on Historical Linguistics, Code Switching, English Linguistics, and Spanish in Puerto Rico. There was a Special Session offered by Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo A. Mejías, the joint editors of *the Southwest Journal of Linguistics*. There was a special panel on Exploring language boundaries and variation across dialects and language varieties, and another on Spanish native/heritage learners and critical implications for inclusive, engaged practice. The LASSO Executive Committee Meeting was held Thursday evening.

Friday, October 12, saw a full day of presentations including three special panels on Spanish in Oregon:

Nuevas fronteras de lengua e identidad, Spanish as a heritage language, and Language policies in the U.S. Parallel sessions included presentations on world languages, language policy and planning, bilingual education, language in the media, French and Arabic linguistics, sociolinguistics, phonetics, and syntax. In keeping with the conference theme of expanding, evolving or eroding language borders, Shana Poplack, of the University of Ottawa gave the plenary address: "The trajectory of lexical borrowing". Dinner and the LASSO Business Meeting followed.

On Saturday, October 13, the last day of the conference, there was a special panel on *El español en Cleveland: Actitudes lingüísticas y variedades en contacto*, and parallel sessions on language identity, travel and linguistics, Portuguese and Judeo Spanish syntax, language loss and maintenance, Spanish heritage language speakers, language contact and linguistics and society. Holly Cashman brought the conference presentations to a close with her presidential address, "Language Identity and Social Networks Among LGBT Latinas/os in Phoenix", which was followed by the Presidential Reception.

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!

Congratulations to **DOMNITA DUMITRESCU**, who has recently been made a permanent member of the *Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española* (ANLE), and corresponding member of the *Real Academia Española*.

Domnita also has a recent co-edited volume with Gerardo Piña-Rosales entitled *El español en Estados Unidos: E Pluribus Unum? Enfoques multidisciplinares*, New York: Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española/North American Academy of the Spanish Language, 2013. 403 pp. ISBN - 978-0-9850961,\$ 25.00

To obtain a copy of the book, please write to: Acadnorteamerica@aol.com

Contributors, many of them LASSO members, include: (by alphabetical order): Silvia Betti (Università di Modena y Reggio Emilia, Italia); Robert J. Blake (University of California, Davis); Laura Callahan (City College of New York); Maria Cecilia Colombi (University of California, Davis); Domnita Dumitrescu (California State University, Los Angeles); Marta Fairclough (University of Houston); Ofelia García (Graduate Center of the City University of New York);

José Ángel Gonzalo García de León (Editorial Hable con Eñe); Devin Jenkins (University of Colorado); John Lipski (Pennsylvania State University); Andrew Lynch (University of Miami); Dalia Magaña (University of California, Davis); Glenn Martínez (University of Texas Pan American); Frank Nuessel (University of Louisville); Ricardo Otheguy (Graduate Center of the City University of New York); Kim Potowski (University of Illinois at Chicago); Susana Rivera-Mills (Oregon State University); Ana Roca (Florida International University); Ana Sánchez-Muñoz (California State University, Northridge); and Carmen Silva-Corvalán (University of Southern California).

This volume (written entirely in Spanish, with English abstracts) contains 17 studies on a variety of aspects of Spanish in the United States, including topics such as: a socio-demographic analysis of the US Hispanic population, bilingual first language acquisition of English and Spanish, cross-generational maintenance of Spanish, steps toward a dialectology of US Spanish, dialect contact in the United States, conceptual convergence with English in the speech of US Hispanics, *Spanglish* as an identity marker, language policies in the US health delivery

system to Hispanics, and several perspectives on Spanish literacy and the teaching of Spanish as a heritage language in the United States. While some chapters take an updated “state-of-the-art” approach to the field of research they focus on, many others offer new theoretical insights or discuss the results of original studies in applied linguistics, which will undoubtedly be of great interest to the scholars working in the field of US Spanish, irrespective of the particular methodology they favor in their research.



As a member of the editorial advisory board, Domnita also sent news that *Pragmática Sociocultural* (SOPRAG 1:1) will be published by De Gruyter on March 1, 2013, but has a number of open access articles currently available [online](#).

Sociocultural Pragmatics is published with the financial support of [Vetenskapsrådet](#), Stockholm University, and the [EDICE Program](#). According to the EDICE website:

Sociocultural Pragmatics (SOPRAG) is a biannual publication that encourages the international dissemination of research results on theoretical and applied linguistics, focusing on social and cultural aspects of the Spanish language in all its forms and expressions. SOPRAG publishes high-quality papers that are useful to establish the interdependence between pragmatic, social, and cultural aspects of the Spanish language and its relations with other languages.



