

ASAIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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2012 ASAIL Business Meeting

Native American Literature Symposium, Isleta NM

Saturday, March 31, 2012, 3 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Jodi Byrd opened by this is the last ASAIL business meeting she will officiate as ASAIL President, as her term is concluding. Margaret Noori, the incoming President of ASAIL, could not be with us today. Jodi noted that she intends to will help Margaret as she transitions into the position, just as Patrice Hollrah helped Jodi (for which Jodi thanked Patrice).

Jodi then introduced the board members who were present: herself, Robert Nelson (historian), Patrice Hollrah, Tereza Szeghi (secretary). Unfortunately Jeff Berglund (treasurer) had to leave the conference prior to the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1) Emerging Scholars Professional Development Scholarships: Jodi reminded everyone that there is money available but that it has underutilized to date. Proposals should be sent to Meg now, not Jodi.

2) Treasurer's report (Jeff Berglund, in absentia): 138 paid members of ASAIL currently; 209 at the end of 2011, 159 the year before that. In short, although our membership is

down, in the long view the numbers are not markedly below previous precedent. Everyone is encouraged to renew their memberships and to do so using PayPal through the new ASAIL website that Christina Roberts designed for our organization (for which Jodi thanked Christina).

Our current expenses as an organization include the emerging scholars professional development fund, support of one of the breaks at the Native American Literature Symposium, and payment to the University of Nebraska Press associated with the publication of *Studies in American Indian Literatures*.

3) Proposed affiliations with other organizations

Tereza Szeghi noted that two organizations, the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE) and the Western Literature Association (WLA) have communicated a desire to affiliate with ASAIL during the last year. The nature of these affiliations would be different, as ASLE seeks an official affiliation that, among other things, involves each organization guaranteeing a panel at its regularly scheduled meeting to the other organization. Affiliation with ASLE would also allow us to post news about our organization in their newsletter. For more information about affiliation with ASLE, please refer to their website: www.asle.org/site/about/affiliates/guidelines/

It was rightly noted that ASAIL is not in a position to guarantee a panel to ASLE at NALS, given that NALS programming is not determined by our organization. Jodi suggested, however, that we could promise ASLE an ASAIL-sponsored panel that could be proposed for NALS (but could not guarantee acceptance).

To date the Western Literature Association's proposed affiliation only extends to the prospect of co-sponsoring panels at the Modern Languages Association.

There was some discussion of certain ideological/methodological differences between ASAIL and WLA, which have led to conflicts in the past. Nonetheless, Jodi noted that co-sponsorship of panels is a means by which we can raise our profile at the MLA (a profile that has diminished in recent years). Also, this degree of collaboration could be a good first (small) step, in light of the previously noted tensions between members of the organizations. Becca Gercken noted, to the agreement of several present, that the issues raised about WLA argue for the need to raise this issue for discussion on the listserv so that everyone can weigh-in.

The proposed affiliations with ASLE and WLA will be put to a vote by the ASAIL membership through the listserv (using Survey Monkey).

Jodi noted that if we make affiliations with organizations we need liaisons. We recently had a lapse in our affiliation with the American Literature Association (ALA), for example, due to losing our liaison to the organization. Fortunately, we are back on track for the next ALA (where there will be a American Indian drama and theater panel).

4) *Update on ASAIL panels at MLA*

Our guaranteed panel, on New Native Writers (chaired by Ryan Winn) has been finalized.

Our non-guaranteed panel, on American Indian Literature & Environmental Justice (co-sponsored by ASAIL and ASLE, and co-chaired by Jan Johnson and Janis Fiske) is being finalized currently.

Our second non-guaranteed panel, on Native American Gothic, panel fell through. The chair, Amy Gore, received only two submissions. When one of the panelists withdrew, Amy was forced to cancel the plans for the panel. Jodi suggested that next time we advertise our panels on the NAISA website so as to attract more submissions.

It was noted that our sponsored MLA panels can be vehicles for showcasing graduate students' work, many of whom have to be there for interviews anyway. Jodi confirmed that ASAIL could offer some financial support to graduate student presenters.

5) **Report from the Editor of *Studies in American Indian Literatures*** (Chadwick Allen)

We had no official report from Chad on *SAIL*; however, Lisa Tatonetti offered a brief update: the transition to Chad's leadership (taking over from James Cox and Daniel Heath Justice) is almost complete. The final item of business is to turn the permission over to him. Chad was very

regretful not to be at NALS but was kept in Columbus due to obligations as the Director of Graduate Studies. Chad asked that people please submit their work to the journal.

6) Subcommittee Reports

The majority of the subcommittee chairs were not present.

Denise Cummings (**Film**): Regarding representation of film at this NALS, she noted that it happens organically. Each year they see what is possible, who can come. They tried something new this year and it went well (an assertion that was greeted by hearty applause). They receive suggestions (this year four different things were desired). Denise thought that was too much based on the view that film should complement literature at NALS but should not eclipse the literature. Becca Gercken requested that the film night be scheduled for later in the evening, and others agreed. Denise said she is sensitive to this and will consider it for next year.

Pedagogy: Becca Gercken has agreed to serve as the new chair.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Electing a new Vice President

After some discussion about the ethics of asking a junior faculty member to take on the position, particularly given that the Vice President will become ASAIL President within three years of beginning as VP, it was determined that, of the two nominated candidates (Jill Doerfler and Joseph Bauerkemper), that it made the most sense for Jill to take the position. Jill was elected unanimously and congratulated on her new position.

2) The ASAIL Website

Christina Roberts' service to the organization by designing a beautiful new website for us was again acknowledged. However, in order to utilize the site to maximum effect there are some things that need to be done, including: transferring all of our archives from the Richmond server (the old website) to the new one, finding someone who will keep pages updated (including the notes page, which includes information about conferences and jobs)

Jodi asked if anyone has the skills and willingness to do the coding necessary to make the transfer. It was suggested that we should raise this on the listserv because there may be more people there with the necessary skills. It was suggested that we might think of a mentorship program with students who have some of the needed technological skills, students wanting to get involved with the organization—a suggestion that was greeted enthusiastically.

There was also discussion, in response to a request by Barb Robbins for ASAIL to compile a handbook handbook of terms for American Indian Literary Studies because there are so many terms we have to explain to students in order to get the most out of the work they study. It was agreed that the website could be a good space for compiling such information (and could yield

more traffic on the site) but it was also agreed that any submissions should be vetted (as Lisa Tatonetti suggested), perhaps by being viewed first by the Executive Committee before being posted to the website.

Brian Hudson graciously volunteered to address the website over the summer.

Tereza Szeghi noted that the website already includes invitations for submissions to an ASAIL bibliography (of authors, events, etc.) but that she has received only one submission to date.

Jodi noted that the website is also configured so as to feature regular bloggers but this function has not been utilized.

Regarding the ASAIL Facebook page, Facebook changed its settings and Jodi has not had a chance to redo our page since then.

3) *Where to have the ASAIL Business Meeting (a repeated topic of debate)*

Jodi observed that this year we are immensely down in the number of people here at this meeting than in previous years. Joseph Bauerkemper suggested that we run a survey to figure out who attends NALS, NAISA, or both. There was another suggestion for two separate surveys: one of those who are ASAIL officers and another of the membership.

4) *Revising the ASAIL bylaws*

The need to revise the bylaws was repeated several times throughout the meeting -- in conjunction with clarifying the duties of the Vice President, determining what exactly the President's duties at MLA are (and if s/he should still be required to attend that meeting), in discussing the need for an Executive Committee member to be tasked with upkeep of the website, etc. As Jodi read aloud various bylaws it was clear, on multiple accounts, that current practices of the organization are no longer consistent with what the bylaws indicate.

It was proposed that there be a follow-up meeting at NAISA to continue discussion of the bylaws' revision (some could participate through Skype). In the meantime a working group could begin conversation, and perhaps draft new bylaws. Those present at the meeting suggested that the following people be members of this working group due to the need for deep knowledge of different components of the organization: Chad Allen, Daniel Heath Justice, Patrice Hollrah, Jodi Byrd, Bob Nelson, and Margaret Noori.

5) *Bolstering connections between ASAIL and Canada/Canadian Indigenous Literatures (proposed by Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair)*

Niigaan noted that there has been the most representation of Canada in the previous year's issue of *SAIL*. He suggested that the new ASAIL bylaws include a position, or part of a position, dedicated to building on this connection, perhaps through connections to existing meetings and organizations in Canada that address indigenous literatures. Although he is not nominating himself for such a position, he did agree to put us in touch with people in Canada working in the field.

Jodi observed, and others concurred, that bolstering this link to Canada would make us responsive to the perspective that NAISA is pushing: global indigeneity, rather than just a U.S. focus. It is also significant and timely, as Niigaan observed, that NAISA is going to Canada next year.

Jodi proposed that, ultimately, we may want to reevaluate the name of our organization, given its U.S. focus, but it was agreed that this is a matter for a later date.

