

Announcement

The American Name Society is currently looking for a few good people to join the Executive Council (EC). Starting January 2018, new officers will be needed to fill the positions listed below. The application for these positions can be found here:

<https://www.americannamesociety.org/seeking-new-ans-officers-for-2018-3/>

ANS Treasurer (2018–2020)

The person elected to this position will be responsible for keeping official record of all funds and securities of the Society; maintaining receipts for monies due and payable to the Society; depositing all monies in the name of the Society; responding to inquiries from conference attendees regarding registration payments; and informing the ANS President, the ANS Executive Council, and the general membership about the financial status of the Society via an end-of-the year fiscal report. The ANS Treasurer will work closely with the ANS President, Vice President, and Membership Officer as well as Taylor & Francis, the current publisher of *Names*. Applicants for this position must be long-term ANS members of good standing.

Member-at-large (2018–2020)

The person elected to this position will serve as a voting member of the 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, for example, to help with the nomination of new officers, coordination of the annual conference, and organization of allied conferences.

Allied Conference Coordinator (2018–2020)

The person elected to this position is principally responsible for organizing the ANS session at the annual conference of the Modern Language Association (MLA). 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 EC, the Allied Conference Coordinator participates in the legislative decision-making of the Society.

Coordinators for four ANS Facebook Special Interest Groups (2018–2020)

There are four ANS Facebook SIGs: (1) Personal Names, (2) Literary Names, (3) Trade Names, and (4) Place Names. For each of these SIGs, the coordinator is responsible for stimulating and monitoring discussions between users; regularly posting material of thematic interest; answering queries from the general public; and coordinating an informal gathering in person during the annual ANS meetings. The people chosen for these positions are expected to have excellent writing skills; be a frequent and enthusiastic Facebook user; and have a demonstrable interest in the thematic area of the relevant SIG.