A book chapter by **EDUARDO FAINGOLD** (University of Tulsa) on “Language rights in the United States Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1964” will appear in *Readings in Language Studies, Volume 3. Language and Identity*, Paul Chamness Miller (ed.), Lakewood Ranch, Florida: [International Society for Language Studies](#). Eduardo’s paper analyzes the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States (US) Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for language that defines the linguistic obligations of the US and the language rights of persons in the US, arguing that neither the US Constitution nor the Civil Rights Act of 1964 define the de jure obligations of the US towards members of language minorities. His paper argues that the US should explicitly recognize the language rights of minority groups in the US. In addition, the paper aims to provide expert advice about language policy to aid political decision-makers of the US in interpreting existing legislation and drafting new legislation to help solve linguistic conflicts arising among speakers of majority and minority languages. Future interpretations of existing laws and statutes and new legislation addressing the rights of speakers of minority languages to equal protection status under the Fourteenth Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 are more likely to help solve conflicts by defining legally the status of speakers of such languages.



CONGRATULATIONS go out to **JILL HALLETT**, who completed her degree requirements for a Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Illinois in December 2012. Jill is currently an Adjunct Instructor of Linguistics at Northeastern Illinois University, and Adjunct Instructor of English as a Second Language at the Illinois Institute of Technology



MELVIN GONZÁLEZ RIVERA (Bucknell University) has co-edited a volume with Sandro Sessarego (University of Wisconsin-Madison) entitled *Current Formal Aspects of Spanish Syntax and Semantics*. Information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

The publisher website describes this volume as follows:

This book is a compilation of articles on different aspects of Spanish grammar in the areas of current theoretical syntax and semantics. The issue brings together scholars working on some formal aspects of Spanish predicative complementation (e.g., dequeísmo), neuter demonstrative pronouns, the subject of Psych verbs, the nature of non-verbal predication, and the internal structure of the Determiner Phrase (DP), cf. gender variation, among other topics. Linguists and philologists with interests in Spanish and/or in other Romance languages are the main target audience. The book will appeal also to researchers and students specializing in generative grammar, semantics and in the syntax/semantics interface. It will also be of interest to historical linguists and dialectologists addressing theoretical/formal issues (cf. Afro-Bolivian Spanish). The research in this book points to a cohesiveness in Spanish linguistics that lies in the integration of up-to-date empirically-based linguistic research with current theoretical assumptions on the nature of syntax and semantics.



REY ROMERO (University of Houston) has a new book, *Spanish in the Bosphorus: A sociolinguistic study on the Judeo-Spanish dialect spoken in Istanbul*, published in October of 2012. The following information about the book appears on the publisher’s website:

In 1492, the Spanish monarchs expelled tens of thousands of Sephardic Jews from the Iberian Peninsula and other territories. Most Sephardim headed eastward and settled in Ottoman lands, where their language, known as Judeo-Spanish, survived and thrived for centuries. This book is the result of fieldwork in the Jewish community of Istanbul. It provides a historical and modern sociolinguistic account of the survival of the Judeo-Spanish dialect after centuries of fragmentation, French bilingualism, “Turkish only” language policies, emigration, and globalization. This work analyzes social patterns on the acquisition and use of Judeo-Spanish in the community as well as linguistic change throughout different generations of Istanbulite Sephardim. Focusing on several grammatical features, these data demonstrate that bilingualism with Turkish and reduced linguistic spaces promote language change.

In a world where linguistic diversity is rapidly shrinking, the survival and future of Judeo-Spanish is a testament to the close bond between language, culture, community, and identity.

More information is available and the book can be purchased from [Libra](#).

HELMUT ESAU PRIZE DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2013

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. To be considered for the 2013 Esau Prize, polished, article-length manuscripts should be sent, preferably as an e-mail attachment, to **Jens Clegg** at cleggj@ipfw.edu following

our fall meeting, and must be in his hands by February 28, 2013. Papers may also be sent to:

Jens Clegg
IPFW - ILCS
2101 East Coliseum Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1499

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.