Final Remarks

Lisa Tatonetti proposed that ASAIL sponsor a breakfast for graduate students at NAISA (a way of expanding the membership)

Denise Cummings thanked Jodi for her leadership as President of ASAIL and Patrice presented her with a gift. Jodi thanked everyone for the past three years, noted that it has been great to work for the organization, and offered a particular thanks to Bob Nelson ("the backbone of the organization").

Meeting adjourned 4:24 p.m.

2011 ASAIL BUSINESS MEETING

Isleta Casino and Resort, Albuquerque, NM,
March 19, 2011, 12-1:30 pm

I. 12:30PM: CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

II. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. Jodi Byrd, President
- b. Margaret Noori, Vice-President (*in absentia*)
- c. Amy Hamilton, Secretary
- d. Robert Nelson, Historian and Interim Treasure
- e. SAIL Journal - General Editor, Daniel Heath Justice and Managing Editor, James Cox (*in absentia*)

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Current President** - Jodi Byrd

ASAIL Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship (ESPDF) award (information on ASAIL website - \$300). Awarded to: (1) Alexandra Harmon, "The Part We Made: Racialized Performance as Resistance in Buffalo Bill's Wild West," 2010 NAISA, Tucson, AZ; (2) Amy Gore, "The First Nations Gothic Novel," 2011 NAISA, Sacramento, CA.

b. Acting Treasurer's Report: Robert Nelson: Handout (see **Appendix 1**)

c. Outgoing Secretary's Report: Amy Hamilton

Report on the two ASAIL panels created for MLA 2012: (1) American Indian and Other Literary Traditions (guaranteed session), (2) American Indian Theater (awaiting approval - currently "non-guaranteed" session). Both panels drew a strong pool of proposals. Thank you to the session chairs (Tereza Szeghi and Ryan Winn) for their hard work!

d. Historian's Report

e. SAIL Journal Report *in absentia* (see **Appendix 2**)

Lisa Tatonetti - soliciting book reviewers. Please contact her if you are interested in reviewing a book for *SAIL*.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES

a. Pedagogy - Nancy Peterson - 2 sessions sponsored this year at NALS ("Teaching Southeastern Indian Literatures" and "Resisting Students and Subversive Teaching in the Native Literature Classroom: A Roundtable Discussion"). Pedagogy teaching materials on ASAIL website - please submit materials.

b. Website - Transitioning to a new site (can find through asail.org) - old site still up and running with all materials. Christina Roberts has been doing a fabulous job with website design - thank you to Christina.

c. Languages Committee (via email from Margaret Noori) - "At MLA 2012 our panel will be: Indigenous Languages and Identity. I'm pleased to report that we do have a set of papers for presentation, but I wish there were more activity in this area. Indigenous language has a strong presence at NALS and DAIL has kept in part of MLA but my personal goal over the next year will be to gather summary information that can be posted on the ASAIL site that will connect the various language revitalization conferences and communities."

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Elections for Treasurer and Secretary (Bob Nelson is acting treasurer, Amy Hamilton is outgoing secretary)

- i. New Treasurer - Jeff Berglund, Northern Arizona University
- ii. New Secretary - Tereza Szeghi, University of Dayton

b. MLA Topics for 2013: Discussion of how to handle MLA guaranteed and non-guaranteed sessions in future years. Members present brainstormed possible panel topics and discussed the possibility of co-convened sessions with other MLA Allied and Affiliated Organizations.

i. Possible Panel Topics: Native American Literature of New England; Pedagogy Panel on Online Research; Queer Indigenous Writing; Boston Tea Party and the Appropriation of Native Identity and History; New Native Writers; Theory Panel - "There is no theory without Native Theory.

ii. Organizational Collaborations: Western Literature Association; NAISA; others?

c. Discussed possibility of ASAIL Meeting at NAISA: Keep main ASAIL business meeting at NALS, but additional meeting at NAISA - ask NAISA for space or just meet informally. ASAIL sponsored event. Connections to indigenous literary associations outside of U.S.

d. Canadian Native Literature Association (not official name) - planning on approaching ASAIL as organization continues to develop

e. Kim Roppolo: Upcoming Wordcraft Circle: Returning the Gift event in Chickasha, OK, June 9

- 11. Invitation to ASAIL membership. Next year is the 20th anniversary of the Circle's founding. <http://www.wordcraftcircle.org/rtg/rtg2011.html>

VI. THANK YOU to Amy Hamilton (outgoing secretary) and Bob Nelson (outgoing treasurer) for their service to ASAIL.

Adjourn at 1:20

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Appendix 1

2010 ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Highlights

Perhaps the single most important fiscal development of the year was the establishment of an ASAIL Paypal account to allow for online payment of annual membership dues. This new capability makes it possible for our overseas subscribers to avoid exorbitant international check costs and the expensive (and somewhat risky) process of international mailing, and many of our US subscribers appreciate the convenience of being able to handle their membership payment online. Since its inception in late March 39 members - 56% of the 70 transactions during this period - have elected this payment option, and I anticipate that in the coming year 60-65% of all payments will be made online.

ASAIL Membership

We had 197 paid 2010 memberships; 21 of these (10%) were international members, and 29 (15%) were "limited income" members. These figures have not varied much over the past several years, though in recent years there has been a very slight decline in membership. My hope is that the added convenience of online payment will stimulate a modest increase in ASAIL memberships this year.

2011 Projections

The following projections presume that our membership will remain approximately the same as it has been for the past few years; they also presume that University of Nebraska Press doesn't raise the price to us of individual domestic or foreign subscriptions to the journal (currently they charge us \$30.40 per subscription plus an additional \$24 for non-US subscribers).

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

(Please see ASAIL homepage for full Treasurer's report with details on account activity.)

Appendix 2

SAIL UPDATE FOR BUSINESS MEETING

To the ASAIL membership:

We are sorry that we can't be with you to share this report in person, but Jim wasn't able to make it this year, and Daniel's plans to attend were changed by a death in the family. But if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

It's been a busy and quite challenging year for the editorial staff in terms of infrastructure and institutional funding, but we're happy to say that the quality of the journal itself has remained

quite strong. Both the University of Toronto and the University of Texas at Austin have offered administrative support in the form of editorial assistantships for the past five years, but the recession has limited access to some of these funds, with the result that, at Toronto, the assistantship has come to an end, and in the fall we had to say goodbye to our long-time and hard-working submissions assistant, Kyle Wyatt, who's completing the very final stages of his dissertation work. At the publication end, our fantastic and similarly efficient editorial assistant Kirby Brown will soon be Assistant Professor Kirby Brown at the University of Oregon, so his time on the journal will be winding down as well.

Although we're losing our editorial assistants, our wonderful editorial staff has also been increased by one: Lisa Tatonetti has recently come aboard as the Book Review Editor, following Jane Hafen's long and dedicated service in that role.

At the submissions end, we've had some technological issues with the submissions e-mail account, both in terms of access and storage. It's been a pain and a frustration to get it sorted out, or even to identify the problem, but this should be entirely resolved in the next few weeks. If anyone has questions about the status of their submission or review, please contact Daniel directly at daniel.justice@utoronto.ca, as this address is much more dependable. Even with those challenges and the associated reviewing delays, we continue to receive amazing submissions, so much so that we're still over a year ahead in the publishing queue.

As readers may have noticed, we haven't had any guest-edited special issues in the past few years. There were a few reasons for this, but the primary one was that we had a lot of submissions backed up in the queue that needed to be cleared out, and we needed every available issue in order to do so. Yet we've received a number of incredible proposals for special issues, so once the backlog was largely cleared out we decided to put together a set of consistent special issue guidelines to help interested guest editors develop their proposals. We're delighted to announce that we've had two full special issues go through the whole process of submission, review, and acceptance, so these will be out in the next year. One is on digital technologies in Native literature, and the other is on Native political constitutions as literary and critical texts. There are at least two more in the early stages of development. If you have an idea for a special issue, please contact Daniel for the guideline sheet.

This is our fifth and final year as co-editors, and we have been considering the future editorial direction of the journal. These discussions are still ongoing, but we're excited about the various possibilities for the journal, its mandates, and its constituencies. As always, we welcome helpful feedback, so please don't hesitate to contact us with questions, thoughts, or suggestions.

All good wishes,
Daniel Justice and Jim Cox

2010 ASAIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Isleta Casino & Resort, Albuquerque, New Mexico
March 6, 2010 / 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Number in attendance: 20

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Jodi Byrd called the meeting to order for Outgoing President Patrice Hollrah (in absentia). P. Jane Hafen distributed gifts for Patrice and mentioned the ASAIL-sponsored breaks.

II. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jodi Byrd, Outgoing Vice-President/Incoming President

Amy Hamilton, Secretary (in absentia because of new baby); Christina Roberts standing in

Robert Nelson, Historian and Interim Treasurer

SAIL Journal - SAIL General Editor, Daniel Justice (in absentia), and SAIL Managing Editor, James Cox (in absentia)

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Incoming President - Jodi Byrd

ASAIL Emerging Scholars Professional Development Fellowship (ESPDF) awarded to: (1) Cristina Stanciu to present "'I'm Going Back to My People Where I Belong': *The Silent Redskin* (1929) and Americans in the Making," NALS 2009; (2) Amy W. Ware to present "Cherokee Intellectualism in the Early Twentieth Century: Will Rogers, Lynn Riggs, and John Oskison," NAISA Conference 2009; (3) Kyle Bladow to present "Food Systems in Selected Fiction by Louise Erdrich," NAISA 2009; (4) Brianna Burke to present "A Traditional Religious Education in Susan Powers' *The Grass Dancer*," NALS 2010; (5) Brian Twenter to present

"*Wolakota oyna skanpo: Delphine Red Shirt's Turtle Lung Woman's Granddaughter*," NALS 2010.

