

## Editorial

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### Annual meeting of the American Name Society

The annual meeting of the American Name Society took place in Portland, OR, January 4–8 2012. At that meeting, there were the usual excellent presentations by onomastics scholars. Cleveland Evans once again oversaw the annual “Name of the Year” meeting, the results of which appear in this issue.

Likewise, the annual award for Best Article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* was presented to Carol G. Lombard for her study entitled “The Sociocultural Significance of *Niitsitapi* Personal Names: An Ethnographic Analysis,” which appeared in *Names* 59:2 (2011): 42–51. This award, which includes an attractive plaque, is becoming well known in the field of onomastics, and it is a highly respected mark of scholarly excellence in onomastics. The Award Committee for Best Article in *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* for 2012 includes the following members:

1. Michael F. McGoff (Binghamton University of New York, USA)
2. John Algeo (Professor Emeritus, University of Georgia, USA)
3. Kemp Williams (IBM Corporation, USA)

### Special issues of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*

The Executive Council also addressed an issue related to the procedures for future submissions for special issues of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics*. From now on, all submissions to any special issues of *Names* will require that the contributor submit a complete paper with the following components:

1. appropriate descriptive title
2. abstract
3. keywords
4. description
5. research questions
6. methods
7. results of research.

Submissions for special issues of the journal which do not meet these minimum requirements will not be considered.

## Peer review and public access

Questions related to anonymous peer review and public access to research continue to appear in academic publications and widely read newspapers. These include the following recent ones.

1. *Inside Higher Education*. <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/01/06/humanities-scholars-consider-role-peer-review>
2. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*
3. <http://chronicle.com/article/Who-Gets-to-See-Published/130403/>
4. *The New York Times*
5. [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/11/opinion/research-bought-then-paid-for.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/11/opinion/research-bought-then-paid-for.html?_r=1)

These and other articles address scholarly concerns related to the open and free exchange of ideas. A bill in the US Congress labeled the “Research Works Act” may be accessed at the following website: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3699>. This issue is one that is current interest and concern to members of the Council of Editors of Learned Journals whose website is: <http://www.celj.org/>.

## Other matters

*Names* is always looking for submissions that deal with some aspect of onomastics. We invite you to submit your onomastics article in accordance with the format requirements stated on the inside back cover of the journal or the *Names* Style Sheet located at the website of the American Name Society (<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans/>), and at the Maney Publishing Company Web Site (<http://www.maney.co.uk/journals/notes/nam>).

The Executive Council of the American Name Society approved a resolution concerning contributors to *Names* in January 2009. Contributors whose submissions to *Names* have been accepted must join the American Name Society once the Editor informs the author that the article has been accepted. Anyone may still submit articles without being a member, however. Information on membership is available at the American Name Society’s website: <http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans/>

Please remember to renew your membership in the American Name Society, which offers several benefits: (1) *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* (quarterly journal); and (2) an annual meeting held in January in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America and other learned societies (next meeting will take place January 3–6 2013 in Boston, MA). Also remember to consult the American Name Society website (<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans/>) for a lot of interesting and timely information on onomastics as well as electronic versions of the *ANS Newsletter*, edited by Michel Nguessan).