2013 LASSO MEETING TO BE HELD IN NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

Please visit the [Conference Website](#) more detailed information

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

[The College of New Jersey \(TCNJ\)](#) and [West Chester University of Pennsylvania](#) will jointly host LASSO XLII from September 26 through 28, 2013, with the Executive Committee Meeting on the evening of the 26th. There will be a complimentary dinner for all members attending the Executive Committee Meeting, but you must RSVP to rmorin@tcnj.edu if you plan to attend. If you have some time before or after the conference you can visit the many attractions in New York City, Princeton, NJ, and Philadelphia, PA.

All activities (registration, sessions, Executive Committee Meeting and dinner, Business Meeting, presidential and plenary addresses, and receptions) will be held at the [conference hotel](#).

Detailed program information will appear in the August Newsletter.

FACILITIES

All of the conference rooms at the Heldrich Hotel 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

There is a self-parking garage with overnight parking for \$17 per night. Valet parking with unlimited exit and entry is available for \$25 per night for overnight parking.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIR TRAVEL

[Newark Liberty International Airport \(EWR\)](#) is the preferred airport for you to use. You may find a cheaper flight into LaGuardia, or JFK, or Philly, but will end up spending much more time, distance and transportation costs getting to New Brunswick. Newark Liberty Airport (EWR) is roughly 30 minutes (25 Miles) from New Brunswick, but it's all highway. John F. Kennedy Airport (JFK) is 1 hour and 10 Minutes (50 Miles) minimum from New Brunswick but it is heavily trafficked. LaGuardia Airport (LGA) is 1 Hour and 5 Minutes (45 Miles) minimum from New Brunswick, but it is heavily trafficked and you have to travel through the city. Remember that all these times are "best case scenarios". New Jersey is very densely populated and has a lot of traffic. Times will vary significantly depending on proximity to morning and afternoon rush hours. You can find additional information on area airports [here](#) but trust me, Newark Liberty International is your best bet.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION TO NEW BRUNSWICK

TRAIN TO NEW BRUNSWICK

The most affordable way to get from Newark Liberty International Airport to New Brunswick is by taking a [New Jersey Transit](#) train. Newark Intl. Airport Station is a railway station near the airport, and connected to all 3 terminals by the AirTrain, a free monorail service. See the conference website for detailed information on this option.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

[State Shuttle](#) has the best price for the trip between Newark and New Brunswick. The Heldrich Hotel already has a discounted price with State Shuttle. If you take a scheduled shuttle that stops at other hotels the cost is \$45 per person one way plus gratuity. If you are arriving before 5:00 a.m. there is a \$5:00 early morning surcharge. A private van can be reserved for \$127 plus gratuity, but you would have to coordinate with 9 to 10 people arriving at similar times to reserve a van. State Shuttle can be reached at 800-427-3207, or you can go their [website](#) and make your reservation online. You can make a one way or a round trip reservation.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS from Newark Liberty Airport to the Heldrich Hotel (this route has tolls). There are detailed directions on the Conference Website, but make sure to pack your GPS!

ACCOMMODATIONS

We have reserved a block of rooms at the [Heldrich Hotel](#) at 10 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. The hotel has an indoor pool and fitness room, free wi-fi, and several dining possibilities. There is a fabulous [wine bar and restaurant](#) on the ground floor, not associated with the hotel, but certainly convenient. Conference rates are \$109. There will be a conference code for you to use, and instructions for making reservations will appear in the August Newsletter. All activities relating to LASSO XLII will be held at the Heldrich.

Alternative lodging is available at the [Rutgers University Inn and Conference Center](#). Current rates are \$86.25, but they can't confirm what they will be in September. It is about 1.25 miles from the Heldrich, but the reservation desk said you can't walk the route because the area is somewhat "unsavory". There is a free Rutgers [shuttle](#) (the [EE](#) or the [F](#)) that stops at the top of their parking lot and can drop you off near the Heldrich. You can also take the Rutgers shuttle from the train station if you are arriving in New Brunswick on NJTransit.

A good array of options for lunch and dinner are within a short walking distance from the Heldrich Hotel, but the registration fee will include lunch on Friday and Saturday.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

New Brunswick is home to [Rutgers University](#). The [New Brunswick Visitor Information](#) website has all you need to know about things to do and places to eat. The [train](#) is the easiest and cheapest way to get into [New York City](#). The New Brunswick Train Station is about four blocks from the Heldrich Hotel. [Princeton](#) is easily accessible from New Brunswick by [NJ Transit](#). You can take the train from New Brunswick to Princeton Junction, and from there take the "Dinky" into Princeton. You can

also visit [Philadelphia](#) from New Brunswick. Take [NJ Transit](#) to Trenton, and from there take [SEPTA](#) (the Pennsylvania regional trains) into the city. More detailed information and links can be found on the Conference Website.