Outgoing Vice-President/Incoming President - Jodi Byrd

Treasurer - Robert Nelson

Incorporated Status, Virginia 501(c)(3) - must complete a federal report each year. Sun Trust Bank Account. 2009 Treasurer report available online - the organization is solvent and projected budgets are included in the report. However, budget may change because of expenses related to accepting online membership renewals (~\$200-\$350/year).

Secretary - Amy Hamilton, Christina Roberts (MLA panel titles)

Christina reported that changes to MLA convention have occurred. Allied and Affiliate organization MLA coordinator, Lorenz Tomassi, the proposals for the two other sessions will be reviewed by the Program Committee and one session must be a collaborative session with another entity, such as a division, discussion group, or allied organization. Additional details are available at: www.mla.org/conv_collab. For this year, the ASAIL guaranteed session will be Native American Poetic Visions and the Canadian Indigenous Literatures panel will be submitted as the possible second panel. The same method for choosing the 2012 panels will continue (online nominations and final voting) and will be handled by the secretary.

Historian - Robert Nelson

Most of the history is documented in html and .pdf format online. Bob reported that he's hoping to get SAIL series 1 in .pdf and also include it online.

SAIL Journal - SAIL General Editor, Daniel Justice (in absentia), and SAIL Managing Editor, James Cox (in absentia)

Bob Nelson read email from Daniel. The text of the email is included below.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Membership - Denise Cummings (in absentia)

Jodi mentioned that there are currently about 120 members, not all of whom are current with dues.

B. Pedagogy - Nancy Peterson

Nancy reported that she decided last year that the group needed to reconnect and reenergize and would like to work on pedagogical topics for future NALS.

C. Native Languages - Margaret Noori

Margaret reported that there is more of a focus on linguistics and Native languages in presentations at NALS and the MLA conference. She also suggested that the ASAIL website include a separate area focusing on the status of Native languages and providing access to information about Native languages.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Elections for Vice-President, Treasurer, ALA Liaison/Coordinator

Two candidates for Vice President, Margaret Noori and Jill Doerfler. The candidates made brief statements and the members in attendance voted. Margaret Noori was elected to the position. No nominations were received for the Treasurer position. Another call was made for nominations, which was unsuccessful. Bob Nelson agreed to serve as interim Treasurer until a candidate steps forward. Brian Twenter (unopposed) agreed to serve as the ALA coordinator candidate.

MLA Panel Topics - survey on ASAIL-L listserv

Possible New Location for ASAIL Business Meeting

Members discussed a possible move to NAISA. After brief discussion, members agreed to work first on improving ASAIL presence (conference panels, etc.) at NAISA before a move takes place.

Website - Christina Roberts

Christina reported that in preparation for the business meeting, the Executive Committee members in attendance suggested the formation of a new website subcommittee. Christina asked if members in attendance were interested in helping, and she received three offers from Tereza Szeghi, Jill Doerfler, and Becca Gerken.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Jodi Byrd adjourned the meeting.

Studies in American Indian Literatures 2009 Report

CURRENT STATUS

Submission and Review

Our rate of submissions have increased by about twenty percent this year; on average now we have about sixty to eighty manuscripts in the review queue at any one time. Last year our acceptance rate was about 1 of 4 (and about half of these had initially been sent back to their authors as "revise and resubmit"); rejected manuscripts total less than 15% of resolved manuscripts, whereas the bulk of submissions--over half--are returned under the category of revise and resubmit, meaning that there's merit in the submission but it requires significant revision to be considered again for publication. Clearer submission guidelines and a faster resolution phase has helped improve both the quality of submissions in general and in the manuscripts we accept for publication.

We're always recalibrating our review process to ensure that responses are as timely as possible. Our goal is four months, which we occasionally meet, but more often we range in the six to seven month range, largely because of chronic difficulty in getting outside reviewers to either respond to our initial queries or to reply to the manuscripts themselves in a timely manner. This complaint aside, most of our reviewers are quite prompt in their responses, and even the late ones tend to be quite conscientious about giving full and helpful feedback. The expansion of our editorial board, and our policy of having all submissions read by one editorial board member, has helped speed the process considerably, and our board is incredibly helpful and responsive, to the benefit of the entire process.

If members are interested in serving as manuscript reviewers, please send an e-mail with your name, contact info, and areas of particular interest to Kyle Wyatt at our Toronto office: sail@chass.utoronto.ca.

Editorial Staff Changes

This last year saw the departure of Jane Hafen as Book Review Editor after seven years of dedicated service, along with Janet McAdams as Creative Works Editor and Arnold Krupat, Joanne DiNova, and J. Anthony Tyee Clark as editorial board members. Kirby Brown's term as Jim's editorial assistant ended last year as well, though he continues to work with Jim at UT-Austin. While we bid farewell to these supportive and committed colleagues, we've been pleased to welcome others into the fold: LeAnne Howe has joined our continuing Creative Works Editor Joseph Bruchac in reviewing the ever-few but always welcome creative submissions; Margaret Noori, Chad Allen, Ken Roemer, and Christopher Teuton have joined the Editorial Board, and Bryan Russell is Jim's new editorial assistant. Jace Weaver, Lisa Brooks, Robin Riley Fast, Susan Gardner, Patrice Hollrah, Molly McGlennen, and Lisa Tatonetti continue their work on the Editorial Board, and Kyle Wyatt--with whom many of you have been in touch over the past couple of years--will continue for a final year as Daniel's editorial assistant at the University of Toronto.

We hope to have an announcement about our new Book Review editor soon; Jim and Bryan have been handling the interim book review duties. Similarly, we are looking to the future and the end of our term as joint editors; while we've both enjoyed the experience, we firmly believe that the journal and the field are best served by new editorial perspectives, so we're in discussions about the next editorial generation for the journal.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

We've been quite insistent for the last couple of years that we not have any guest edited issues, as we had a large backlog of essays that required resolution before we could set aside whole issues for manuscripts outside the reviewing pool. We also wanted to expand on the guidelines our predecessor, Malea Powell, instituted to ensure that each special issue made a strong, coherent, and significant contribution to discussions in the field. Now that the backlog is more manageable, and we've received a number of extraordinary and well-considered proposals for special issues, we've reassessed the place of special issues in our lineup and hope to see some starting to appear in the next couple of volume years, though not likely more than one per volume (rarely perhaps two depending on the schedule and the actual realization of some of the proposed issues), as our main submission pool is still our publication priority. To give a sense of what might be appearing in future issues, we have strong proposals and/or pending/full issues on tribalogy, Native northeastern literatures, digital literacy and Native literatures, Gerald Vizenor and nationhood, and the intersections of animal studies and Native literature. Lots of cutting-edge work here!

We continue to be committed to making space in the journal for provocative conversations about issues of concern to scholars in the field. If ASAIL members would like to offer commentaries on relevant literary issues for consideration, please contact Daniel at sail@chass.utoronto.ca.

Short creative submissions have always been a small minority of materials that we publish, but we're always interested in publishing creative work by Native writers, whether from established or emerging voices, students, academics, community members, etc. Short fiction and creative nonfiction (generally 2500 words or less), visual art, and poetry are welcome.

Final Thoughts

As always, we welcome constructive feedback on the journal, its content, its editorial and review processes, and the role of ASAIL members in ensuring its continued high quality and commitments to the Association's various constituencies. SAIL's strength is its community, and we're so pleased to note that the dedication of this community to the journal and its aims has been very strong indeed.

Respectfully submitted,
James Cox and Daniel Justice, Editors

2009 ASAIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Isleta Casino & Resort, Albuquerque, New Mexico
February 28, 2009 / 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Number in attendance: 32

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Patrice opened by giving thanks to the Clan mothers and the Isleta people. She also asked those in attendance to take a moment of silence to honor those who passed last year.

II. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Patrice introduced the members of the Executive Committee: Patrice Hollrah, President; Jodi Byrd, Vice-President; Treasurer, Robert Nelson (for Ellen Arnold); Secretary, Christina Roberts; Historian, Robert Nelson; SAIL General Editor, Daniel Heath Justice; SAIL Managing Editor, James Cox.

III. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Film: No updates reported by Denise Cummings, but Patrice informed those in attendance that Denise was responsible for bringing *The Exiles* to NALS.

B. Pedagogy: Patrice reported that there is a need for a new head of the pedagogy sub-committee since Barbara Cook requested to step down. Nancy Peterson reported that there haven't been email exchanges in quite some time, but she will email other members of committee to initiate discussion.

