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Call for Nominations

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NAACLT is soliciting nominations for the offices of Vice-President and Member-at-Large. The descriptions of the duties of these officers, as stated in the organizational bylaws, are appended below. The term of service in each case is three years, starting from the annual meeting in 2000. Please note that the individual elected Vice-President will succeed to the Presidency of the organization for the 2001-2002 term, and will finish his/her three-year term of service in the role of past-president.

Nominations may be submitted by any NAACLT member whose dues have been paid for the current year. (If you aren't sure whether you are current with your dues, you should contact the Secretary/Treasurer, Robert S. Burke.) We hope to include ballots for the election in copies of the Spring 2000 newsletter. Therefore, nominations should be received by January 3, to allow time for contacting nominees to ascertain their willingness to stand for election.

Nominations should be sent to

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"The Vice-President shall undertake the responsibilities typically adhering to the office and shall, in the following year, succeed to the Presidency. In the event of incapacity or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall complete the unexpired term of the President... The Vice-President coordinates the annual conference..."

"The At-Large Members of the Executive Committee shall perform such duties as may be from time to time assigned by the President and shall strive to represent the interests of the membership before the Executive Committee. They shall serve for staggered terms of three years."

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The table of contents for Volume 5 of the Journal of Celtic Language Learning is as follows. All members can expect to receive their free copy of JCLL5 in the early spring.

Research Articles

- Thomas W. Ihde: "Issues in the Design of Irish Credited Courses"
- Muiris Ó Laoire: "Learning Irish for Participation in the Irish Language Speech Community outside the Gaeltacht"
- Kara A. Smith: "Gaelic Language Maintenance Typologies and Constructs"

Teaching Forum

- Donall MacNamara: "What do you do when the teacher needs a teacher?"
- Moray J. Watson: "Taking the 'aching' out of 'teaching': fun and games in the classroom"

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Call for Articles: JCLL, Volume 6

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The Journal of Celtic Language Learning (ISSN: 1078-3911) is an international review for researchers and teachers of modern Celtic Languages. The official publication of the North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers, JCLL includes papers presented at the association's annual conference in addition to manuscripts submitted by scholars of modern Celtic languages world-wide. It is also a forum in which modern Celtic language teachers can share insights into methodology with their peers.

JCLL's mission, similar to that of NAACLT, is to provide another forum in which teachers and applied linguists can contribute to the literature presently available on bilingual and second language acquisition as well as increase communication among modern Celtic language teachers and researchers.

Those interested are encouraged to submit research articles or descriptive accounts of teaching techniques to Dr. Nancy Stenson, at the addresses below. APA style should be strictly observed. Four typed copies should be submitted. A disk (computer) copy of the article should be kept. It will be requested in the case of acceptance.

Teachers who would like to share a successful language teaching technique or describe the modern Celtic language program in which they are teaching are invited also to submit shorter articles. Deadline for submissions is 15 April 2000. Submissions received by this date are guaranteed consideration for Vol. 6. Later submissions may be deferred to later volumes as space requires.

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Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Southern Regional Meeting of ACIS, February 4-7, 2000, Miami, FL. Visit <http://www.acisweb.com/cfp.html> or write Jim Doan, doan@polaris.acast.nova.edu for more information.

Daltaí na Gaeilge will be hosting an Irish Immersion Weekend and a Teachers' Workshop on the weekend of 18-21 February 2000. For more information, visit www.daltai.com

Cànan is Òran, Saturday Feb. 5, 2000 & Saturday April 1, 2000. Day-long workshops in Scottish Gaelic language and Song (beginner, intermediate, advanced). At St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Lorrie ++416-844-4908

American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL), March 11-14, 1999, Vancouver, Canada. See www.aal.org/pages/Vancouver.html for more information.

Twenty-second University of California Celtic Studies Conference (UCLA), March 16-19, Los Angeles, California. Featured speakers at the conference will include Máire Herbert (NUI Cork) and Katharine Simms (Trinity College). It will feature a variety of papers; a concert at 2 on Saturday, March 18; the traditional banquet on Saturday evening; and a "conference within a conference" in celebration of St. Patrick's Day (Friday, March 17), under the sponsorship of the UCLA Center for Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Studies, entitled "*The Gaelic Literary Imagination in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*," featuring talks by William Gillies (University of Edinburgh), Mícheál Mac Craith (NUI Galway), Catherine McKenna (CUNY Graduate Center), and Máirtín Ó Briain (NUI Galway). Admission to the conference presentations and concert on March 16 and 18-19 (all in Royce 314 on the UCLA campus) is free, although there will probably be a registration fee for the Clark event, which will include lunch and refreshments. For further details on the conference and the Call for Papers, please contact [Professor Joseph Nagy](mailto:jfnagy@humnet.ucla.edu), at UCLA (jfnagy@humnet.ucla.edu).

The Celtic Studies Association of North America (CSANA), March 2000, St. Louis, Southern Illinois at Edwardsville. Check for upcoming announcements at www.cis.upenn.edu/~csana.

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The Cork Youth International Film Video Arts Festival, 5-11 April, Cork, Ireland. *Closing Date for entries:* 11th March 2000. *Categories:* Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Experimental, Music Videos, Computer Animation. All categories can also be made in the Irish language. *Format:* Film—8mm, Super 8, 16mm; Video—VHS, SVHS, 8mm; VideoC. *Duration:* 20 minutes max. *Open To:* Under 12yrs, Under 18yrs, Students Under 25yrs. *Special Category:* Blarney Trophy Award, open to adults Videos and Copies of films are acceptable. Awards and certificates of participation will be given. For further details, please contact Helen Prout: tel. 323 21 306019, e-mail hproutl@tinet.ie

International Linguistic Association (ILA), April 7-9, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. For more information write Ruth M. Brend at rbrend@umich.edu.

Our Celtic Identity - Past, Present and Future, Easter 2000 (April 23), Institute of Technology Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland. For more information, e-mail Dr. Muiris Ó Laoire at muiris.olaoire@ittralee.ie. For more information on the venue, visit <http://www.ittralee.ie>

North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers, June 22–25, Limerick, Ireland. See <http://www.csis.ul.ie/naaclt2000/> for more information (as well as pages 1-2 of this newsletter).

ACIS National Meeting. June 26–July 1, Limerick, Ireland. See <http://www.acisweb.com/cfp.html> for more information.

Irish Language Immersion, Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta, San Francisco, CA, USA. 2nd weekend of October. Contact: Nikki L. Ragsdale, nikki@GrafXSource.com

Technology Update

Many of you may have noticed that our web site, www.naaclt.org, is once again up to date. Thanks go to John Morrissey who spearheaded this project. He was assisted by Robert Burke and Thomas Ihde. These three NAACLT members and Nikki L. Ragsdale of One Source Graphics exchanged many e-mail messages over the period of several months to accomplish this project. Please visit the site and e-mail corrections, up-dates, and new material using the e-mail addresses listed there.

Also please note that the address of our discussion list, NAACLT-L, has changed. The new address for the list is NAACLT-L@list.wpunj.edu. If you would like to join in the discussion of new ideas on how NAACLT can better serve its members, please subscribe to the list. For more information on how to subscribe, visit www.naaclt.org

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Please consider sharing any items you think might be of interest to NAACLT members by means of NAACLT NEWS. Bilingual submissions will be gladly accepted. Send material to me by email: (moore052@mr.net), or regular mail:

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