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156.0 SSILA BUSINESS

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The SSILA Executive Committee has voted to cancel plans for SSILA to meet with the American Anthropological Association in New Orleans in November 2002. Instead, the Society will hold its next annual meeting with the Linguistic Society of America in Atlanta, Georgia, in early January 2003.

This move was prompted by concern that the steep rise in AAA membership dues and meeting registration fees would greatly diminish attendance. Membership in the AAA is required of participants in all AAA meeting sessions, including sessions sponsored by SSILA, and relatively few members of SSILA are currently members of the AAA. In addition, the AAA now requires SSILA to pay an administrative fee of \$500 for reserving a room for the Society's Business Meeting.

The possibility of renewing our meeting arrangements with the AAA will be on the agenda of the Atlanta meeting, and a general survey of membership opinion will be conducted in the interim. The Executive Committee will also be in contact with the AAA and with the Society for Linguistic Anthropology to explore alternative structures for an SSILA/AAA meeting that might reduce some of the costs.

The Ken Hale Prize

The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas announces the establishment of the Ken Hale Prize. This annual prize will recognize outstanding community language work and commitment to the documentation, preservation or reclamation of indigenous languages of the Americas. The recipient may be a native speaker, a community-based linguist, an academic specialist, a group or an organization.

The selection committee is now accepting nominations for the Ken Hale Prize for 2002. Nominations for the award may be made by anyone, and should include a letter of nomination stating the current position and affiliation (tribal, organizational, or academic) of the nominee or nominated group, background, and a summation of the nominee's contributions to specific language communities. The nominator should also submit a brief portfolio of supporting materials such as curricula vitae, a description of completed or on-going activities of the nominee or group, and letters from those who are most familiar with the work of the nominee (e.g. language program staff, community people, academic associates), or any other material that would support the nomination. We discourage the submission of manuscript-length work. No academic affiliation is required for the nominees.

The deadline for receipt of the nomination is September 15, 2002. The nomination packet should be sent to the chair of the Committee: Sara Trechter, Linguistics Program/English Department, California State University, Chico, CA 95929-0830. Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Trechter, preferably by email at <strecther@csuchico.edu>.

The decision of the 2002 selection committee will be announced at the next annual meeting of SSILA. In addition to Sara Trechter the members of the selection committee include Randy Graczyk (St. Charles Mission, Pryor, Montana) and Nora England (University of Texas at Austin).

Contributions to the Hale Prize Fund (and premiums)

The Society welcomes contributions in any amount to the Hale Prize Fund, to support the Ken Hale Prize and related activities. Two rare publications have been donated to the Society to help support this and other work, and are offered as premiums for the first two contributions received in the amount of \$250 or more. The publications are:

1. Ephraim Squier & E. H. Davis. *_Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi Valley_*. Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, 1848.
2. Lewis Henry Morgan. *_Systems of Consanguinity and Affinity of the Human Family_*. Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, 1870.

These are the original editions of two of the greatest classics of 19th century American anthropology. Squier & Davis's "Ancient Monuments" is the first detailed description (with numerous famous and beautiful etchings) of the extensive earthwork "mounds" of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and adjacent areas. And Morgan's "Systems" was the founding document of comparative kinship studies,

and contains extensive primary data on many North American Indian terminologies.

Both volumes are in "fair" condition, with somewhat tattered covers and slight water damage to a few pages, but they are complete and in their original bindings. They were originally given by the Smithsonian to the Nantucket Athenaeum, as indicated on the flyleaf. They were donated to SSILA by Frances Karttunen, who now lives on Nantucket, and who rescued the volumes after their "deacquisitioning" by the Athenaeum.

A third, less valuable volume in the same series is offered as a premium for a contribution in the amount of \$100 or more. This volume (Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge 22) contains several papers:

3. Joseph Jones, "Explorations of the Aboriginal Remains of Tennessee"; Charles Rau, "The Archaeological Collection of the United States National Museum" and "The Palenque Tablet in the United States National Museum"; S. Habel, "The Sculptures of Santa Lucia Cosumalwhuapa in Guatemala, With an Account of Travels in Central America and on the Western Coast of South America"; and W. H. Dall, "On the Remains of Later Pre-Historic Man obtained from Caves in the Cothiuna Archipelago, Alaska Territory."