C. Native Languages: Margaret (Meg) Noori reported that there was a good connection to Native literatures and languages at the Modern Language Association (MLA). She also mentioned that translation is big at the MLA, and there is room for Indigenous languages to be a big part of this area. She also stated that elders are passing away at an alarming rate, which makes work on Indigenous languages even more critical.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: Robert (Bob) Nelson gave the treasurer report for outgoing treasurer Ellen Arnold. Bob indicated that the organization is solvent and currently has \$29,000 in the bank. He mentioned that this amount will decrease by approximately \$6,000 for the publication of the next volume of *SAIL*, and there will also be a \$300 fee for filing if the organization decided to follow through with filing of 501(c)(3) status.

Secretary: Christina Roberts updated the members on the ASAIL panels at the 2009 MLA conference. The two panels will be "Indians 101: Teaching Early American Indian Literatures" (Chair: James Ruppert) and "Indians 102: Teaching Contemporary American Indian Literatures" (Chair: Joseph Bauerkemper).

Historian: Robert reported that the organization is still acquiring history.

SAIL update: General Editor, Daniel Heath Justice, reported that the 2nd issue of volume 21 is complete. He also mentioned that there is interest in adding a forum section, so he asked people to consider submitting letters about work going on in tribal communities, important events, and other points that might be of interest to members and those who read *SAIL*. Daniel reported that the Editorial Board will be expanding, and since there is a backlog of article and book reviews, there has been a pause on special issues of *SAIL*. There is a desire to have a 4-month turnover for manuscripts, but there is currently a 6-month to 1-year timeline, because of the need for reviewers. Daniel asked members to consider reviewing articles, especially if they haven't in the last year, and asked for established scholars to submit material to *SAIL* for publication. Managing Editor, James Cox, reiterated Daniel's points and mentioned that there are back issues of *SAIL* available if anyone is interested. Daniel also recognized the invaluable assistance of the editorial assistants.

President: Patrice mentioned that food has been provided at the business meeting per Lisa Tatonetti's request last year. She also reported that, in light of the consistent challenges for the ASAIL treasurer, she has been reviewing how other organizations, such as the Association for the Study of Literatures and the Environment (ASLE), handle finances. She concluded by acknowledging the assistance of the office assistance at East Carolina University, Brandy Dashnau, who has been assisting Ellen with the treasurer duties. A card has been sent to her to thank her for her assistance.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections for Treasurer and Secretary:

1. Patrice asked for nomination for ASAIL Treasurer. After no one was nominated, Patrice reported that Bob Nelson offered to take over responsibilities and mentioned that the duties should improve after incorporation. Bob noted that the by-laws permit for extenuating

circumstances to allow for the nomination and election of a treasurer separate from the business meeting. Bob volunteered to take over the duties until after incorporation.

2. Patrice called for nominations for Secretary. Christina Roberts nominated Amy Hamilton, assistant professor at Northern Michigan University, who introduced herself to the members. Patrice asked if there were additional nominations. No other nominations were made, so Kenneth Roemer moved for closing of nomination, which was seconded and approved. Bob Nelson then moved to vote by acclamation and members elected Amy.

B. ASAIL Incorporation: Bob Nelson reported that the Articles of Incorporation are ready to be submitted in Virginia. Once the Articles have been submitted, he'll be able to open a bank account. Members discussed the need for a national, easily accessible bank. Bob then stated that ASAIL will have 15 months to get approval from the IRS for 501(c)(3) status. Patrice called for another vote on whether or not to incorporate, a motion was moved to approve, which was seconded and approved by members.

C. Update Website: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the website update was delayed, but Christina and Daniel will work together on a new design for the ASAIL website. The goal is to have the new website complete by next year.

D. ASAIL Pedagogical Review Board sub-committee: Patrice mentioned to the members a request by Barbara Robins to have an additional sub-committee devoted to pedagogical review for members who need ASAIL support for curriculum updates. Members discussed the request and suggested that existing sub-committees handle these matters. Members also discussed the need for sub-committees to get the Executive Committee's approval before using ASAILÆs name. The suggestion that existing sub-committees handle these requests was seconded and approved.

E. Graduate Student Travel Scholarships: Patrice solicited member feedback on travel scholarships. Members discussed the need for a statement that specifies the process of awarding travel monies and that the scholarship support the delivery of papers at conference venues like NALS, the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA), and possibly the MLA. There was also a request to rename the scholarship to ASAIL Emergent Scholar Fellowship in order to add prestige to the award. After a period of discussion, Patrice moved to have the editors of SAIL draft a statement to include in the journal and on the website, which was seconded and approved by members.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Patrice asked Christina to come forward and presented her with a gift to recognize her service to ASAIL.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Prior to adjournment, Jodi Byrd asked about the need to choose MLA panels for the 2011 conference (the conference will not be held in 2010 since it is moving to January). There was insufficient time left to complete the process, so it will be handled via email.

B. Patrice adjourned the meeting.

2008 ASAIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Mystic Lake Casino, Minneapolis, MN

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A. President Patrice Hollrah called meeting to order and thanked the Clan Mothers and Brother (Steering Committee) and the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS) for allowing ASAIL to hold its business meeting during the Symposium. She mentioned that ASAIL sponsored a break at NALS and will continue to in the future. She also thanked the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Thank you to the Clan Mothers of the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS)

II. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Patrice recognized outgoing President, Debra Barker, introduced herself as the Incoming President, and introduced the other executive committee officers and their duties - Treasurer, Ellen Arnold; Secretary, Christina Roberts; Historian, Robert Nelson; *SAIL* General Editor, Daniel Justice (in absentia); *SAIL* Managing Editor, James Cox (in absentia)

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *SAIL*. Christina read the status of the journal that was submitted by *SAIL* General Editor, Daniel Justice and *SAIL* Managing Editor, James Cox. Jane Hafen shared the status of the *SAIL* book reviews (there are over 20 in backlog, but they will be published in the next editions) with members.

B. Treasurer. Ellen reported that there is over \$25,000 in the treasury and approximately \$6,400 has been added since she took over the position of treasurer. She also reported that the organization now has under 200 members, and the organization and members should encourage

new memberships. She mentioned that no money has been spent, other than ASAIL's sponsorship of the break at NALS. Ellen raised issue about increase in production costs for *SAIL*. She reported that the organization now pays \$29.60 per *SAIL* subscription, which means that the current membership rate (\$30) is inadequate. The issue was tabled until after executive committee reports.

At this time, a member raised the question about whether or not those who are published in *SAIL* are required to be members. Brief discussion ensued, and Patrice called for a vote. The members unanimously agreed to this requirement. After the vote, a member suggested that the organization require membership at the time of publication. Another vote was called for, and all but one member agreed to the amendment. Patrice noted that this discussion and vote should be relayed to the editors of *SAIL*.

Members also participated in a discussion about the possibility for a graduated scale for membership dues. Ellen noted that there are very few patron memberships, and she let the members know that many memberships (graduate student and fixed income) are already subsidized.

Lisa Tatonetti suggested that the organization consider food for next year's business meeting to encourage more member participation. There was also a suggestion to make the notice in the NALS program more inviting to conference participants.

C. Historian. Bob mentioned the website updates and noted that the website will start migrating, but the ASAIL materials will remain available during the migration process. Christina, Bob, and Debra's assistant, Amber, will work together to transition the website.

D. Secretary. Christina reported to members that she will forward the 2008 MLA panel titles to the organization via the ASAIL list serve. She will also forward a draft of the business meeting minutes to the members for revision and approval.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. ASAIL Brochure Project. Debra discussed the brochure in detail and showed the members present the prototype for the brochure. She reported that 1000-1500 brochures will be printed.

B. Elections for Vice-President. Patrice introduced the two candidates - Jodi Byrd (Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma), American Indian Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Margaret Noori (Ojibwe), Ojibwe Language & Literature, Program in American Culture, University of Michigan - and asked members if there were any additional nominations. Jodi read her statement and Christina read Margaret's statement. Ballots were passed out and members elected Jodi Byrd to the office of Vice-President.

C. Travel Money for Graduate Students. Patrice informed members that the organization can fund up to 10 \$300 travel scholarships for graduate students. She also noted that the new website will include a link for graduate students to submit an application for a travel scholarship.

D. Subcommittee Reports

1. Membership. Denise Cummings had to leave early for a film conference, and there were no updates.
2. Native Film. No updates. Patrice noted that there is a good chance that NALS will have a special focus on film in the future.
3. Native Languages. Christina read the statement that Margaret Noori provided.
4. Pedagogy. Ellen read the statement that Barbara Cook provided. Barbara wants to invite someone to take over the committee on pedagogy. She asked that people contact her if they are interested.

E. MLA 2009 Panels. Patrice mentioned that the organization consider planning

MLA panel topics at the business meetings at NALS instead of the MLA. Since there were no objections, Patrice asked for members to recommend panel suggestions. Bob reminded members of previous session titles, and Debra suggested a focus on pedagogy. After brief discussion, Jane Hafen suggested Indians 101 and after a series of revisions the members decided on two session topics: Indians 101 - Teaching Early American Indian Literatures and Indians 102 - Teaching Contemporary American Indian Literatures.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, HONORINGS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Thank you to Debra Barker. Patrice thanked Debra for her years of service and presented her with a gift. Debra thanked the organization for the opportunity.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Roberts
ASAIL Secretary

2007 ASAIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 10, 2007
12:40-1:30 P.M.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mount Pleasant, MI
Members present: 27

I. Call to order and Welcome. President Debra thanked the Clan Mothers and Brother (Steering Committee) of the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS) for allowing ASAIL to hold its business meeting during the Symposium. She also thanked the Seventh Generation Program and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan for the traditional feast at the Elijah Elk Center.

