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The American Name Society 2019 Conferences

2019 ANS Annual Meeting

Next year, our Annual Meeting will be held from January 3rd to 6th, 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel in New York City, NY, in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America.



*Sheraton Hotel
Times Square, New York City, NY*

In addition to our general call for papers that has already drawn much attention, there will also be three special panels: 1. Literary Names; 2. Names and Tourism; and 3. Names, Naming, Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation.

With such inspiring calls for papers, I am sure we are all looking forward to this conference!

2019 Panel at MLA

As tradition goes, the Modern Language Association

Convention that will be held in Chicago, IL will host a panel proposed by the American Name Society. This year's theme is "Borrowed Names and



Interactions in Literature." The purpose of this panel is to explore the ways that influences,

allusions, and intertexts can significantly affect authors' onomastic choices and what consequences these name borrowings have for their writing.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming conferences with their inspiring call for papers!

Luisa Caiazzo

CALL FOR PAPERS: JANUARY 3-6 NEW YORK CITY, NY

2019 ANS Annual Conference

The ANS is inviting abstract submission for the 2019 annual conference to be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America.

Abstracts in any area of onomastic research are welcome. **The deadline for receipt of abstracts is July 31, 2018.** To submit a proposal, simply complete the 2019 Author Information Sheet (AIS) found here:

<<http://www.americannamesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ANS-2019-Author-Info-Sheet.doc>>

Please email this completed form to Dorothy Dodge Robbins using the following address: <drobbins@latech.edu>. For organizational purposes, please be sure to include the phrase "ANS 2019" in the subject line of your email. Presenters who may need additional time to secure international payments and travel visas to the United States are urged to submit their proposal as soon as possible.

All proposals will be subject to blind review. Official notifications of proposal acceptances will be sent on or before September 30, 2018. All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of both the ANS and the Linguistic Society of America. Please feel free to contact Dr. Dorothy Dodge Robbins or Dr. I. M. Nick (mavi.yaz@web.de) should have you any questions or concerns.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Special Panel on Literary Names

The ANS is inviting abstract submissions for a panel on Literary Names for the 2019 annual conference to be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America. The purpose of the panel is to highlight research in, and study of, names in works of fiction.

All professional names enthusiasts are invited to submit an abstract for a 20-minute presentation. Abstract proposals should answer one or more of the following questions:

1. How do the texts under analysis make use of onomastics to establish and convey character and/or plot?
2. How does linguistic analysis bear on the reading of these texts?
3. How is the field of onomastics enhanced by your research?

To submit a proposal, simply send a 250-word abstract proposal and a 100-word professional biography to Susan Behrens

(sbehrens@mmm.edu) **by the 15th of July**

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We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Special Panel on Names and Tourism

The ANS is inviting abstract submissions for a panel on Names and Tourism for the 2019 annual conference to be held in New York in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America. The purpose of the panel is to highlight research in and the study of names in relation to tourism discourses. More specifically, naming practices in tourism are relevant as they suggest distinction, originality, authenticity or even

romance for a number of reasons. The range of issues at stake is quite broad as it may include linguistic, literary, historical and archeological references to local traditions as well as the strategies adopted to rebrand places to make them more appealing to potential visitors. All names enthusiasts are invited to submit an abstract for a 20-minute presentation. Abstract proposals should focus on one or more of the following areas of interest:

- archaeological sites and tourism
- film/documentary-induced tourism
- history, collective memory and tourism discourses
- literature-induced tourism
- tangible/ intangible heritage tourism

To submit a proposal, simply send a 250-word abstract proposal and a 100- word professional biography to Luisa Caiazzo

<luisa.caiazzo@unibas.it> **by the 15th of July 2018**. For organizational purposes, please be sure to include the phrase “ANS 2019 Panel” in the subject line of your email.

All proposals will be subjected to blind review. Official notification of proposal acceptances will be sent on or before September 30, 2018. All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of the ANS and are expected to register with both the ANS and the Linguistic Society of America. Please feel free to contact Luisa Caiazzo should you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Special Panel on Names, Naming, Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation

The ANS is currently inviting abstract submissions for this special panel on **Names, Naming, Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation** at the 2019 annual conference, which will be to be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America. Although all topics within the theme are welcomed, papers dealing with the following questions are of particular interest: 1) general naming trends and

controversies within the LGBT community; 2) official naming policies and laws for the designation of gender, sex, and sexual orientation; 3) considerations around name selection and name changes for trans people; 4) the intersection of gender, power, and naming for LGBT people.

