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### President's Update

Since our annual conference in Washington, D.C., the members of the ANS Executive Council (ANS-EC) have worked together to continue to expand, improve, and modernize our membership services.



*Iman Nick, ANS President*

In addition, we have made great strides in broadening and strengthening our professional ties with the international onomastic community. To keep the ANS community informed about this progress, each of the ANS-EC officers has prepared a short description of his/her

activities for this newsletter.

As you will see, we have all been hard at work for you this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the ANS-EC for all of their enthusiasm, positivity, creativity, and dedication. If you would like to become more involved in the behind the scenes activities of our Society, the Nominating Committee is seeking applicants for new positions opening up on the ANS-EC. For more information, use the following link:

<http://www.americannamesociety.org/seeking-new-ans-officers/>

Whether working together as a unit or in smaller sub-committees, the industry and teamwork of the Council have been and continue to be both personally and professionally rewarding. The results of this teamwork are evident in the growing attention and positive feedback that our Society continues to receive

from members of the general public and the scientific community alike. This positive response is also reflected in the large number and high quality of abstract submissions we received for our upcoming annual meeting in Austin, Texas.

Importantly, in addition to submissions from long-standing members of the ANS, many abstracts were received from newcomers. Special thanks go out to the many ANS members who generously volunteered their time and expertise to review the exciting abstracts we received this year.

I am also pleased to report that we will have not one but two special panels for our upcoming conference: 1. "Onomastics Beyond Academia", organized by Laurel Sutton and myself; and 2.) "Names and Naming in Texas", the brainchild of Edward Callary. Descriptions of both events can be found in this newsletter. This summer issue of our newsletter also carries an informative article on our second official guest speaker for the 2017 conference, Dr. Paul Voosen. A writer for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Dr. Voosen will be lecturing on a recent toponymic controversy within a Mexican village. This presentation, along with Dr. Zenzi Griffin's scheduled lecture, "Cognitive Processes in Name Retrieval", highlight the continuing importance of name-based research in addressing today's social challenges.

Along with the chance to attend lectures by some of the world's leading names scholars, this year's gathering also promises to include good old-fashioned fun! For example, thanks to the efforts of our Vice President, Dr. Dorothy Dodge Robbins, our upcoming dinner will take place at Uncle Julio's Tex-Mex restaurant. In the next few weeks, we will be sending out detailed information on registration for the annual dinner and, of course, the conference itself. In the meantime, should you have any questions, comments, critiques, or suggestions, please feel free to contact either me (mavi.yaz@web.de) or our Vice President, Dorothy Dodge Robbins. We are always here to help!

Here is wishing you and yours a safe and rewarding summer!

*Iman Nick*

## **New ANS Officers Sought**

Ever thought about getting more involved with the American Name Society but did not know how? Here is your opportunity! The American Name Society is currently looking for a few good people who are interested in joining the Executive Council. Starting January 2017, new officers will be needed to fill two positions:

- 1.) Member-at-Large;
- 2.) Information Officer.

A detailed description of these two offices is provided below:

### **Member-at-large (2017-2020)**

The person elected to this position will serve as a voting member of the Executive Council (EC) and is expected to participate actively in the legislative decision-making involved in resolutions and motions placed before the EC. In addition to these duties, members-at-large serve on various auxiliary sub-committees to, for example, help with the nomination of new officers, coordination of the annual conference, and organization of allied conferences. Officers in this position can renew their term of service twice.

### **Information Officer (2017-2020)**

The person elected to this position will be responsible for maintaining the ANS social media presence via our website as well as Facebook and Twitter. The main duties for this position include the following: updating the news page of the ANS website on a weekly basis; posting special alerts (e.g. conference announcements, calls for papers, ANS newsletters); responding to requests made via Facebook and Twitter accounts; adding books that are reviewed in *NAMES* to the ANS Amazon Wish List.

The person chosen for this position must not only be highly computer literate, but also an avid user of social media. Experience in using Wordpress is desirable, but not mandatory. Training will be provided. The new Information Officer must also have excellent writing and time-management skills as well as a high level of creativity. The Information Officer will work very closely with the ANS President and Vice President throughout the year.