REGISTRATION

Regular registration is \$190, and for students \$150, which will include all the sessions, continuous break service, and lunch on Friday and Saturday.

There will be an additional charge if you would like to attend the reception following the Keynote Address on Friday, and the Presidential Reception on Saturday. You must let us know if you plan to attend the receptions by August 15, so arrangements can be finalized with the conference hotel. You can attend both receptions for an additional \$35.00, or just one for \$20.00.

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

Regina Morin
TCNJ World Languages and Cultures
PO Box 7718
Ewing, NJ 08628

Register early! After August 15 the rate will be \$210 for regular registration and \$170 for students.

We also strongly urge you to send in your new or renewed LASSO membership fees prior to the conference. A 2013 Membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter for your convenience, or you can renew through [PayPal](#).

PROCEDURE FOR CANCELLATIONS:

Please notify us in writing at rmorin@tcnj.edu via e-mail no later than one week before the start of the conference. We will not be able to refund registration fees for cancellations made less than a week prior to the conference.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Information

For questions regarding abstracts, panels, and paper scheduling contact Israel Sanz at lassonewjersey2013@gmail.com. For questions about local arrangements contact Regina Morin at rmorin@tcnj.edu.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
42ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST
SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2013

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY
HOSTED BY THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (TCNJ)
CO-SPONSORED BY WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY (WCU)

CONFERENCE THEME: SPANISH IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ROBERT BLAKE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – DAVIS.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: MAY 15, 2013

Submission of Abstracts and Proposals

We welcome abstracts for papers in all areas of linguistics. Abstracts for papers or panels on Spanish in the Age of Technology, and more specifically on Online/Distance Learning (DL) in Second Language Higher Education 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.

Special Interest Group: Second Language Acquisition (SLA) and Online/Distance Learning (DL) in Second Language Higher Education

Abstracts for papers investigating any aspect of the interface between second language acquisition and learning and distance-based instruction are especially welcome. Possible areas of interest include:

- The benefits of Distance Learning within an SLA framework
- Evidence of how technologically supported activities should fit into the L2 (foreign language) curriculum
- Finding an effective balance of face-to-face and online instructional components
- Methods for making sure L2 learners notice units of comprehensible input and develop metalinguistic awareness
- Methods that force output, allowing students to make use of their linguistic resources, test hypotheses, and convey precise and appropriate meaning
- Putting focus on form at the center of web based L2 teaching and learning.

Abstracts for papers or panels on issues of language learning assessment in distance-based instruction contexts are particularly welcome. Papers should have a clear theoretical background and empirical focus – i.e., purely descriptive papers on specific pedagogical experiences are discouraged. Proposals for complete panels with 2-4 speakers are also welcome.

Deadline for abstract/proposal submission is **May 15, 2013**. 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 for the general session should be submitted via EasyAbs: <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/lasso2013> as a .pdf, .txt, .doc or .odt file. Special font items travel best in a .pdf file. Abstracts for the Special Interest Group presentations should be submitted via EasyAbs: <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/lasso2013sla> as a .pdf, .txt, .doc or .odt file.

For questions, e-mail lassonewjersey2013@gmail.com. Do not submit abstracts to this e-mail address.

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 *International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest*.

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF THE LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHWEST

Joint Editors Pamela Anderson-Mejías and Hugo Mejías at the University of Texas Pan-American are accepting manuscripts for consideration for publication during 2013-2014. 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, *International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest*, Department of Modern Languages, University of Texas—Pan American, 1201 University Drive, Edinburg, Texas, 78541, USA.

EDITORIAL SCOPE

The journal 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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Manuscripts are to be prepared according to the *Language* style sheet, published annually in the December *LSA Bulletin* and available [here](#).

In addition to meeting *Language* requirements, contributors to the *International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest* 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 2013, we thank you. If you haven't renewed yet, you will find a copy of the 2013 membership form on the last page of this newsletter, or you can renew through PayPal on the [LASSO website](#).

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 *International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest*.

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 *International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest*.