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is August 15, 2018. To submit a proposal, simply send in a 350-word abstract (excluding references), a 100-word shortened version, and a 80-word biographical sketch in prose. Please email these materials to Dr. I. M. Nick using the following address: <mavi.yaz@web.de>. For organizational purposes, please be sure to include the phrase “ANS-Gender 2019” in the subject line of your email. All proposals will be subject to independent blind review. Official notifications of proposal acceptances will be sent on or before October 1, 2018. All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of both the ANS and the Linguistic Society of America. Please feel free to contact Dr. I. M. Nick <mavi.yaz@web.de> or Ms. Laurel Sutton <laurelasutton@gmail.com> should have you any questions or concerns. **We look forward to receiving your submissions!**

Call for Abstract Reviewers

Reviewers are needed to read and assess the 2019 ANS abstract submissions. The deadline for this year’s submissions is July 31 and a significant number are anticipated. If you are interested in participating in the review process, contact Dorothy Dodge Robbins at <drobbs@latech.edu>. In an effort to match abstracts with appropriate reviewers, please specify your area of specialty or field of interest (place names, personal names, literary names, brand names) and background (linguistics, literature, sociology, cultural anthropology, geography, etc.). Reviewers may expect to receive no more than five abstracts for review.

President's Note

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe it but almost six months have past since our last annual conference in Salt Lake City. During this time, the ANS Executive



Council (ANS-EC) has been hard at work making preparations for our upcoming conference in New York City. In this newsletter, we have assembled a great deal of information about our annual meeting in the Big Apple. Please take the time to have a careful read, as the

registration process for this year's conference will be different than in years past. As a part of our continuing effort to modernize the Society, we will be having online registration for the first time in ANS history. Please see the article prepared for you by our Information Officer, Laurel Sutton (see page 9). Along with this information, this newsletter also provides information about several panels that will be held during our NYC conference. Interested authors are warmly encouraged to submit an abstract. Finally, we have also included interim reports from each of the officers of the ANS-EC detailing the activities they have completed and plan to take on during this academic year. As always, the ANS is always on the look out for new members who are interested in joining the ANS-EC. At present, we are seeking members who would be interested in occupying one of the following posts: 1.) ANS Treasurer; 2.) Member-at-large; and 3.) Information Officer. To learn more about these positions and the application process, simply send me an email (mavi.yaz@web.de). I would be happy to provide you with more information.

Best Wishes
Iman Nick

The ANS 2018 Conferences

ANS Conference in Salt Lake City

The 2018 American Name Society Conference was held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America at the Grand American Hotel in Salt Lake City from January 4-7, 2018. The Grand American Hotel was the perfect venue for the 2018 ANS Conference. The hotel truly lived up to its name and the conference exceeded expectations. Thirteen panels and two keynote addresses were featured.

Around forty participants, including linguists, onomasticians, and names enthusiasts, met at the conference to share their knowledge and fascination with names and naming practices. Participants hailed from Kuwait, the Republic of Korea, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, South Africa, Sweden, and various regions of the United States.

Panel sessions were held in the elegant Versailles and Belvedere rooms at the Grand American Hotel. Sessions were organized around the following onomastic topics: name changes, names in the news, indigenous names and names in the work place. In addition to these individual papers, the conference also featured two excellent guest lectures. The first keynote presentation was held by Mr. Van Celaya of the Family History Library in SLC spoke about "Fast, Accurate Research for Family History." Celaya provided the audience with useful information about conducting their own genealogical searches, and he demonstrated the process. Audience participation enhanced his congenial keynote.

In the second keynote presentation, environmental biologist Dr. Jeff Yule of Dixie State University, spoke on "Naming Extinction Events and Navigating Extinction Borders." Dr. Yule's address covered such topics as de-extinction and rewilding. Drawing examples from scientific literature, popular non-fiction, fiction, and film, Dr. Yule showed how extinction events are named, noting that the process "exerts a significant influence on how we do—and don't—address extinction."

In addition to papers and keynote presentations, two ANS executive council meetings and the

annual business meeting* were held. A highlight of the conference was the celebratory banquet at Squatters restaurant in downtown Salt Lake City. Here, participants dined in a convivial atmosphere, enjoying fine food and finer company.