To apply for one or both of these positions, please complete and return the application form to Dr. I. M. Nick (mavi.yaz@web.de).

The official application form for these positions can be found here:  
<http://www.americannamesociety.org/seeking-new-ans-officers/>

*Iman Nick*

**Deadline for applications: September 1, 2016**

## Updates on the American Name Society 2017 Conferences

### Paul Voosen to Speak at the 2017 ANS Annual Conference in Austin, TX

An article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* by Dr. Paul Voosen tellingly revealed connections between geography, specifically toponymy, and the influence of maps.



*Dr. Paul Voosen*

"The Oaxaca incident: A geographer's efforts to map a Mexican village reveal the risks of military entanglement" (27 April 2016 online; 6 May 2016 print) points out what onomasts and toponymists have long known, that maps are "instruments of power." Thanks to the special efforts of Iman Nick, Paul

Voosen has been confirmed as a guest speaker at our ANS conference. His presentation invites a rich discussion about the authority and power of names on the world's maps.

In writing about "the Oaxaca incident," Voosen describes the work of Peter H. Herlihy, a geographer from the University of Kansas, with native villagers in Tiltepec, Oaxaca, in southern Mexico, under the auspices of the American Geographical Society. In the steep hills of the village's 23,000 acres, many locations were known only to the inhabitants and appeared on no formal maps. Herlihy's 2006 project to

engage the indigenous villagers in "participatory research mapping" was intended to empower them and, with their help, produce an official, standardized map available free online worldwide. However, as the project continued, at a time of political unrest in Mexico and abroad, Herlihy and his team were accused of "geopiracy," stealing private geographic knowledge and making it available to the U.S. military.

Accusations spread from the village to the capital and then to the U.S., where other geographers called for an investigation into potential ethical violations by the team. As Voosen observes, the question of what was intended, who funded it and for what purposes, and what professional and ethical principles were involved still "linger[s] in uncertainty" today, a decade after the project began. Voosen's insights as a senior reporter at *The Chronicle* promise to enlarge our framework of onomastics with stories from the field.

*Christine De Vinne*

### Over Fifty Proposals for the 2017 ANS Annual Conference ... January 5-8, 2017, Austin, TX

Over fifty abstracts were submitted by authors in various disciplines from around the world, all seeking to present their original research at the 2017 ANS Conference to be held in Austin, Texas, January 5-8, 2017.



*Austin, Texas*

To date, this is the largest number of submissions the society has received in response to its calls for conference papers. The first call for papers was issued by President Iman Nick in February, with a second call issued in April, and

a third and final call issued in June. The final deadline for receipt of abstracts was June 30, 2016.

The next step for these abstracts was their blind review by qualified reviewers. President Nick sorted and batched the abstracts for disbursement to reviewers whose expertise matched the content of the abstracts. For example, abstracts that focus on place names were reviewed by scholars with expertise in place names, abstracts that analyze names in literature were reviewed by scholars who specialize in literary onomastics, abstracts that feature studies of brand names were reviewed by scholars with knowledge of brand names, etc.

Authors will be informed about the acceptance or rejection of their abstracts by late August. Any requested revisions to abstracts will need to be completed by their authors by September 15, 2016.

The number of abstracts submitted for consideration this year may reflect an increasing interest in the study of names and naming practices worldwide. This increase bodes well for the American Name Society, for its membership, for its mission (to promote the study of names and naming practices), and for its 2017 Conference in Austin, Texas.

In late September 2017, all ANS members may expect to receive an information sheet about the conference registration, accommodations, and the banquet dinner.