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

LASSO 2012 Financial Report September 2011-October 2012

OPENING BALANCE OCTOBER 2011		\$43,625.39
INCOME		
Memberships and back issues paid by check	\$3,744.25	
Memberships through PayPal	\$2,568.29	
Sale of Books by Review Editor	\$500.00	
Funds from South Padre Island Conference	\$1,742.47	
Refund from Exec. Committee Meeting Venue	\$37.54	
Royalties	\$56.56	
Dividends paid 2012	\$89.95	
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,739.06	
EXPENSES		
SWJL 29:2	\$3,537.82	
SWJL 30:1	\$4,484.28	
Postage	\$11.50	
2011 Esau Award Winner (R. Mata)	\$400.00	
Deposit for 2013 Conference in NJ	\$4,500.00	
Total Expenses	\$12,933.60	
 Current LASSO Account Balance		 \$39,430.85

2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The LASSO Executive Committee met Thursday night, October 11, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Fort Wayne, IN. Members in Attendance: Holly Cashman, President; Regina Morin, Executive Director; Members: Joke Mondada, Pamela Anderson Mejías, Jens Clegg, Adam Schwartz, Michael R. Woods, Eduardo Faingold, Donny Vigil, Michelle Ramos Pellicia, Hugo Mejías, Devin Jenkins, Earl Brown, Michelle Ofelt, Carmella Scorcía, Maralisa Morales Ortiz, Juan Antonio Trujillo, Patricia McGregor Mendoza, Lisa Gardner Flores, Patricia G. González, Dalia Magaña, Antonio Naula Rodríguez, Tanya Flores, Elizabeth Herring, Shannon Bischoff, Catherine Mazak, Rosita L. Rivera, Shayra Helena Burgos-García, Kim Potowski, Susana Rivera-Mills, Vanessa Elias, Patricia Gubitosi, Ana Sánchez Muñoz, Rocío Delgado, Talia Bugel, Reynaldo Romero.

The committee:

1. Approved the minutes of the 2011 Executive Committee Meeting on South Padre Island, TX.
2. Accepted Morin's financial report for the period of October 2011 through October 2012. The opening balance was \$43,625.39. Income for the year was \$8,739.06, including \$89.95 in dividends, \$56.56 in royalties, \$1780.01 refunded by the South Padre conference, \$6,312.54 from membership fees and the sale of back issues, and \$500 received from Peter Gingiss for the sale of books sold that were not recent enough to review. Total expenses for the year were \$12,933.60, including among other things SWJL 29:2 (\$3,537.82), SWJL 30:1 (\$4,484.28), and a \$4,500 deposit for the hotel for the 2013 conference. The resulting bank balance is \$39,430.85.
3. Accepted Holly Cashman's report on the Esau Award. The Award went to R. Mata of UCSD for the paper "Simplification of Subjunctive in the Spanish of the San Diego-Tijuana Border Area". Holly received four good-quality polished papers.
4. Accepted Jens Clegg's report on the 2012 conference. In terms of finances he expects the expenses and income to be about even. Approximately 96 abstracts were received, including 10 as a result of the second call for papers. A number of presenters withdrew either for health issues or due to reduced funding from their universities.

5. Accepted Morin's report on the 2013 conference to be sponsored by The College of New Jersey and West Chester University, and held in New Brunswick, NJ. Israel Sanz of West Chester University has expressed willingness to be the program chair and also request funding from WCU. The Conference theme will be Online Foreign Language Education. Robert Blake, of UC Davis, has been asked to present the plenary and has accepted.

6. Accepted the following Committee and other assignments:

- Executive Committee: Earl Brown, Kansas State University (2015)
- Nominating Committee:
 - Joke Mondada, University of New Orleans (2015)
 - Michelle Ramos-Pellicio, California State San Marcos (2015)
- Development Committee:
 - Adam Schwartz, University of South Florida, (2015)
 - Patricia Gubitosi, U. Mass Amherst (2015)
 - Rocío Delgado, University of the Virgin Islands (2015)
 - Ana Sánchez Muñoz, California State University Northridge (2015)

- Editorial Board
 - Reynaldo Romero, University of Houston Downtown (2015)
 - Jens Clegg, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Indiana (2015)

So we now have:

Executive Committee

- Earl Brown, California State University (2015)
- Donny Vigil, University of North Texas (2013)
- Katie Pletsch de García, Executive Committee (2014)

Nominating Committee

- Joke Mondada, University of New Orleans (2015)
- Michelle Ramos-Pellicio, California State San Marcos (2015)
- Danielle Alfandre, Southeastern Louisiana University (2013)

Development Committee:

- Adam Schwartz, University of South Florida, (2015)
- Patricia Gubitosi, U. Mass Amherst (2015)
- Rocío Delgado, University of the Virgin Islands (2015)
- Ana Sánchez Muñoz, California State University Northridge (2015)

The committee agreed to combine the Publicity Committee and the Development Committee, with 4 members, keeping only the name Development Committee.