Dorothy Dodge Robbins

Salt Lake City 2018 in Pictures



Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City



One of the sessions



Cordelia Khoza giving her presentation



Dorothy Dodge Robbins with Jeff Yule before his keynote speech



Van Celaya giving his presentation



Kemp Williams giving his presentation



Nicholas Waters giving his presentation



Brad Wilcox giving his presentation



Carly Dickerson giving her presentation



Saundra Wright giving her presentation

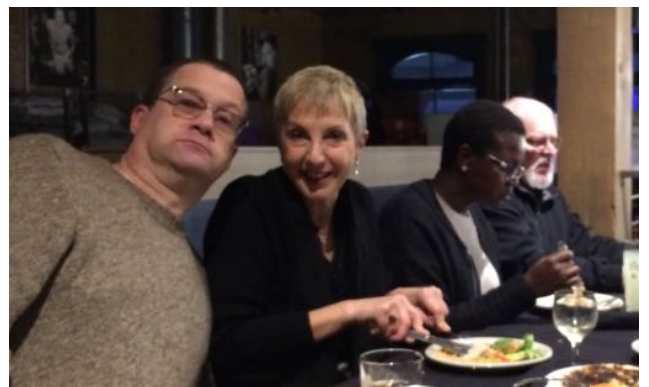


Dorothy Robbins presents outgoing Treasurer, Michael McGoff, with a gift on behalf of the ANS



Dorothy Robbins presents outgoing Member-at-Large, Mirko Casagranda, with a gift on behalf of the ANS

ANS banquet at Squatters



Name of the Year 2017

Since 2003, this event has gained increasing popularity over the years. It has also helped to draw media attention to the Society's activities. (the News section of our website provides a recap of the event and links to articles that have been published).



Dr Cleveland Evans
Coordinator of the Name of the Year Election

Hosted by Cleveland Evans, the election for name of the year was intriguing and exciting. The names that won the floor for each of the four categories – fictional name, personal name, place name and trade name – were chosen as highly representative of the power of naming.



Rohingya: Name of the Year 2017
(from the American Name Society website)

The members of the American Name Society who attended the annual meeting selected the following names: **#Metoo** (miscellaneous/trade name), **Maria** (personal name), **Nambia** (fictional name) and **Charlottesville** (place name). **Rohingya** was selected as the Name of the Year for 2017.

ANS Panel at MLA

ANS held a very successful session on Saturday 6 January 2018 at the MLA convention in New York City. The speakers, Elin Kack (Linköping University), Ryan Hackenbracht (Texas Tech University), and Thomas Wisniewski (Harvard University) presented three papers of the highest quality, followed by a stimulating dialogue with the attendants. Despite the adverse weather that affected overall MLA attendance, the session was very well attended.

Andreas Gavrielatos

2017 Award for Best Article

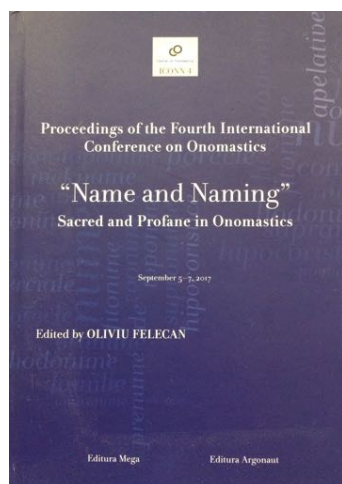
The award for the best article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* was established in 2009. The honor is given to a piece judged to have the highest academic achievement in the field of onomastics.

The 2017 Award Committee for Best Article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* consisted of the following individuals:

1. Michael F. McGoff; (Binghamton University, SUNY, USA);
2. Dorothy Dodge Robbins (Louisiana Tech University, USA);
3. Kemp Williams (IBM, USA).

The 2017 winner was Jan Tent (Australian National University, Canberra) for his article entitled "Indigenous Toponyms in the Antipodes: A Gazetteer-based Study," published in the special issue of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 65(4).

ICONN 4 Baia Mare: Proceedings



The Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on Onomastics—*Sacred and Profane in Onomastics*—has been published. The contributions to the volume, edited by Oliviu Felecan, are grouped into the following sections:

- Sacred and Profane in Anthroponymy
- Sacred and Profane in Toponymy
- Sacred and Profane in Names in Public Space
- Sacred and Profane in Literary Onomastics

The Proceedings has been published online (open access), as a downloadable PDF.