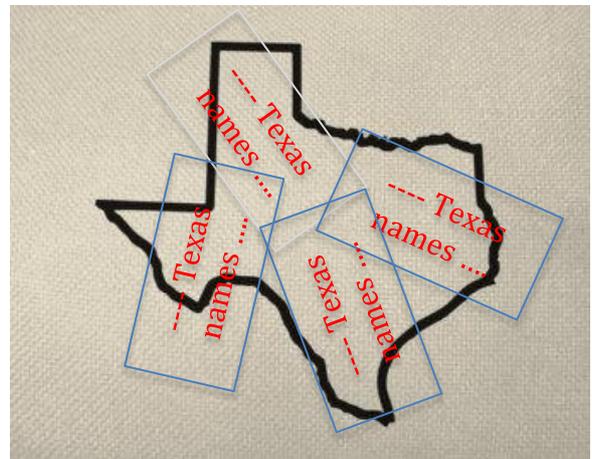
*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

### **An Encounter with Texas Names January 5-8, 2017, Austin, TX**

This year, in honor of the fact that our annual meeting will be held in the great state of Texas, retired Professor Edward Callary of Northern Illinois University and Dr. I. M. Nick have put together a fascinating panel of papers focusing on names and naming in and around the Lone Star state.

Among the many presenters who are scheduled to speak are Dr. Scott Baird (Trinity University) whose talk is entitled “Bexar County Texas Water Resources: A Multilingual Process of Naming ... and Renaming”; Dr. R.C. Rodman (California State University, Northridge)

“Creating Corpus Christi”; Dr. Cleve Evans (Bellevue University) “Billy, Jose, and T9C: How different are given names in Texas”;



Dr. Gene Rhea Tucker (Temple College) “From Tejas to Texas: Mexicans, Anglos, and the Battle of Place Names, to 1845”; and ANS President Dr. I. M. Nick “Criminal Aliases in the Lone Star State: An Empirical Forensic Onomastic Case-Study of 150 Texas Arrestees”.

More information on the other papers and presenters that will be featured in this panel will appear on the ANS website as well as future issues of the ANS newsletter.

*Iman Nick*

### **ANS Panel: Names and Multilingualism January 5-8, 2017, Philadelphia, PA**

A high number of proposals were received for the ANS panel to be hosted in the 2017 MLA Convention on the topic “Names and Multilingualism”. They were of exceptional quality and addressed a wide range of issues, including Literary Onomastics, Comparative Onomastics, and Toponomastics.

After review by volunteers, the three selected presentations are representative of the main topics addressed by the received proposals as well as of current trends in the study of Onomastics. The selected abstracts are here listed in random order:

- “Multilingual Naming and the Catholicity of Saints”, by Christine De Vinne (U.S.A.);
- “Multilingual place names in southern Africa”, by Lucie Möller (South Africa);

- “Name usage in a globalized world; The case of “newcomers” in Japan”, by Lilian Terumi Hatano (Japan).

*Andreas Gavrielatos*

### Onomastics beyond Academia: Call for Papers

At the ANS Annual Meeting in January 2017, there will be a special panel on Onomastics Beyond Academia. Speakers at this panel will discuss how training in onomastics helps their professional life outside of academia (e.g., finding a job or building their own business), and how they work with onomastic data in their professions. Additionally, they will provide practical recommendations for other names enthusiasts who are interested in working outside of academia. This special event promises to be educational and entertaining!

All professional names enthusiasts are invited to submit an abstract for a 20-minute presentation; please email to Laurel Sutton at [laurel@catchwordbranding.com](mailto:laurel@catchwordbranding.com).

We look forward to receiving your submission!

*Laurel A. Sutton*

**Deadline for proposals: August 15, 2016.**

For further information:  
[www.americannamesociety.org/conferences/](http://www.americannamesociety.org/conferences/).

### ANS Online

#### ANS Website: first half of 2016

The ANS website continues to bring together global name scholars. During the first half of 2016, the website promoted the Call for Papers for the 2017 MLA and 2017 ANS conferences. Additionally, posted to the website were an updated list of Executive Officers and their contact information, revised bylaws, and a transparent copyright policy.

In the first half of 2016, the ANS website was viewed 14,300 times by 6,500 visitors.

Many visitors find it through social media such as Twitter (@AmNameSociety) and Facebook.



*The American Name Society website*

The updated Wikipedia page and the website of journal publisher, Taylor & Francis, also drive web traffic to the ANS.

The ANS website continues to provide daily links to names news of all types. During the first half of 2016, the most popular news item was the Name of the Year announcement.