II. Introduction of Executive Committee. Debra introduced the Executive Committee consisting of Vice-President, Patrice Hollrah; Outgoing Treasurer, Siobhan Senier; Outgoing Secretary, Lisa Tatonetti (in absentia); Historian, Robert Nelson; Outgoing *SAIL* Editor, Malea Powell (in absentia); Incoming *SAIL* General Editor, Daniel Justice (in absentia); Incoming *SAIL* Managing Editor, James Cox (in absentia).

III. Executive Committee Reports

Vice President:

A. Patrice Hollrah had no business to report.

Secretary:

A. Debra read Secretary Lisa Tatonetti's minutes from the MLA 2006 DAIL Business Meeting. MLA Convention dates will change from December to January beginning in 2010.

B. ASAIL panels for MLA 2007, Chicago, will be (1) 30th Anniversary of ASAIL, co-chaired by Malea Powell and Daniel Justice; and (2) Critical Approaches to Teaching First Nations / Native American Film, chaired by Beth Piatote.

C. DAIL panels for MLA 2007 will be (1) Red and Black: Comparative Symbols of Survival chaired by Chezia Thompson Cager; and (2) Native Languages, co-chaired by Fred White and Simon Ortiz.

D. There will be a field trip to The Newberry Library.

E. Fewer members are attending ASAIL and DAIL panels at MLA, and there was discussion about how to increase those numbers.

F. The Committee on the Literatures of People of Color in the United States and Canada (CLPCUSC) endorsed the "Statement on Indigenous Languages of the World" developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Native American Languages and approved by the executive committee of the Division on American Indian Literatures. The statement was approved by the MLA Executive Council at its 23-24 February 2007 meeting.

Treasurer:

A. Siobhan Senier summarized her research into a 501/C/3 status for ASAIL. The attorney

discouraged the move because ASAIL would have to worry about back taxes, etc. There was a motion to keep ASAIL's funds under university accounts, which was passed by the membership.

Historian:

A. Bob Nelson announced that the PDF files for SAIL Journal articles are online at the website: <http://facultystaff.richmond.edu/~rnelson/ASAIL/sail-hp.html>

B. Bob noted that there is a membership form at the website for those who want to join ASAIL.

IV. New Business

A. Elections: Christina Roberts was nominated for Secretary of ASAIL, and Ellen Arnold was nominated for Treasurer of ASAIL. Ballots were passed out and counted by Patrice Hollrah and Siobhan Senier; and both nominees were elected and congratulated as the new Secretary and Treasurer of ASAIL for 2007-2009.

B. ASAIL Brochure Project: Debra reported that she had arranged for University of Wisconsin students to design a new brochure for ASAIL, and she requested that members e-mail her suggestions for information that should be highlighted in the brochure. Chad Allen recommended that Debra ask members for suggestions through the ASAIL listserv.

C. Travel Money for Graduate Students: Debra reminded members that there are funds available for graduate students to attend NALS and MLA. The details for applying for funds will be forthcoming.

D. Opportunity for Graduate Students: Debra announced a call for Native graduate students for The Committee on the Literatures of People of Color in the United States and Canada (CLPCUSC). Names are due by January 2008.

E. ASAIL Membership Dues: Because the University of Nebraska Press needs the mailing list of *SAIL* subscribers by February, dues ideally should be received and processed by the treasurer in November. Various ways of reminding members to pay their dues were discussed.

F. Hopewell Mounds: Chad Allen asked the members to approve a letter of support from ASAIL as the petitioning organization in an effort to gain World Heritage Site Status for the Hopewell Mounds in Newark, Ohio. His request was approved, and he agreed to write the letter.

G. Subcommittee Reports: Angelica Lawson stepped down from the Native Languages subcommittee, and Margaret Noori agreed to be the new chair. Angelica proposed a new subcommittee on Native Film and offered to be the chair.

Ellen Arnold announced that the Pedagogy subcommittee had edited a special issue of *SAIL* on pedagogy, and she thanked Barbara Cook for her work on that issue. As Ellen was elected the

new Treasurer of ASAIL, she stepped down from the Pedagogy subcommittee, and Barbara Cook agreed to be the new chair.

Denise Cummings reported on the New Membership subcommittee and using the new ASAIL brochure as a marketing tool to attract new members, as well as the idea of required membership in order to publish in *SAIL*.

V. Announcements, Honorings, and Presentations

A. Debra noted her appreciation for the acknowledgement in the NALS Program of those who passed away in 2006. She asked for a moment of silence for Bud Hirsch, who "was one of us."

B. Debra thanked Siobhan Senior, who stepped down from the Executive Committee this year, and presented her with a gift in appreciation for her good work for the organization.

VI. Adjournment: 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrice Hollrah
ASAIL Vice-President

2006 ASAIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, April 8, 2006, 12:00-1:15 pm
NALS / Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mount Pleasant, MI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Outgoing President Daniel Heath Justice called the meeting to order. He then welcomed ASAIL members and other visitors and thanked the Native American Literature Symposium organizers and the Saginaw Chippewa.

II. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Daniel introduced the Executive Committee consisting of himself as Outgoing President, Debra Barker as Incoming President/Outgoing Vice-President, Lisa Tatonetti as Secretary,

Siobhan Senier as Treasurer, Robert Nelson as Historian, and Malea Powell as *SAIL* Editor (in absentia).

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President:

A. Daniel began his report by announcing the organization's completion of its annual seven-year review for its MLA affiliation. The comprehensive review examines both what the organization has already accomplished and what goals it hopes to attain during the next seven years. Daniel acknowledged Ginny Carney, whose work for ASAIL was vital to the current review.

B. Daniel also announced the MLA accepted a proposal submitted by the Committee on the Literatures of People of Color in the United States (CLPCUSC) entitled "Guidelines for Good Practices." LaVonne Ruoff was central to the construction and passage of these guidelines, which advocate for best practices in: 1) "the study of the literatures, cultures, and languages of people of color in the U.S."; and 2) "the recruitment, mentoring and evaluation of junior faculty members of color."

C. Daniel concluded by requesting that members forward suggestions for ways to increase ASAIL membership.

Vice-President:

A. Debra discussed the importance of tribal outreach at the local level. She called for the association to do grassroots work that considers foundational elements of culture.

B. Debra also announced that as a member of the CLPCUSC she was working on a committee focusing on the best ways to support faculty of color. Debra is currently compiling a bibliography to help support the committee's work. She asked for suggestions from ASAIL members. Chad Allen offered to email an extensive bibliography compiled at Ohio State.

Treasurer:

A. Siobhan noted that ASAIL currently has \$25, 027.20 in its account.

B. Siobhan also noted that ASAIL membership fees are due. The 2006 membership fee is \$30.00. Checks must be made out to the University of New Hampshire.

C. Siobhan then discussed the possibility of ASAIL filing for 5013C (tax-exempt) status. Since this topic had arisen at a number of previous ASAIL meetings, Siobhan researched the details prior to the NALS meeting and drafted the necessary papers with the help of an attorney. She explained that such status may result in complications given the fact that

once an association has more than \$20,000 in its treasury it is liable for back taxes. There was also some discussion about the filing location since an organization must incorporate in a specific place. Discussion ensued about the various issues at hand and, ultimately, the 5013C papers were signed by the members of the ASAIL Executive Committee.

Secretary:

A. Lisa had no business to report.

Historian:

A. Bob announced that he would soon begin putting series one of *SAIL* into PDF format so copies of the original documents would be available online.

SAIL Editor:

A. Daniel read Malea's report. Malea began by thanking the ASAIL membership for their support during her tenure as journal editor. She then detailed the process by which the journal would change hands. Malea will see volumes 18 and 19 through completion. Daniel will begin his editorship of the journal with volume 20.

B. A list of the contracted journal issues was presented.

C. Discussion ensued about the journal. Patrice Hollrah suggested that we post the upcoming *SAIL* issues to the ASAIL website. Susan Gardner suggested that we expedite the *SAIL* acknowledgment process. Linda Helstern noted the possibilities of mail delays since the journal would now be housed at the University of Toronto.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections: Susan Brill de Ramirez and Patrice Hollrah had both been nominated and agreed to run for the position of Vice-President of ASAIL. Both candidates made statements. Lisa passed out ballots and counted votes. Siobhan helped tally the votes. ASAIL thanked both candidates for agreeing to run and congratulated Patrice Hollrah, who is the new Vice-President of ASAIL for 2006-2008 at which time she will move into the position of 2008-2010 President.