The webpage link is:

<http://onomasticafelecan.ro/iconn4/iconn4_proceedings.php>



Aurelia Sole giving her welcome address

One highlight of the first day was hearing a group of college students speak about the meanings behind the names of regional cities and towns.



College students session

Naming, Identity, and Tourism (NIT) Conference

An international conference on Naming, Identity, and Tourism, sponsored by the University of Basilicata, Potenza, Italy was held from May 3-5, 2018. ANS Secretary Luisa Caiazzo served on the conference committee and helped organize the conference events. Attendees hailed from Albania, Belgium, England, Hungary, Israel, Italy, and the United States.

The first day of the conference was held on the beautiful campus of the University. Presentation topics included extinction tourism, tourist-inspired rebranding, railway heritage tourism, and toponyms and tourism.

Another special event was a concert presented by the University of Basilicata Choir. The musical selections ranged from an aria by J.S. Bach to an Alleluia Madrigal by D. Moore.



The University of Basilicata Choir directed by Paola Guarino

On the second day of the conference, the location shifted to the National Archeological Museum of Basilicata.



*Sala del Consiglio
National Archeological Museum of Basilicata*

In this historic building, amidst a fascinating collection of antiquities, participants heard presentations ranging from Maori ecotourism and naming to Tanzanian heritage tourism. Other topics covered that day included information about the digital database of the Hungarian National Toponymy Registry and an explanation of Romanization systems, tourism and national identity. A private tour of the museum was also made available to attendees.



Richard Coates giving his keynote speech

The conference featured two keynote speakers. On Thursday, May 3, Richard Coates of the University of West England spoke on “Naming, Packaging and the Management of Expectations.”

On Friday, May 4, Maoz Azaryahu of the University of Haifa delivered his address on “Name-making as Place-making.”



Maoz Azaryahu giving his keynote speech

On the third day of the conference, participants took a field trip to the ancient, but vital, city of Matera, that will be the 2019 European Capital of Culture. The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera—a complex of houses, churches, monasteries and hermitages built into the natural caves of the Murgia—has been in the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1993.



Matera: The Sassi

The food was exceptional, of course, with participants dining at a Michelin restaurant one evening and enjoying a wide variety of pizza on the next.



Conference attendees tasting pizza

Many members of the American Name Society were in attendance at NIT. Mirko Casagrande presented his paper titled "From the Big Apple to Frisco: Naming and nicknaming in American tourist guides." Dorothy Dodge Robbins, ANS Vice President, spoke on "Ghosts of Tourists Past: Onomastic Hauntings in Three British Novels Set in Italy." A warm invitation is extended to all attendees by ANS Secretary Luisa Caiazzo to encourage submissions to the 2019 ANS Conference in New York City. A second NIT Conference is in the works for 2020. Interested parties should plan to attend.

Dorothy Dodge Robbins

ANS Executive Council for 2018

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ANS PRESIDENT

Iman Nick

Since January 2018, my primary focus has been working very closely with our Information Officer, Laurel Sutton to complete the first major phase of the ANS modernization project. This work has involved coordinating with our Taylor and Francis representatives to create the new online payment system for ANS membership. In addition, I have written 184 news items for the ANS website; answered several enquiries from the media; helped in the establishment of our new banking system with our Information Officer, Laurel Sutton; our new Treasurer, Sandra Wright; and our Vice President, Dorothy Dodge Robbins. I have reviewed several articles for the ANS journal, *Names*; assisted our Vice President in organizing our 2019 conference in New York City; and am organizing a special panel on Names, Naming, Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation. My plan for the final six months of my presidency is to complete this first major phase of the above-mentioned ANS modernization project.

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VICE PRESIDENT

Dorothy Dodge Robbins

Since the 2018 ANS Conference held in Salt Lake City concluded, I have been engaged in activities related to the planning of the 2019 ANS Conference to be held in New York City. In addition to the first Call for Papers, recently I sent out a Second Call for Papers. I am making inquiries to find a suitable keynote speaker for the 2019 conference, and I am soliciting aid from members in the NYC area to help me locate a venue for our annual banquet dinner. Aside from conference planning, I have helped with

financial matters related to the relocation of our funds to CHASE Bank and to efforts to automate an online membership enrollment process.