Country	Views
United States	6,924
Italy	985
United Kingdom	862
Germany	808
Canada	538
Russia	360
India	316
Spain	238
Brazil	225
Poland	143

*ANS website: international viewership*

Other popular news items have been about porn star names, the names of the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic mascots, the United Nations Group of Experts of Geographical Names, and the changed name of the North Dakota hockey team.

The ANS news covers a broad range of name-related news that resonates with its diverse audience of name scholars and enthusiasts. Submit your onomastic news item through the

submission form, located on the right sidebar of the news page of the ANS website.

*Lisa Spira*

## ANS News

### A Special Gift for Researchers



After 50 years of working with onomastics, I have reached the point where I have to clear my files. One large group is the collection of items that I gathered for my annotated bibliography *More Names and Naming*

published by Greenwood in 1995. There are at least 1800 items along with some notes. The Lurline Coltharp Collection at El Paso cannot take them because so many are photocopies. Photocopies are subject to copyright restrictions. Items are in alpha order by author. Many of the items were originally purchased through InterLibrary Loan.

How much space is involved? About four file drawers

Cost? No charge for items. They are a gift. Cost for transportation is necessary.

Value? For a scholar/researcher these items have the potential for being a treasure.

Want to find out more? Contact:  
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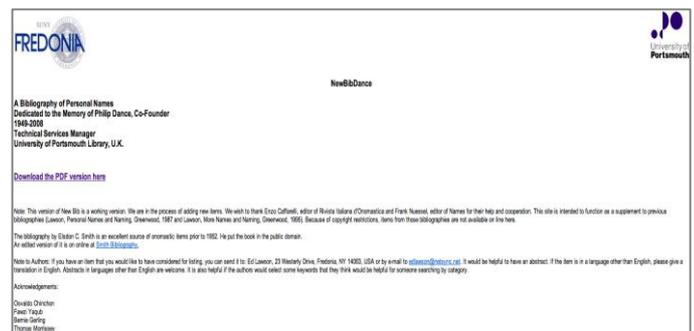
*Edwin D. Lawson*

### NewBibDance: Personal Names Bibliographies

NewBibDance is the fourth in a series of personal name bibliographies. The first was by Elsdon C. Smith, one of the founders of the American Name Society. It has over 3400 references on names with complete citations plus a brief comment. It covers all areas of names and naming from animals to Bible to nicknames to psychology. The bibliography by Elsdon C. Smith is an excellent source of onomastic items

prior to 1952. He put the book in the public domain. An edited version of it is at [https://www.google.com/?gws\\_rd=ssl#q=elsdon+smith+bibliography](https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=elsdon+smith+bibliography).

Smith also published several books on personal names. The second contribution was *Personal names and naming: An annotated bibliography* (1987), Greenwood. It contains almost 1200 annotated bibliographic entries on all phases of personal naming. The third bibliography was *More names and naming: An annotated bibliography* (1995), Greenwood. It contains about 1800 entries. The fourth and current bibliography *NewBibDance* is online at [www.newbibdance.com](http://www.newbibdance.com).



*NewBidDance website*

The bibliography has almost 2000 entries. More are regularly added. There are many articles published in French, German, and especially, Italian with their abstracts in both the original language and English. Entries are shown in alphabetical order by name of author. Each entry has key words that can be used for searches. Searches can also be done by name and subject. One of the advantages of the online bibliography is that it reaches viewers all over the world who would not have access to print bibliography sources.

*Edwin D. Lawson*

## Stories from our Members

### The ANS at the AP

Most Junes you can find Chris De Vinne, Book Editor for the journal *NAMES*, and Dorothy Dodge Robbins, Vice President for the American

Name Society, in Louisville, Kentucky, scoring Advanced Placement English Literature Exams and renewing their friendship. “I believe I’ve been a reader for the AP Exam for almost as long as I have been a member of the ANS,” said Dorothy, “and I look forward to meeting up with Chris De Vinne twice a year, first in January at



*Dorothy Dodge Robbins and Christine De Vinne with poet Nikky Finney*

the ANS Conference and then again in June at the AP Reading.”