7. Accepted Anderson-Mejías' report on the status of the journal. The journal did not receive the plenary address for publication, but it did receive Irene Moyna's presidential address, which appeared in 30(1). Twenty-one new manuscripts were received in 2011-2012. 2 manuscripts were returned not juried. 9 manuscripts received a positive revise and resubmit letter, 8 received a negative revise and resubmit letter, 3 were rejected after review. 11 manuscripts were resubmitted over the last 2-3 years. Two manuscripts rejected on resubmission. 41 jurors reviewed articles in 2011-2012. The SWJL 30(2) special issue will be ready for publication in 4-6 weeks. We hope to receive more book reviews now that Eduardo Faingold is the new book review editor. 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 continuing search for a new editor. While we still hope someone will step up, Pamela and Hugo are willing to stay on for a few more years to provide continuity and assure a supply of articles for the incoming editor. Regina has agreed to be the editor in about three years.

9. New business:

a) A question came to us from Maryellen García. The LSA made her a life member after 40 years of consecutive membership and gave her a certificate. She asked whether LASSO might consider a lifetime membership longtime Lassovians.

After some discussion, we agreed that we could create an award honoring retirees for longtime service to LASSO, and that the criteria should come from the Nominating Committee. If the nominating committee can draft a set of criteria in time for the business meeting, we can vote on it then. Otherwise we will work on this during the year and present it again at the 2013 business meeting.

b) We discussed a potential collaboration between Routledge, Taylor & Francis and LASSO in regards to SWJL. We were contacted by them, LASSO did not seek them out. Such a collaboration would significantly increase the cost of a subscription to SWJL for institutions and for nonmembers and most likely change the character of the organization. We decided that while we might be interested in not publishing in-house in the future, we are not ready to take that step right now. Pamela Anderson Mejías presented a motion that we let them know that we are not currently interested in a collaboration. Rocío Delgado seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

This led to a renewed discussion of the name of the journal due to its international nature and that we are not limited to papers on languages of the Southwest. Many members feel that it hinders our receiving more submissions and in more linguistic fields. A motion was made by Hugo Mejías, seconded by Michelle Ramos Pellicia, and unanimously approved to vote on a name change for the journal at the Business Meeting. However on further review Parliamentary procedures prevent us from making this change at a business meeting. The motion must be endorsed in writing by five additional members, and then balloting must take place among all of the membership. The name can be changed if the motion is approved by simple majority. The proposed new name is International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest.



As a follow-up, at the LASSO Business Meeting the Service Recognition Award was approved as follows:

Service Recognition Award

A service recognition award has been proposed to acknowledge the contributions of long-time members of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest. Members who have performed significant service for LASSO will be eligible to receive the award upon retiring from the institution of their affiliation. The award will take the form of an inscribed plaque. Only one member may be so honored during a single calendar year. It is not required that an award be made every year.

The awardee must be a retiring/recently retired member, active in the association and with a current membership. Service will be defined as meaningful work within the organization and active engagement in carrying out the Association's various responsibilities, i.e.: participation in conferences, service on committees, contributions to the Association's decision-making process, support of the editorial board's and/or executive committee's tasks, editorship of the journal, etc. Long-time membership will be defined as an extended period of time of continued commitment and service to the Association (20 years or more).

A recommendation based on the above-mentioned criteria shall be made by the Nominating Committee and approved as follows:

1. Nominating Committee presents one or more names to the Executive Committee.
2. Executive Committee votes to not approve the nomination(s) or approve one (of the) nomination(s).
3. LASSO will award an inscribed plaque at the following year's annual meeting. If the intended awardee is in attendance at the Annual Meeting, the plaque will be presented in person prior to the Plenary Address. If the awardee is not in attendance, the plaque will be sent by U.S. Mail.

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:

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Executive Director

Regina Morin, The College of New Jersey (2013)

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Sincere thanks are also extended to those named below who contribute their time and talents to the *International Journal of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest*:

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