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SECRETARY

Luisa Caiazzo

I recorded the minutes of the following meetings, held last January at the Grand America in Salt Lake City:

- the ANS Executive Council Opening Meeting (January, 4);
- ANS Executive Council General Business Meeting (January, 6)
- ANS Executive Council Closing Meeting (January, 7).

I prepared and edited this double Spring-Summer issue (2018) of the ANS Newsletter. Besides soliciting contributions from members, I wrote some pieces myself. As editor, I was responsible for layout and design.

I issued a call for papers for a special panel on Names and Tourism at the ANS annual meeting in January 2019.

I served as the teller for the ANS voting for the appointment of the New Editor for *Names* and the Payment for a Consultant to Create Online Payment System for the ANS Website.

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COORDINATOR OF THE NAME OF THE YEAR ELECTION

Cleveland Evans

The official call for nomination for Names of the Year for 2018 will be sent out in November. However, nominations are accepted all year long. If anyone has a nomination, it should be sent to <cevans@bellevue.edu> or Cleveland Evans, Psychology, 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue NE 68005-3098 USA. The categories for 2018 will be somewhat different than in the past. Please say which of the five subcategories (Place Names, Personal Names, Artistic & Literary Names, Trade Names, or Miscellaneous Names) your nomination is part of and give a short rationale for your nomination.

Nominations should be for names whose use in North America during 2018 shows the power of names and naming in our culture.

The chair of the committee, Cleveland Evans, has been ably assisted in 2017 and 2018 by Deborah Walker. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome!

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ALLIED CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

Andreas Gavrielatos

The ANS held a session at the MLA convention in New York City (January 2018) organized by Andreas Gavrielatos.

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TREASURER

Saundra Wright

In January 2018, longtime ANS Treasurer Michael McGoff stepped down, and Saundra Wright took over as the Interim Treasurer of the organization. As part of the transition, all ANS funds were consolidated into a single CHASE account to which Saundra was added. This account currently has a balance of \$32,500. We received one royalty payment from Taylor & Francis, and there have been some minor expenditures during the past 6 months (e.g., payments to GoDaddy and our Wikipedia editor). Saundra also has been working with Laurel Sutton to link our new Paypal account to the CHASE account so that we could establish an automated payment system via our ANS website.

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EDITOR

NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS

Frank Nuessel

I sent in the contents for *Names* 66:2 on March 4, 2018. The issue has been published on line and ANS members will receive it soon.

I have also responded to numerous inquiries about the journal and I have processed numerous submissions for the journal.

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BOOK EDITOR

NAMES: A JOURNAL OF ONOMASTICS

Christine De Vinne

As book review editor for *Names*, I have edited four book reviews for placement in the journal, and as member of the Editorial Board I have reviewed 21 manuscripts for possible publication. My book review of *A Dictionary of First Names* by Hanks, Hodges, and Hardcastle was published in print in *Names* 66:1 (March 2018), having been published online 17 July 2017. I presented “Reconciling and Renaming a Legacy of Slavery at Georgetown University” at the ANS conference in Salt Lake City in January 2018. I also consulted for Praveen Shanbhag, cofounder of the electronic resource NameCoach, in a search for *Names* articles that indicate the scope of first names in various countries. In the next six months, I will serve as a blind reviewer for the ANS panel at MLA on the topic of names and tourism, led by Luisa Caiazzo, and I will continue my service as book review editor of the journal.

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MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

David Robertson

As the new ANS Membership Officer, so far in 2018 I have voted in the executive committee balloting regarding an upgraded online membership system and a new editor for *Names*. I am anticipating productive consultations with our Information Officer and our President on the new structures we are putting in place for membership sign-up via our website. And I am very much looking forward to reviewing abstracts submitted for our next annual meeting to be held in January of 2019.

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INFORMATION OFFICER

Laurel Sutton

I have continued to post calls for papers, onomastics news, and items of interest to our members to our newsfeed, Facebook group, and

Twitter feed. These posts go up almost every day and provide a curated source of information for all interested in naming. This year, we are working on establishing a payment system on our website so that members can pay for their yearly membership. This system will launch in January 2019. Additionally, we are working to provide online registration for members attending the 2019 ANS conference. Our hope is that the continued modernization of the ANS will draw in more members, from both academia and industry.

