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## **American Name Society Seeking New ANS Officers for 2025**

Ever thought about getting more involved with the American Name Society but didn't know how? Here is your opportunity! The American Name Society is looking for a few good people who are interested in joining the Executive Council.

In 2025, with Brandon Simonson stepping into the position of President of the ANS, the position of Vice President will be open. Nominations are now open for this very important position! The Allied Conference Coordinator and Member-at-Large positions are also open. You may nominate any interested party; self-nominations are also accepted.

### **Vice President (2025-2027)**

The person elected to this position is primarily responsible for co-organizing the ANS annual conference in close cooperation with the ANS President. As conference co-chair, the person in this position will issue an official call for papers, organize a team of reviewers, design the program of paper presentations, and coordinate with the Linguistic Society of America and the other linguistic affiliates or "Sister Societies": the American Dialect Society (ADS), the Society of Pidgin and Creole Linguistics (SPCL), the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the America (SSILA), The Association for Linguistic Evidence (TALE), and the North American Association for the History of Language Sciences (NAAHoLS).

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In addition to these duties, the VP also serves as a voting member of the Executive Council and, as such, is actively involved in the legislative process of the ANS. The person selected for this office has the option of running for the office of ANS President, at the end of his/her term. Candidates for this position are expected to have superior organizational, time-management, and communication skills.

#### **Allied Conference Coordinator (2025-2027)**

The person elected to this position is principally responsible for organizing the ANS session at the annual conference of the Modern Language Association. This activity involves issuing a call for papers, assembling a team of abstract reviewers, selecting three authors whose work will be presented at the MLA conference, and coordinating the presentation of the three winning abstracts with the MLA administration. In addition to these duties, as a voting member of the ANS Executive Council (EC), the Allied Conference Coordinator participates in the legislative decision-making of the Society. Although the term of service for this position is for two years, the holder of this office may be re-elected pending approval by the EC. Given the fact that this position requires close communication with the MLA, candidates who have a demonstrated expertise in literary onomastics will receive preference.

#### **Member-at-Large (2025-2028)**

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.

To apply for one or more of these Executive Council positions, please complete the online application available here:

[www.americannamesociety.org/about/apply-to-be-an-ec-officer](http://www.americannamesociety.org/about/apply-to-be-an-ec-officer).

Thank you for being a member of the ANS!

## ***NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics* Editorial Board**

### Reviewers Needed!

We are currently seeking new applicants to join the *NAMES* Editorial Board.

Although onomastic specialists in all areas of onomastic research are welcome to apply, we have a particular need for scholars with expertise in

the following areas: toponymy, literary onomastics, anthroponymy, corpus/computer linguistics.

Interested applicants should be native or near native speakers of English, have published in onomastics, and be a member in good-standing of the ANS or an allied onomastic scholarly society (e.g. The Canadian Society for the Study of Names, the International Council of Onomastic Sciences, The Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland, etc.).

Familiarity with a modern language other than English is also a bonus.

As a general rule, editorial board members will not be expected to review more than 2 manuscripts per month. In addition, all members of the Editorial Board participate in the selection of the Best Article of the Year.



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If you are interested in joining our team, please complete the application from available here: <https://nick662.typeform.com/to/P6dzaz>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Professor I. M. Nick ([nameseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nameseditor@gmail.com)).

## **NAMES New AI Policy**

Recent years have seen an explosion in the use and application of AI in scientific investigation and publishing. Although many of these developments have been promising, such as increased speed of literary searches and the heightened sophistication of statistical analyses, AI is not without its risks. It is for this reason that the official *NAMES* Style Sheet has been updated to include specific policies regarding the use and declaration of AI assistance in manuscripts submitted to the journal. To learn more, please visit the *NAMES* website: <https://ans-names.pitt.edu/ans/AI-TT-policy>

## **Book Titles and Reviewers Wanted!**

Many thanks to our insightful reviewers for their work in presenting intriguing new titles for readers' consideration. To date this year we have welcomed new contributors Rebekah Ingram, reviewing a book on Wyandot names, and Mary Ann Walter, reviewing a visually stunning book on nameplate art. As well, returning reviewers Daniel Duncan and Tristan Alphey presented books on toponomastics and names in *Beowulf*, respectively.

If you would like to contribute a review or if you have titles to suggest for review, please contact Chris De Vinne at [cdevinne@ursuline.edu](mailto:cdevinne@ursuline.edu).

Happy summer reading!

## **Legacy Tributes to Deceased ANS Members**

In addition to chronicling important developments in the field of onomastics, *NAMES* has a long tradition of honoring the legacy of members who have passed. Recent ANS scholars whose contributions and lives have been honored include John Algeo (1930-2019), Edwin Lawson (1923-2021), Wolfgang Ahrens (1940-2022), and Thomas Gasque (1937-2023).

Should you learn of the passing of a member in our academic community, please do let us know so that we can honor their lives and scholarly contributions with a formal tribute. To request or suggest a formal ANS memoriam, simply send the name of the deceased with any additional details you may have to the following address: [nameseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nameseditor@gmail.com).

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