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# SGL Newsletter

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## Reports and News

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### Change to the Bylaws

In November 2002, the members of SGL voted for an amendment of Article V, Section I of the Bylaws of the Society. The amendment provides for an elected student representative who will be an at-large member of the Executive Committee for a term of one year. The student representative is to be enrolled at the institution hosting the GLAC of the following year. The response, unfortunately rather low, was as follows: a total of 21 votes, 20 in favour, 1 opposed. Six of the ballots were returned in paper form, and fifteen in electronic form. (*Donka Minkova*)

### New Election Committee

In February 2003, the Executive Committee designated an Election Committee: Donka Minkova (Chair), Amanda Pounder, and Jeannette Denton. The Election Committee will be responsible for the solicitation of nominations and the conduct of elections for officers and members of the Executive Committee.

### Conference Report: FGLS–SGL Joint Conference

The Forum for Germanic Language Studies (FGLS) and the Society for Germanic Linguistics held a joint conference in London from 3–5 January 2003. This joint meeting was a great success both in terms of quality

of papers and attendance. 60 abstracts were submitted and close to 50 papers ended up being presented by Germanic linguists from 15 different countries. The local organizers, Christian Fandrych and Klaus Fischer, did an excellent job coordinating the program, selecting the plenary speakers, and providing an atmosphere very conducive to getting to know people who do not usually attend GLAC meetings. In fact, many scholars attended who had never previously been to either GLAC or an FGLS meeting. The actual meetings were held both at King's College and at the Goethe Institute, which enabled people to experience different parts of London. Dinners and a walking-tour added much to this. Members of the FGLS, in particular its president, Martin Durrell, expressed a keen interest in continued contact (perhaps a subscription to the journal for their members) as well as holding future joint meetings. This meeting was extremely beneficial for both societies and is indeed worth repeating in the future! (*Elly van Gelderen*)

### Journal of Germanic Linguistics

I am happy to report that as we move into volume 15 of the *JGL*, the journal continues to grow steadily. The level of submissions is stable, and the feedback we have received on it has been positive. Two new members have joined the advisory board, Seiichi Suzuki of Kansai Gaidai University, and Robert W. Murray of the University of Calgary. We are happy to have them join us. In the coming

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year we hope to increase the volume of manuscripts received to a higher level, something that all members of the board are encouraged to help us do. This past January at the joint FGLS/SGL meeting in London, I and a number of colleagues, including Martin Durrell, discussed the possibility of formally making the FGLS a cosponsor of the *JGL*. This is something we will be exploring with our contact persons at Cambridge this spring. If we are able to make this happen, it will be another way to solidify the ties between our organizations on both sides of the Atlantic. As always, feedback on any aspect of the journal is welcome. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. (*Mark Loudon*)

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## Communications

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The Society would like to maintain an active email list of its membership in order to facilitate communication. Please help us by keeping us aware of email address changes! If you did not receive the Call for Nominations by email, we do not have a correct address for you; please send any updates to [mgobrien@wisc.edu](mailto:mgobrien@wisc.edu) (Mary Grantham O'Brien).

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## Call for Nominations

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On behalf of the Society for Germanic Linguistics, the Election Committee is soliciting nominations for the following positions in the Society:

President

Executive Committee: 2 Members-At-Large

The election for the student Member-At-Large will take place locally.

All members of the Society can be nominated. No two offices may be held by the same person. The terms of office of the President and the Executive Committee members are three years.

Candidates for these offices must be willing and able (a) to attend GLAC so as to be present at the Society's Executive Committee meetings; and (b) to participate in activities of the Society. If you would like to propose someone, please send your nomination by mail or email before March 14, 2003, to:

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## Upcoming Meetings

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### **GLAC 9 (2003)**

Final preparations are underway for GLAC 9, which will be held at SUNY Buffalo from April 25–27. Notice of abstract acceptance was sent out in early February. As mentioned in the Fall newsletter, our invited speakers this year are Jay Jasanoff, Molly Diesing, and Theo Vennemann. Information on travel, accommodation, graduate student support, etc. is available at the conference website, <http://wings.buffalo.edu/org/gggaas/GLAC9/GLAC9home.html>. Registration is taking place online at [www.specialevents.buffalo.edu/glac9](http://www.specialevents.buffalo.edu/glac9); there is also a link to this address from the website. Accommodation at the University Inn can likewise be booked online via the appropriate website link; registrants should make sure to mention GLAC when booking.

### **GLAC 10 (2004)**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, GLAC 10 will be held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Local organizers are Robert Kyes and Robin Queen. This will be a joint conference with SHEL (Studies in the History of the English Language), organizers here being Anne Curzan and Richard Bailey.

To join the SGL or report a change of address, fill out the form below and send it with a check, money order, or transfer receipt to:

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I would like to become a member of the Society for Germanic Linguistics.  
 Please note my address change.

Membership category:  
 regular (\$ 30.00)  
 student (\$ 15.00)  
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