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Members-at-Large

MEMBER AT LARGE (2016-2018)

Jan Tent

In these six months, I have sent several news items to be posted in the News section of our website.

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MEMBER AT LARGE (2017-2019)

Jason Chen

Over the past few months, I have been keeping records of the news content relevant to the American Name Society as well as observing linguistic patterns of American/English names. Furthermore I was thrilled to participate in the ANS-EC election. I believe that casting a vote is one of the greatest opportunities to voice my opinion and to witness the growth of the organization.

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MEMBER AT LARGE (2018-2020)

Dr. Marco Syrayama De Pinto

Since last January, I have mainly focused on possible initiatives that might be undertaken.

Special Interest Groups on Facebook

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LITERARY NAMES

Susan Behrens

This year, I was asked to serve as the coordinator of ANS Facebook Special Interest Group on Literary Names. This SIG is one of four recently created, and I have also posted items on the other sites.

I have also issued a call for papers for a special panel on Literary Names at the ANS meeting in January 2019.

This summer, I hope to work with the selection committee to choose presenters for that panel.

My latest book review on *Spring Gardens* should be out in *Names* shortly.

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PERSONAL NAMES

Maryann Parada

In my new position as coordinator of the Facebook Special Interest Group on personal names, I have made efforts to build a diverse community, which now numbers 47 members. I have issued invites to friends, colleagues, and acquaintances. My posts have mostly included news stories, but have also been in the form of questions regarding onomastic research tools and sharing insights on my personal research. I am grateful to my fellow special interest group coordinators for their posts in the group as well. It has pleased me to see comments from a variety of members, and I would like to do more to stimulate discussion. In the coming months I also aim to increase the visibility of the group by extending further member invitations and increasing the frequency of my posts. At the 2019 ANS meeting, I hope to hold a gathering for folks interested in personal names where we can informally discuss and receive feedback on

our current research, and perhaps even explore some methodological tools together.

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PLACE NAMES

Evgeny Shokhenmayer

We have tried to inform our audience about place-names-related news and events not only from the USA but worldwide. Since January 2018, we have gained 50 members, published 311 posts (among them 14 photos, 13 videos, 263 links, 18 statuses), got 667 reactions, been shared once and received 3 comments.

For the next six months, the purpose of the ANS Place Names group will be to share interesting information about various place names. Besides that, we will continue to represent and promote the American Name Society, to provide valuable content concerning toponymy of all kinds, to grow the community and to attract new members. The next step will be to encourage participation of our members and involve them into interaction and commenting.

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TRADE NAMES

Mirko Casagrande

After being appointed as coordinator of the ANS Facebook Special Interest Group about trade names at the beginning of the year, my work mainly consisted in accepting or refusing new members on the basis of their interest in the subject, posting news and articles about brand names, trademarks and trade names, and moderating some of the posts written by other members. In the second half of the year, I would like to increase the number of members and stimulate the discussion about the topics that are posted.

Editor's Message

Dear ANS Members,

This double issue comes out midway between Salt Lake City and New York City, our past and upcoming conferences, which takes me back to our successful outcomes last January and makes me look forward to our next meeting. In our next issue we will provide—thanks to your very special contributions—further information about keynote speakers, the proposals we will have received by that time and more....



It goes without saying that any further news you would like to share with our community is very welcome! Sample material for our Fall issue may include articles, photos, interviews, reviews, calls for papers, comments, stories, and reports on onomastic events. Please send your contributions **by September 10, 2018**.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your generous support and suggestions and express my regret for not being able to be in touch as usual this past spring.

My gratitude goes to our President Iman Nick and our Vice President Dorothy Dodge Robbins for the pieces they sent, their very helpful editing, and their comments!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Luisa Caiazzo

ANS Executive Council for 2018

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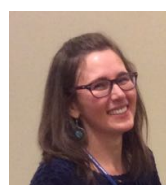
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* The minutes of the EC meetings held in Salt Lake City can be downloaded from the ANS website:

- **Opening meeting:** < http://www.americannamesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ANS_EC_opening_meeting_4-1-18.pdf>
- **Business meeting:** < http://www.americannamesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ANS_EC_business_meeting_6-1-18.pdf>
- **Closing meeting:** < http://www.americannamesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ANS_EC_closing_meeting_7-1-18.