B. Subcommittee Reports: Ellen Arnold gave the ASAIL Pedagogy Subcommittee report. She noted that the committee submitted new syllabi to the ASAIL website and encouraged the membership to do the same. In addition, the committee organized two panels for NALS: "Teaching the Contexts" chaired by Ellen Arnold, and "Generations: A Roundtable Discussion on Teaching American Indian Literatures and American Indian Studies," chaired by Eric Anderson. Finally, the committee proposed a special issue of *SAIL* on pedagogy, edited by Susan Gardner, Barbara Cook, and Lynn Domina. The committee hopes that this forthcoming issue will form the basis of a teaching guide that the committee will work on in

the near future.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, HONORINGS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Daniel honored Malea on behalf of ASAIL for her tireless work as the *SAIL* editor. He cited the journal's transformation under her watch and offered ASAIL's heartfelt thanks for her commitment. Finally, Daniel noted that Malea would be presented with a token of the membership's gratitude.

B. Connie Jacobs announced that she and Debra Barker are compiling a collection of essays on underrepresented authors in American Indian Literatures. Proposals are due at the end of May and essays manuscripts of no more than ten pages will be due by September. The call was subsequently posted to the ASAIL listserv.

C. Susan Gardner noted that there will be an upcoming Vine Deloria tribute conference.

D. Daniel asked that we take a moment to recognize and honor those who have passed away during the previous year.

E. Daniel concluded the meeting by thanking the organization for its support during his time as president and asking that we take good care of each other.

VI. CONCLUSION

A. Debra honored Daniel for his service as Vice President and President of ASAIL. She recognized his important contributions to the organization and presented a token of the organization's gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Tatonetti
Secretary, ASAIL

*2005 ASAIL Business Meeting Minutes NALS /
Saturday, April 9, 2005*

Members present: 30

Daniel Justice (President), Debra Barker (Vice-President), Siobhan Senier (Treasurer), Robert Nelson (Historian), Patrice Hollrah (Secretary)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: 12:15 p.m.

A. Daniel Justice thanked the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, an enterprise of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and the Clan Mothers (Steering Committee) of the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS) for allowing ASAIL to hold its business meeting during the Symposium.

II. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. *Daniel Justice introduced the ASAIL officers:*

1. Debra Barker, Vice-President
2. Patrice Hollrah, Secretary
3. Siobhan Senier, Treasurer
4. Bob Nelson, Historian
5. Malea Powell, Editor of SAIL

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Executive Committee Reports*

1. Daniel Justice explained his objectives:
 - a. Make more people aware of ASAIL and SAIL
 - b. Send personal invitations to those publishing in Native American Literature to join ASAIL
 - c. Expand alliances with other groups and associations
2. Debra Barker read Ellen Arnold's (chair) report on the Pedagogy and Teaching Committee. In brief, the report mentioned the following:
 - a. Build the teaching materials database on the ASAIL website
 - b. Propose a SAIL special issue devoted to pedagogy and teaching
 - c. Propose a SAIL panel or roundtable on pedagogy and teaching for the next NALS
 - d. Create a formal pedagogy and teaching guide for American Indian literatures
3. Patrice Hollrah thanked Daniel Justice for his leadership throughout her term as secretary. She read the titles and presenters' names of the two ASAIL-sponsored panels for MLA 2005 and encouraged people to attend and support the panels:
 - a. "Broadening the Conversation: Teaching Beyond the Canonical Native Writers": Co-presiders Debra K. S. Barker and Connie Jacobs; participants Granville Ganter, Virginia Kennedy, Siobhan Senier, Kenneth Roemer, and James Ruppert
 - b. "Ethics and American Indian Cultures": Presider Christina A. Roberts; participants Patrice Hollrah, Karen Lee Osborne, and Laura Beard
4. Siobhan Senier gave the treasurer's report:
 - a. Thanked former treasurer Bob Nelson for all his work and help
 - b. Explained ASAIL members' dues must be paid up before voting in elections
 - c. Announced that dues will be raised this year because ASAIL subsidizes subscriptions for tribal colleges and international subscribers, and travel to

conferences for graduate students and tribal college students/faculty

d. Reported that steps to incorporate ASAIL as a nonprofit organization have begun

5. Bob Nelson gave the historian's report:
 - a. "We're still here!"
6. Malea Powell reported on the status of SAIL:
 - a. First volume series with the University of Nebraska Press is complete.
 - b. Special issue, 16.4, on Simon Ortiz sold out.
 - c. Special issue on LaVonne Ruoff is ready with thanks to James Ruppert and contributors.
 - d. Future special issues are: Native Languages, guest editor Fred White; James Welch, guest editor Kate Shanley; Native Rhetorics, guest editors Scott Lyons and Amanda Cobb; and Red-Black Community in Native Writers and Literature.
 - e. 30th anniversary issue in 2007 will be a double issue.
 - f. Draft of Policy and Procedures Manual for ASAIL and SAIL is intended to decentralize authority.
 - g. New review board members are James Cox and Lisa Tatonetti, and Janet McAdams is creative works editor.
 - h. The end of the editorial rotation is near. Five members came on at the same time, so in the next issues of SAIL, there will be calls for editorial board positions.
 - i. SAIL issue is 120 pages, but there is discussion about expansion with new section, such as pedagogy, etc.
 - j. Thanks to all for their support.
7. Jane Hafen, SAIL book review editor, requested people who owe her book reviews to send them as soon as possible.

B. Daniel Justice expressed his thanks to Patrice Hollrah for her term as secretary and presented her with a gift from ASAIL.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

1. Interim treasurer Siobhan Senier as the only nominee for treasurer was officially elected to the position.
2. Daniel Justice read statements by nominees for secretary, Eric Anderson and Lisa Tatonetti, and Lisa Tatonetti was elected.

B. Subcommittee Reports

1. LeAnne Howe, chair of the Tribal Outreach Committee, reported that she sent an e-mail to the ASAIL-L to meet on Saturday morning, but nobody showed up. She has many ideas and connections to tribal colleges. Deborah Miranda offered to co-chair the committee.

2. Denise Cummings, chair of Fundraising and Subscriptions, reported that ASAIL absorbs the cost for overseas subscriptions. She is interested in the encouragement of sponsors and welcomes anyone who has ideas regarding the shaping of the work to be done.
3. Angelica Lawson, chair of State of Indigenous Languages Committee, reported that she will share her resources on Ofelia Zepeda (Tohono O'odham) and Nora Naranjo Morse (Santa Clara Pueblo). Bob Nelson will add a link to the ASAIL website for information related to texts with native languages. ASAIL would like to keep people informed of what is happening in native language revitalization.
4. Qwo-Li Driskill, chair of the Graduate Student Committee, has set up a website for graduate students. ASAIL will add a box for additional donations to fund travel for graduate students and tribal college faculty and students.

C. ASAIL Statement on Academic Freedom

1. This statement is in response to the controversy on Ward Churchill and the ways in which Ethnic and Native Studies programs are under siege. A committee of four people--Jodi Byrd, Virginia Kennedy, Arnold Krupat, and Simon Ortiz--has a draft, and the final version will be sent to the membership for approval.

D. Other New Business

1. As a gesture of thanks to the Clan Mothers for allowing ASAIL to hold its business meeting at NALS, ASAIL will bring more tribal students to the symposium.
2. LaVonne Ruoff's work on "Guideline for Good Practice: Native American Languages" passed and is officially a part of the MLA Committee on the Literatures of People of Color in the United States and Canada (CLPCUSC). Pamphlets will be available.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. LeAnne Howe thanked the Executive Board for their work and noted that she sees the SAIL journal around the country. She asked the membership to be thinking about the next editor who will need to continue the good work that has been done up till now.

B. Susan Brill de Ramirez asked that membership forms be taken to other venues, such as the Return the Gift Conference and the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Conference.

C. Deborah Miranda announced the Festival of Native Writers, May 9-10, Washington and Lee University, with featured writers Allison Hedge Coke, Linda Hogan, Janet McAdams, Ron Welburn, and Karenne Wood.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 1:12 p.m.

*2004 ASAIL Business Meeting Minutes NALS /
Saturday, 17 April 2004*

Members present: 60

Daniel Justice (President), Chadwick Allen (Outgoing President), Robert Nelson (Treasurer), Patrice Hollrah (Secretary)

I. *Call to order: 12:30 p.m.*

A. Daniel Justice thanked the Clan Mothers (Steering Committee) of the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS) and Mystic Lake Casino Hotel for allowing ASAIL to hold its business meeting during the Symposium.

B. He also noted that ASAIL and NALS are two separate organizations.

II. *Introduction of Officers*

A. Daniel Justice introduced the ASAIL officers:

1. Chad Allen, Immediate Past President
2. Bob Nelson, Treasurer
3. Patrice Hollrah, Secretary
4. Malea Powell, Editor of SAIL

III. *Old Business*

A. Officer Reports

1. Immediate Past President: Chad Allen remarked that being president was a good experience, as was being involved with the listserv, bringing more people into the leadership of ASAIL, and moving the *SAIL* journal to the University of Nebraska Press. He concluded by saying he was excited about the next years in ASAIL.

2. Vice-President/President: Daniel Justice thanked Chad Allen for his work as President and presented him with two books, one by Greg Scofield and the other by Lee Maracle.