In addition to fulfilling their duties as Table Leaders at the event, Chris and Dorothy make time to dine with local resident Frank Nuessel, Editor of *NAMES*, and Professor of Italian at the University of Louisville. Dorothy and Chris trek across a pedestrian bridge over the Ohio River to meet Frank at their favorite restaurant, Bistro’s Bar and Grill. It’s an annual tradition for the three ANS members. “Over dinner we catch up on each other’s lives,” notes Chris. “We reminisce about ANS conferences, ask about colleagues, and of course keep circling back to the journal.”

A highlight for both Chris and Dorothy is attending Professional Night at the Reading, an event sponsored by the College Board. This year poet Nikky Finney, recipient of the National Book Award, spoke to the audience and shared her prose and poetry. A book signing concludes the event and they stay to have their photo taken with the featured speaker. “We’re author groupies,” jokes Dorothy.

Next summer will mark a change as the AP English Lit Reading is relocating to Kansas City, Missouri. “I’m disappointed that we won’t be able to have our annual summer dinner with

Frank Nuessel,” said Dorothy, “but Chris and I look forward to working with each other again.” Back in June 2006, when the AP English Lit Reading was held in Daytona Beach, Florida, over lunch Chris and Dorothy discussed co-editing a special topics issue of *NAMES*. That idea was realized as Volume 55, No. 3: “Women in Onomastics,” which appeared in September 2007.

*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

## ANS Executive Council Officers and Auxiliaries

### Midyear Reports

Following a request made by Priscilla Ord during the ANS General Business Meeting, President Iman Nick moved that the officers prepare interim reports, a motion that carried during the EC closing meeting held in Washington DC, last January.

The purpose of that motion was to provide all ANS members with more frequent information about the Society and to strengthen the communication between members. The midyear reports that follow will hopefully give members a clearer picture of the activities of the ANS Executive Council and its Auxiliaries:

### ANS PRESIDENT

*Iman Nick*

Since January, the President has been principally involved in accomplishing the following tasks:

- 1.) improving and streamlining the registration process for ANS members in regular meetings with representatives of the Taylor and Francis publishing house;
- 2.) answering queries from the general public and journalists on names, naming, and the American Name Society;
- 3.) reviewing original and revised manuscript submissions sent to the ANS journal *NAMES*

(as of the writing of this report, the President reviewed 9 manuscripts);

- 4.) serving as a guest editor for a special issue of NAMES on Science Fiction, Mystery, and Horror;
- 5.) soliciting and securing two guest speakers for the ANS annual conference;
- 6.) answering questions of parliamentary procedure after consultation with professional parliamentarians during ANS-EC deliberations and votes;
- 7.) chairing the ANS 2017 Nominating Committee;
- 8.) preparing statistical reports on the results of ANS-EC votes;
- 9.) preparing statistical post-conference report for the ANS-EC;
- 10.) assisting each of the ANS-EC officers concerning their various duties;
- 11.) devising and coordinating several ANS-EC sub-committees to accomplish specialized tasks (e.g. expanding and updating the ANS Wikipedia page; seeking and reviewing suitable candidates for open offices on the ANS-EC; writing articles for the ANS newsletters; editing and disseminating the ANS newsletters; co-organizing the solicitation, submission, and review of abstracts for the 2017 ANS annual conference; answering questions from new, pre-existing, and potential members of the ANS; creating and strengthening professional ties with international onomastic societies; researching and writing ca. 100 posts for the news section of the ANS website; writing developing policies for the legal protection of materials posted on the ANS website); devising special presentation panels for the 2017 ANS annual conference).
- 12.) working with Frank Nuessel, Jan Tent, and the members of Taylor and Francis to develop a new theme for a special issue of NAMES for 2017;
- 13.) updating and checking the weblinks for the resources pages on the ANS website; and
- 14.) revising the ANS constitution based on the results of the 2016 ANS Business Meeting and election.

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## VICE PRESIDENT

*Dorothy Dodge Robbins*

Dorothy Dodge Robbins, ANS Vice President, reports that her main objective in the first half of the year was to assist the ANS President, Iman Nick, with preparations for the 2017 American Name Society Conference to be held in Austin, Texas, January 5-8, 2017. In early 2016, Robbins agreed to a timetable and tentative schedule prepared by President Nick to ensure successful conference planning.