It lacks a cover and like the other volumes is slightly water damaged, but it is otherwise intact.

Anyone who would like to donate \$250 or more and receive either the Squier & Davis volume or the Morgan volume should e-mail the SSILA office (ssila@ssila.org) with a pledge and a choice of volume. The volume will go to the first pledge received.

Similarly, anyone who would like to donate \$100 or more and receive the copy of SCK #22 should e-mail us with a pledge.

The volumes will be shipped on receipt of the pledged contributions.

Credit card payment

Arrangements have now been made to allow SSILA to accept credit card (VISA/Mastercard) payment of dues and contributions. The annual Membership Dues Statement that is being mailed with the January 2002 issue of the SSILA Newsletter will allow for credit card payment. Since the cost of this service is relatively high for a small organization like ours, there will be a small increase in dues (\$1), effective 2003.

156.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Inspiration in the languages of the Americas

>From Edwin Rutsch (edwin@humanityquest.com) 22 Jan 2002:

I am looking for native-speaking language experts to contribute a short 300 word article on the meaning of the word for "Inspiration" in their language of expertise. This is for inclusion in a book I am writing entitled "The Spirit of Inspiration." The article would include the definition, etymology, how it is expressed in the arts of the culture, and the author's personal insights.

I have created a detailed submission guideline with a sample article which you can view at:

<http://Humanityquest.com/Themes/Inspiration/ArticleGuidelines/index.asp>

The list of languages for which I am still seeking contributors can also be found here.

I would like to have at least 50 different languages represented in the book (I have 40 so far).

--Edwin Rutsch
510/528-9895
(edwin@humanityquest.com)

New mailing addresses

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>From Ives Goddard (Goddard.Ives@NMNH.SI.EDU) 23 Jan 2002:

Please use the addresses below for all mailing to me from now until further notice. If you have sent anything since mid-October to my old Smithsonian address (20560) it has been routed to Ohio for anti-anthrax irradiation and will arrive here at an unknown date in unknown condition. (Some things have been trickling in.)

--Ives Goddard
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Call extended for 2002 WAIL meeting at UC Santa Barbara

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>From Jeanie Castillo (jeaniec@UMAIL.UCSB.EDU) 25 Jan 2002:

It has come to our attention that some people have experienced problems submitting abstracts by e-mail to the Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL) scheduled to be held at UC Santa Barbara, April 26-28.

We are therefore extending the deadline for abstract submission to Thursday, January 31, 2002. If you submitted an abstract and have not received e-mail confirmation, please resubmit your abstract to Jeanie Castillo at <jeaniec@umail.ucsb.edu> or fax it to (805) 893-7769. The call for papers can be found at the conference website:

<http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/nailsg/>

--Jeanie Castillo
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156.2 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

* Language Museum

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The Language Museum site (constructed, maintained and updated by Michael Cheung, a network engineer and linguistic amateur in Beijing, China) provides samples of about 1200 of the world's languages. Each sample includes: (1) a short text, (2) an English translation of the text, (3) location and number of speakers, and (4) classification by language family and branch. There are numerous languages from North, Central, and South America. Mr. Cheung welcomes critical feedback. Some of the language samples (colored red in the index) still lack translations, and help would be most appreciated.

The URL for the Language Museum site is:

<http://www.language-museum.com>

* Finding the Mayan website

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>From Alexander King (aking@csuchico.edu) 16 Jan 2002:

I found that the URL for the Smithsonian's Maya website that was given in SSILA Bulletin #155.4 didn't work. But when I added "www" to the beginning, the site came up. So the address to use is:

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/anthro/maya/>

--Alex King
CSU Chico

156.3 E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES

The following additions or changes have been made to the SSILA mailing list since the last Bulletin:

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