3. Secretary: Patrice Hollrah reported that the officers had been in discussion about creating an officer handbook and about establishing relationships with affiliate organizations. Daniel Justice added that ASAIL was now affiliated with the Society for the Study of American Women Writers.

4. Treasurer: Bob Nelson said that the ASAIL Budget Report is online at the ASAIL website.

The current balance is \$27,000, and there is \$2,000 outstanding debt for Volume 15 of *SAIL*.

5. Editor--*SAIL*: Malea Powell stated that there were 50 submissions to *SAIL* last year, 20 of which were creative writings. She urged people to submit critical essays, and she also called for volunteers to review manuscripts.

a. The timeline from submission to publication is now 18 months, so hitting deadlines is important.

b. Issue 16.3 is going to press, issue 16.4 is a special issue on Simon Ortiz, and issue 17 is a special issue on A. LaVonne Brown Ruoff. There will be more honor editions in the future.

c. There have been conversations about expanding the editorial board membership/staff, and Janet McAdams has been invited to join Joseph Bruchac.

d. The Executive Board of ASAIL and the Editorial Board of *SAIL* will be in conversation and soliciting feedback regarding the status of the journal.

e. Malea thanked the membership for its continued support and gave a gift to Bob Nelson for all his help, support, guidance, and knowledge regarding the production of *SAIL*.

f. Daniel gave additional honoring for Bob's service as treasurer and his work with the journal.

IV. *Scheduled New Business*

A. Elections for Treasurer will take place next year, and an interim treasurer will be appointed.

B. Bylaw Amendments VI.B and VI.C.6 passed. Bob Nelson will be the ASAIL historian.

1. David Moore asked about the future of the ASAIL Newsletter, which has moved to the ASAIL Notes.

2. Kim Roppolo asked about the future of the ASAIL website, which Bob Nelson will continue to manage.

C. Debra Barker and James Cox were the nominees for the Vice-President/President-Elect. They each gave a short platform speech, and Debra Barker was voted the next Vice-President/President Elect.

V. *Unscheduled New Business*

A. There was no new business.

VI. *Announcements*

A. A. LaVonne Brown Ruoff has encouraged ASAIL members to become more involved in MLA committees as officers.

B. Malea Powell and Roberta Hill are on the committee for Writers of Color.

C. Scott Andrews asked how elections are different for MLA committees.

D. Chad Allen responded that being on other MLA committees is one way to have an influence on the discussions at higher levels in the organization.

VII. Adjournment: 1:07 p.m.

ASAIL Meeting, Sunday, April 14th, 2002 (Native American Literature Symposium)

MINUTES

I. Meeting called to order at 8:45 a.m.

1. Officers present: Allen, Justice, Powell (Editor)

II. *President's Comments*

1. Allen addressed journal changes; introduced Powell

III. *SAIL* Editor's Comments (informal)

1. Powell noted the slow process of transition from the earlier editorial system; also noted the developing improvements:

- * Manuscript reviewers now have deadlines for submitting their reviews;
- * Quality control: returning more manuscripts that do not meet the needs of the journal; more Revise and Resubmit essays;
- * Regularizing book review lengths; longer book review essays will now be going through the manuscript review process;
- * Building credibility through improvement of journal and editorial quality; Physical appearance of *SAIL* will change to better reflect the professional nature of the journal;
- * Editor and editorial board are in the process of negotiating with or developing proposals for a university press to begin printing the journal (three possible options include UP of Nebraska, UP of Minnesota, and Michigan State UP).

2. Powell provided an update about the editorial board and institutional structure of *SAIL*:

- * NEW HOME FOR *SAIL*: *The* journal's new home (beginning in July) will be the Department of American Thought and Language at Michigan State University; MSU has pledged significant institutional support for *SAIL*.
- * BOOK REVIEW EDITOR: Eric Gary Anderson has resigned as Book Review Editor; P. Jane

Hafen, of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has been selected as the new Book Review Editor.

* EDITORIAL BOARD: Gwen Griffin, of Minnesota State University, Mankato, has been selected as the newest member of the editorial board.

3. Powell discussed the need to unlink ASAIL membership rates from *SAIL* subscriptions, as this would likely be the only way to retain independent ASAIL funds for other projects and opportunities.

4. In answer to a query about book reviews that would not be published in the journal, Powell reminded the audience that ASAIL Notes, compiled by Robert Nelson (ASAIL Treasurer and webmaster), are available on-line (<http://facultystaff.richmond.edu/~rnelson/asail>).

IV. President's Comments (informal)

1. Allen expanded on Powell's points:

* ASAIL does not, at present, have nonprofit organization status; we are now constrained because we need a permanent address--this issue will be resolved once we have contracted with a university press.

* Nonprofit status would change our budgetary status and give us many options for money, including providing scholarships to graduate students, providing honoraria to Native writers at conferences, etc.

* We must consider instituting formal budgetary policies and procedures.

* We should consider unhooking membership from the journal. When the move to a UP takes place, the present rates of \$25 will go entirely for subscriptions; thus, we should consider raising some or all fees (esp. institutional) to help defray costs yet still maintain a reasonable price for subscribers and Association members.

2. Allen discussed other issues facing ASAIL at present:

* REPRESENTATION: Some members of ASAIL are claiming to represent the organization in assorted venues; official representation should be through elected officers.

* PUBLICITY: ASAIL/*SAIL* are still rather obscure; Allen requested that members think of ways to let others know we exist, to increase membership numbers, and to broaden involvement in both the Association and the journal. *SAIL* is now and should remain the primary venue for cutting-edge scholarship in the discipline, and Allen asked that members think of ways to advertise this status.

* ELECTIONS AND TERMS: Allen asked that members think about the following options:

A. Extension of terms: From two to three or four years?

B. Transition: Should the vice-president automatically become the president, thus ensuring continuity and stability?

C. Location of Meetings: Rather than continue to have the primary business meetings at

MLA, perhaps move these to the Native American Literature Symposium, thus allowing for more representation and diversity?

D. Venue: Should we consider a different way of performing elections to ensure the broadest representation possible, such as internet voting or mail-in ballots?

E. MLA: We will not surrender our MLA presence; we will continue to participate in the MLA structure through sponsoring and developing sessions, etc.. These changes would enable us to perform our necessary business in a venue more suitable to the discipline, and preventing other business (such as the Division meeting) from conflicting with ASAIL concerns.

V. Commentary (informal)

1. LeAnne Howe suggested having the primary meeting at the Native American Literature Symposium, thus encouraging live voting.
2. Allen agreed, noting that the ASAIL meeting at the Symposium might increase the reputation and general participation of both.
3. Powell recommended that the organization put the slate of candidates on the listserve.
4. Susan Berry Brill de Ramirez noted her long history with the Association, and she recommended that now is the time for the organization's independence.
5. Gwen Griffin observed that the MLA is disrespectful of Native voices--it is too big, impersonal, and disconnected from the issues and concerns of Native American literary studies. She recommended that we think of ways to prepare our own students for the job market, as we are the most qualified to do so.
6. Allen agreed, suggesting that we think of MLA as the margin rather than the center of scholarly activity in this discipline. He also noted that an Indian venue is important for the work we do, and asked that audience members provide input on these matters via the ASAIL listserve.

Allen noted that ASAIL has a number of options for next year's symposium, including sponsoring a *SAIL* issue devoted to or including a follow-up extension of the symposium; thus, the journal becomes a vehicle to highlight the symposium and the organization; introduced Griffin in her role as coordinator of the Native American Literature Symposium.

VI. Griffin's Comments (informal)

1. Griffin noted the importance of an Indian venue for the purposes of the scholarly work in Native American studies. She discussed the difficulties of the ALA Puerto Vallarta conference, particularly its difficult racial dynamics that worked to erase Native presence.
2. Griffin related the history of the conference and gave reasons for the disassociation of the Symposium from the ALA: for reasons above (**V.1**), expense, and because of the lack of institutional financial accountability. This year's conference broke even due to the new

structure and the commitment of the Clan Mothers to fiscal responsibility.

3. Griffin discussed the Indian-centeredness of the Symposium, and acknowledged the generosity of the special guest writers and speakers, all of whom participated without charge, as well as the strong financial support of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Nation, which provided rooms and other assistance for Native students and elders. She shared her hope that the symposium would, within five years, be *the* premiere event in Native American literary studies.

VII. Public Commentary (informal)

1. Linda Helstern recommended forming an ancillary committee to provide paid readings for visiting speakers/artists in nearby area venues.

2. de Ramirez suggested raising money for students, from tribes and other sources, to go to other meetings and symposia, such as MLA.

3. Powell responded to Ramirez, noting that ASAIL does provide some financial assistance in this regard and may be able to provide more in the future. She stated that ASAIL should have its own endowment to be able to provide more of these opportunities.

4. Howe, in responding to de Ramirez, asserted that ASAIL should not be competing for tribal money, and that individual students could speak to their own tribes for this funding.

5. Lisa Tatonetti suggested adding a donation note on registration forms for donations for Native student and elder assistance; another option might be to sponsor a Native student and/or elder.