Among the actions required of the Vice President was the recruitment of abstract reviewers to be drawn from a pool of both long-term ANS scholars and more recent members. These persons would review abstracts submitted for possible presentation at the 2017 ANS conference. Eighteen qualified reviewers accepted their invitations to assist with the review of over fifty abstracts. The Vice President also served as a reviewer. A deadline of July 29, 2016 was established for the completion of the review process.

The Vice President was tasked with selecting a restaurant for the annual banquet. Restaurants located within the Austin, Texas convention area were identified and assessed on the basis of five criteria: location, affordability, quality, accommodations, and ambience. *Uncle Julio's*, a restaurant that serves authentic Southwest fare and is reflective of Austin's cultural climate, was selected. A private room that seats up to forty people comfortably was reserved for Saturday, January 7, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Additionally, the VP assisted the ANS Secretary, Luisa Caiazzo, with editing the Spring 2016 ANS News Bulletin. Other editorial duties included reviewing the updated ANS Wikipedia entry to which many members contributed information.

In terms of her own research as a literary onomastician, the VP reports she is preparing two book reviews for the journal *NAMES* and revising two recent conference presentations for publication consideration.

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**SECRETARY***Luisa Caiazzo*

Secretary of the American Name Society since last January, Luisa Caiazzo recorded the minutes of the 2016 EC Closing Meeting, held on January 10, 2016 in Washington, DC.

After exchanging ideas with President Iman Nick and Vice President Dorothy Dodge Robbins and getting their helpful suggestions, she designed a slightly new format for the ANS Bulletin. Then, she prepared and edited the Spring and Summer issues of the newsletter that were disseminated to members via email.

She worked on the design for the 2017 ANS conference programme with Iman Nick and Dorothy Dodge Robbins.

Additionally, she served as a blind reviewer of some of the proposals submitted for the 2017 ANS MLA panel on “Names and Multilingualism” and as the teller for the ANS voting.

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**BOOK EDITOR*****NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS****Christine De Vinne*

Many thanks to the ANS members who have recommended interesting titles for review, have volunteered as reviewers, and have crafted thoughtful, insightful reviews. Your analyses of the usefulness, focus, and audience of the items under review have not only alerted Names audiences to resources of interest but also helped prepare us to be receptive readers of these materials.

Volume 64:1 (March 2016) included the journal’s first review of a website, Namecoach: Hear the name, say it right <https://www.name-coach.com> (Stanford Venture Studio), prepared by Karen Pennesi. Suggestions for other new multimedia sources suitable for review will be most welcome.

Additional reviews demonstrate the transcultural breadth of onomastics, whether in toponyms or personal names. Texts in the first half of 2016 included Bushman (San) Influence on Zulu Place Names (Peter E. Raper), reviewed by Tom Gasque, and Inuit Kinship and Naming Customs (Pelagie Owljoot and Louise Flaherty), reviewed by Carol Lombard, both in 64:1, and

Native American Placenames of the Southwest: A Handbook for Travelers (begun by the late Bill Bright and completed in his honor by Alice Anderton and Sean O’Neill), reviewed by Rosamond Rodman in 64:2.

We are always looking for new titles to review and, especially, for new reviewers who would like to contribute. Please contact Chris De Vinne at [cdevinne@ursuline.edu](mailto:cdevinne@ursuline.edu) to suggest/request titles or to volunteer as reviewer. Reviewers for works in general onomastics and in literary onomastics are particularly needed at the present time, but new titles appear with surprising frequency so reviewers in any specialty are invited to express interest.

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**COORDINATOR OF THE NAME OF THE YEAR ELECTION***Cleveland Evans*

I am happy to report that I received two nominations for Name of the Year in June – a month earlier than I have ever received nominations before! I hope that bodes well for the Name of the Year vote this coming January.

I have continued to write my column on names in the Omaha World-Herald and links to it normally appear on the ANS website. I also am occasionally interviewed about personal names by journalists from the USA, Canada, and Europe, and I try to pass along links to published articles quoting me when they are available for free online.

