

Two Ways to Support the LSA and Make a Difference This Year and Into the Future!

Thank you for being a member of the Linguistic Society of America. Your membership not only enhances your own professional life; it also supports students, teachers, researchers, departments, linguists in industry, non-profits, and government, and the public use of linguistics. Through your membership and generosity, you enabled the LSA to do amazing things this past year, including:



Providing \$68,000 in membership scholarships and travel grants. We're committed to making LSA membership and education available to anyone who is interested in linguistics, regardless of their ability to pay. We also give membership scholarships to high school teachers and high school students, people who have just earned their Ph.D., and to Indigenous Scholars of the Americas.



Making *Language* Open Access Through New Cambridge Partnership. Moving *Phonological Data and Analysis* to Cambridge. We're expanding access to members' research, increasing visibility, readership, and impact. We are also supporting linguists around the globe who now have free and unlimited access to the research available in *Language*. This support includes authors. Any article accepted for publication in an LSA journal, regardless of the authors' ability to pay article publishing fees, will be published.



Engaging in Advocacy in Response to Unprecedented Times. We issued a statement against the executive order making English the official language of the United States; endorsed statements supporting researchers, educators, and the pursuit of science; decrying cuts to the NEH and the dismantling the Department of Education; and promoted collective action in support of NSF. We've also continued to advance the LSA's Language, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Initiative, harnessing the insights of linguistics to reveal how language can be used to foment conflict, or work toward peace.

While there is much to celebrate, we also need to be frank. LSA remains in a difficult position financially. Historically, the LSA has depended on three main sources of revenue: Annual Meeting registration, membership dues, and publication subscriptions. With skyrocketing costs, our Annual Meeting now costs more to produce than we can generate through registrations and sponsorships. And with declining funding for higher education, our membership numbers are not increasing to meet inflationary increases for operations. Between 2024 and 2025 we reduced our operating expenses by a whopping \$145,000, but our total expenses for 2025 were still far higher than our revenue.

Help Us Continue the LSA's Work by Donating to the 2026 Annual Fund

The Executive Committee set a goal of \$100,000 for this year's Annual Fund drive because we want to continue the work you made possible last fiscal year. Members contributed nearly \$80,000 last fiscal year. THANK YOU – that wouldn't have been possible without you! This year, together, we can do even more to advance the discipline of linguistics, support linguistics students, build a "big tent" LSA, and bring the insights and empirical findings of our discipline to policy makers. Please help us reach our \$100,000 Annual Fund Drive goal! It doesn't matter how much you give; all amounts are meaningful and make a difference:

Visionary: \$10,000+
Benefactor: \$5,000 - \$9,999
Patron: \$1,000 - \$4,999
Innovator: \$500 - \$999
Partner: \$250 - \$499
Associate: \$100 - \$249
Ally: \$11 - \$99
Supporter: \$5 - \$10



Please give at the level that makes sense for you. Click on the QR code above or go to www.lsadc.org and click "Donate." All gifts will be acknowledged on the LSA website.

Help the LSA Thrive in the Future by Joining the Linguistic Legacy Club

Another way to help the LSA is by becoming a member of the Linguistic Legacy Club. Through the Linguistic Legacy Club we're aiming to establish a \$2,000,000 endowment, which would produce enough annual earnings to replace the revenue that we used to receive from our Annual Meeting. This would put the LSA back on a firm financial footing and allow us to adapt and grow along with the changing needs of linguists and the rapidly changing realities of our national and global context.

Linguistic Legacy Club Members are people who have recognized the LSA in their estate plans. Some members designate a percent of their estate; others designate a specific amount. And some have elected to make an immediate donation to the endowment. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us secure the future of linguistics and the LSA.

Scan the QR code to learn more
about the Linguistic Legacy Club
and watch a short video with a
founding member of the Linguistic
Legacy Club.



These are challenging times, but we aren't giving up! Far from it. We're expanding our publications portfolio, strengthening our virtual programming, working to reimagine the Annual Meeting based on member feedback, and developing expanded programming to support linguistics wherever they are employed – whether academia, industry, non-profits, or government.

Together, we can build a stronger and more vibrant LSA that can do even more to advance the scientific study of language for the betterment of society. Please scan one or both QR codes in this letter and take action today!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia".

Alicia Beckford Wassink
President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret".

Margaret Vitullo
Executive Director