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**ALLIED CONFERENCE COORDINATOR***Andreas Gavrielatos*

The ANS will host a panel in the 2017 MLA Convention on the topic “Names and Multilingualism”. The Call for Papers was disseminated among the members of the ANS alongside the visitors of the ANS website, various blogs with a relevant interest, and several e-mail lists of researchers in Linguistics and different strands of Literature. The result was a high number of proposals of exceptional quality. The issues the abstracts addressed varied over a wide spectrum of the study of

Onomastics, including Literary Onomastics, Comparative Onomastics, and Toponomastics.

After careful review by volunteers with an interest and experience in the field, three papers were selected. Namely (in random order): the “Multilingual Naming and the Catholicity of Saints”, by Christine De Vinne (U.S.A.), the “Multilingual place names in southern Africa”, by Lucie Möller (South Africa), and the “Name usage in a globalized world; The case of “newcomers” in Japan”, by Lilian Terumi Hatano (Japan). The three papers are indicative of the three main topics addressed by the received proposals and they reflect current trends in the study of Onomastics.

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### IMMEDIATE PAST ANS PRESIDENT

*Donna L. Lillian*

The ANS Past President indicated that for the time being she has no report to submit but that she is very happy to continue to support the work of the ANS through her participation in the EC.

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### TREASURER

*Michael F. McGoff*

Some expenditures since annual Treasurer’s report -- December 2015:

- Best Paper Plaque -- \$81.15
- Jefferson Cups -- \$178.08
- Conference Program/duplication, etc. -- \$487.91
- Emerging Scholar Award -- \$250.00
- Emerging Scholar, two years membership -- \$90.00
- ANS.org Domain renewal -- \$18.17
- Web Hosting -- \$83.88
- Not for profit Incorp. Renewal -- \$10.00
- ANS Banquet, Clyde’s Restaurant -- \$1,802.50

**Current Balances, June 1, 2016**

- M&T Bank (Checking -- #...6077) -- \$5,081.37
- Binghamton Foundation (ANS #50349) -- \$17,214.96

**Total Assets – June 1, 2016 = \$22,296.33**

### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

*Jennifer Moss*

Since I came into office in January of 2016, I and Dr. Nick have been talking with T&F about the membership process. Ultimately, our goal is to have the member information saved in a database on our website, paid through our merchant account, and then subsequently we send a list of subscribers along with owed monies to T&F at the end of each month.

We have decided that our goal for this switch will be the end of the year.

In order to prepare, I have implemented the membership database on our site and as people join, their information is being stored in Wordpress.

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### EDITOR

***NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS***

*Frank Nuessel*

The first two issues of volume 63 (2016) *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* have been published. *Names* 64:2 (2016) was a special issue of the journal guest-edited by Dr. Iman Nick (President, American Name Society). The theme is "Names in Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Mystery". The contents of *Names* 64:3 (2016) were sent to Taylor & Francis on May 30, 2016. Page proofs will arrive toward the end of June and the third issue (September 2016) will be ready for publication.

Manuscripts for publication should be sent to the editor, Frank Nuessel at the following address: [fhnuess01@louisville.edu](mailto:fhnuess01@louisville.edu). All submissions should follow the requirements for submission. This information is available at the American Name Society website: <http://www.americannamesociety.org/the-journal/>. Please be sure to follow all instructions before submitting an article or note to the journal.

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### INFORMATION OFFICER

*Lisa Spira*

The Information Officer updated the website pages with relevant information following the ANS annual meeting in January.

Since the conference, she has continued to post daily news items to the website. These news items include member news, calls for papers, information about relevant upcoming conferences, articles about names posted by other media outlets, and other information of interest. The news items are also visible on the ANS Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Mid-year website statistics, compiled on June 18, 2016:

- Posts - 180
- Views – 14,300
- Visitors – 6,500
- Most views in one day – 280 (January 9th)
- Average views per week – approximately 500

Title	Views
Home	3,454
The Journal	1,585
Home page / Archives	1,444
Conferences	746
News	710
About the ANS	480
Become a Member	474
About Onomastics	409
Name of the Year 2015: Caitlyn Jenner	276
Past Conferences	195

*Most popular pages in the ANS website*

The ANS website continues to build an international following. Outside the United States, it's most popular in Italy, the UK, and Germany. The Journal and the Conferences pages remain the most widely visited pages. The News pages are close behind.

The ANS Twitter account has almost 200 followers and the ANS Facebook account has over 100 likes. The Information Officer apologizes that the news items stopped automatically posting to Facebook in mid-February, which caused viewership on that platform to drop off. The bug has since been rectified.

The Information Officer is preparing to transition the website over to a new Information Officer in the new year. Interested members are encouraged to apply for the office!

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**MEMBER AT LARGE (2014-2016)**

*Saundra Wright*

I have been serving as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Council for the American Name Society since 2014. Regretfully, I have been unable to attend recent meetings due to personal challenges; however, I have been fortunate to have remained involved in the Society through my service on the EC, as a member of the Nominating Committee, and as a member of the Wikipedia Committee. My recent contributions to the Society are summarized below.

1.) Executive Council, Member-at-Large  
 Activities included: Participated in updating and editing the organization's bylaws, helped recruit new members to ANS, helped promote research in Onomastic Studies, helped circulate the link to the new ANS website

2.) Nominating Committee  
 Activities included: Helped revamp the nomination/election process for new ANS officers, assisted in recruiting new officers, read and evaluated all nominations for officer positions, helped put together the final committee report

3.) Wikipedia Committee  
 Activities included: Helped define main content categories for the ANS Wikipedia site, edited all written material, researched and wrote text describing the History of ANS, the affiliation with Sister Societies, conferences associated with ANS, and background on the journal *NAMES*; also helped research background of past ANS presidents and editors

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**MEMBER AT LARGE (2015-2017)**

*Mirko Casagrande*

In February, I volunteered to be a member of a committee whose aim is to update the ANS Wikipedia webpage. After Jan Tent and Saundra Wright agreed to take part in the project, I volunteered to be the coordinator of the team. We discussed the sections to be included in the document and soon after the creation of the committee we started working individually on some entries. By the end of April, I was able to collect the material Jan and Saundra worked on, and about a month later I prepared a first draft

which was sent to the ANS President and the Information Officer. Cleve Evans was kind enough to provide a list of the past Names of the Year to be included in the draft. In the meantime, I prepared a brief notice to be published in the ANS Newsletter where I asked the other members of the EC to send suggestions. After Frank Nuessel suggested that we included also a list of Past Presidents and Past Editors of *NAMES*, I started working on an extended version of the draft with the help of Iman Nick and Sandra Wright. By the end of May the revision process led to a longer and more detailed version which should be finalized and published in the next few weeks.

Beside my contribution as coordinator of the Wikipedia committee, in March I reviewed some abstracts that were sent to our Allied Conference Coordinator for the 2017 ANS panel at the MLA annual meeting.

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### **MEMBER AT LARGE (2016-2018)**

#### *Jan Tent*

- 1.) Member of ANS Emerging Scholar Award Committee.
- 2.) Reviewer for submissions to the ANS Panel 'Names and Multilingualism' at the MLA Conference, January 5-8, 2017, Philadelphia.
- 3.) Team member of group given the task of revising, updating and further developing the ANS Wikipedia webpage.
- 4.) Regular contributor of news items to the ANS 'Name News' webpage.

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## Editor's Message

Dear ANS Members,



Welcome to the first Summer issue of our Newsletter! I hope that the idea to distribute the American Name Society Bulletin once a season, will contribute to giving all of us more regular updates and will also offer further opportunities to share news and ideas.

I would like to thank all the members for sending their pieces and photos: there wouldn't have been any Summer issue at all without their contributions! Also, many thanks to our President Iman Nick and Vice President Dorothy Dodge Robbins for their insightful comments!

While I truly hope that you will enjoy reading this issue, my thoughts are already turning to our Fall Newsletter that will be published in October 2016. I would be most grateful to receive your articles, photographs, stories, reviews and input to help make our newsletter entertaining and informative. The deadline for receipt of materials to be included in the upcoming Fall issue is September 20, 2016. Please feel free to send comments and suggestions for our newsletter as well.

Thank you all for being helpful and cooperative! I look forward to your continuous support in the coming issue!

*Luisa Caiazzo*