6. Diane Way offered to request her 501(c)3 organization to provide their nonprofit status to ASAIL until we get our own.

7. Griffin discussed possible dates for next year's Symposium.

8. After brief discussion about the drawbacks of changing the date--too many conferences in spring; must avoid MELUS and 4 Cs--general consensus was to keep the Symposium at approximately the same time of year. Some participants discussed the issue of panel overlap and its inevitability with a growing event such as this.

9. Allen recommended more plenary sessions, some after-dinner panels.

10. Griffin agreed to try to book a lounge/hospitality room each night.

11. Tatonetti recommended a student paper competition.

12. Ginny Carney noted that we should avoid being like every other conference; she highlighted the importance of this Symposium's Indian individuality and announced her hope that we will keep the event's values and distinctiveness intact.

13. Griffin agreed with Carney, adding that we are not here to grandstand, pad resumes, or get tenure, but that we are here to ensure the responsibility of scholars and scholarship in Native American literary studies.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

2010 ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Highlights

Perhaps the single most important fiscal development of the year was the establishment of an ASAIL Paypal account to allow for online payment of annual membership dues. This new capability makes it possible for our overseas subscribers to avoid exorbitant international check costs and the expensive (and somewhat risky) process of international mailing, and many of our US subscribers appreciate the convenience of being able to handle their membership payment online. Since its inception in late March 39 members – 56% of the 70 transactions during this period – have elected this payment option, and I anticipate that in the coming year 60-65% of all payments will be made online.

ASAIL Membership

We had 197 paid 2010 memberships; 21 of these (10%) were international members, and 29 (15%) were “limited income” members. These figures have not varied much over the past several years, though in recent years there has been a very slight decline in membership. My hope is that the added convenience of online payment will stimulate a modest increase in ASAIL memberships this year.

2011 Projections

The following projections presume that our membership will remain approximately the same as it has been for the past few years; they also presume that University of Nebraska Press doesn't raise the price to us of individual domestic or foreign subscriptions to the journal (currently they charge us \$30.40 per subscription plus an additional \$24 for non-US subscribers).

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1/1 - 12/31 2010

Beginning balance, 1 January 2010 \$26,371
(including prepaid 2010 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits \$10,113
 1. 2010 memberships (rec'd. after 1 Jan 2010) 9213
 2. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts 485
 3. Sale of SAIL back issues 30
 4. Prepaid 2011 and 2012 memberships 385

(-) Debits \$9,183
 1. U Nebraska Press (SAIL subscriptions) 6439
 2. 2010 NALS (2 breaks) 2000
 2. ESPDF fellowships (2 @ \$300/per) 600
 3. Godaddy fee (asail.org domain name) 30
 4. Annual corporation fee 25
 5. Paypal fees 59
 6. Postage reimbursements 30

Ending balance, 31 December 2010 \$27,301

Outstanding 2010 debits \$443

1. UNP (unpaid 2010 subscriptions)
 2 foreign @54.40 per, 11 domestic @ 30.40 per

Carryover to 2010 \$26,858

2011 PROJECTIONS

Carryover from 2010 \$26,858

(+) Estimated Credits \$10,705
 1. paid 2011 ASAIL memberships (212 indiv) 10455
 2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts 200
 3. Sale of SAIL back issues 50

(-) Estimated Debits \$10,968
 1. U Nebraska Press 7048
 2. NALS (2 breaks) 2000
 3. ESPDF fellowships (6 @ #300 per) 1800
 4. Paypal fees 120

Projected ending balance, 31 December 2011 \$26,595

2009 ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Highlights

Perhaps the single most important development of the year was the establishment of the Association as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable entity, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia and recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as such. This development will make the position of ASAIL Treasurer much easier than it has ever been, reducing paperwork to the level of balancing a checkbook and keeping receipts (IRS paperwork will consist only of an annual “e-postcard” confirmation that the organization still exists and has a contact person); it will also qualify ASAIL to seek grants reserved to established charitable entities and makes contributions to the Association tax-deductible.

ASAIL Membership

We had 213 paid 2009 memberships; 17 of these (8%) were international members, and 31 (15%) were “limited income” members. These figures have not varied much over the past several years.

2010 Projections

The following projections presume that our membership will remain approximately the same as it has been for the past few years; they also presume that University of Nebraska Press doesn't raise the price to us of individual domestic or foreign subscriptions to the journal (currently they charge us \$30.40 per subscription plus an additional \$24 for non-US subscribers).

At least one possible additional 2010 debit item should probably be considered: the expense of providing for credit card payments to the Association and/or online membership registration and dues payment. At the 2010 ASAIL business meeting (at the NALS conference in March) I will be prepared to offer a rationale for incurring this additional debt and to provide estimates of how much either or both of these possibilities would cost us.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 2/10 - 12/31 2009

Beginning balance, 10 February 2009 \$29,443
 (including paid 2009 and prepaid 2010 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits **\$4,999**

1. 2009 memberships (rec'd. after 10 Feb 2009)	4520
2. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts	150
3. Sale of SAIL back issues	105
4. Acct. clearance from ECU	54
5. Prepaid 2010 memberships	170

(-) Debits **\$8,071**

1. U Nebraska Press (<i>SAIL</i> subscriptions)	6518
2. 2009 NALS (honoring gift)	35
3. IRS (501(c)(3) fee)	300

1. ESPDF fellowships (4 @ \$300/per)	1200
2. Checks	18

Ending balance, 31 December 2009 \$26,371

Outstanding 2009 debits **\$298**

1. UNP (unpaid 2009 subscriptions)
 1 foreign @54.40 per, 8 domestic @ 30.40 per

Carryover to 2010 \$26,073

2010 PROJECTIONS

Estimated carryover from 2009 \$26,073

(+) Estimated Credits **\$11,125**

1. paid 2010 ASAIL memberships (220 indiv)	10855
2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts	200
3. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	70

(-) Estimated Debits **\$10,848**

1. U Nebraska Press	7048
2. NALS (2 breaks)	2000
3. ESPDF fellowships (6 @ #300 per)	1800

Projected ending balance, 31 December 2010 **\$26,350**

Treasurer's Report
March 2008

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY -- Mar. 2008

Transferred from Siobhan Senier \$25,253.96

(including 5 prepaid 2008 ASAIL memberships)

Transferred from Bob Nelson \$258.11

Beginning Amount 25,512.07

Memberships (2008)—188 members

Regular	135
Reduced Rate	15
International	16
Patrons	5
Sponsors	11

Paid ahead for 2009 -- 5

Paid ahead for 2010 -- 1

Membership Total 188 6380.00

Gift	5
Back Issues	25

Total taken in 6410.00

Total in Acct. 31952.07

Expended (ck in process) 750 (NALS Refreshment Break)

Price for subscription to U Nebraska P has gone up from 21.50 (?) to 29.50

(Subscriptions through the Press are \$37)

Do we need to raise our subscription fee?

I was looking back over the old UNP invoices; as of August 2006, it appears, they were still charging us \$24 per subscription. After that date, the invoices are (annoyingly) not itemized, so I can't really tell how much they were charging us [I'd have to have a way to know how many subscriptions I'd sent them in a given batch before they invoiced us, and I have no idea how to retrieve that info.]

Treasurer's Report
Feb. 27, 2009

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Totals for 2008

Beginning Amount Transferred 25,512.07

Memberships (2008)— members

Regular	158
Reduced Rate	21
International	17
Patrons	5
Sponsors	11

Paid ahead for 2009 -- 6
Paid ahead for 2010 -- 1

Membership Total 212

Gift	+5
Back Issues	+25

Gift for outgoing Pres.	- 45
NALS 2008 Break	- 750
Pd to U Neb. for SAIL	-6304

Total taken in 2008	7320
Total disbursed	7099
Total in Acct. end 2008	25,828.07 (11/15/08)

NALS 2009 Breaks Pd ahead -2000

Total Carried Forward to 2009 23,828.07

Subs for 2009 through 2/09

U Neb. P (issue)

U Neb P (issue 2009)

Total at Transfer

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2003

ASAIL Membership

We have 437 paid 2003 memberships, about the same as last year; 61 of these (15%) are international members, and 200 (46%) are institutional members. The Association also includes about 36 additional non-paying members, most of them Indian colleges and universities affiliated with the AIHEC.

2004 Projections

Projecting income and expenses for 2004 is difficult, because the Association's primary project over the past 15 years, producing and distributing the journal *SAIL*, is no longer under the financial control of the Association. Many of the kinks of the Association's new relationship with University of Nebraska Press, who will henceforth be producing and distributing the journal, have been worked out; the projections contained in this report are based on my best understanding of ASAIL's contract with UNP and the consequences to the Association thereof.

Beginning with the 2004 subscription year, the Association will pay UNP a fixed amount (\$22.40, plus \$20 for overseas members) per member for members' *SAIL* journal subscriptions. This amount applies to all *SAIL* subscriptions purchased by ASAIL on behalf of its members, regardless of ASAIL's own price structures. ASAIL's contract with UNP further states that ASAIL will no longer derive any revenue from institutional subscriptions or for *SAIL* ad space, all such rates henceforth to be set by, and revenues to be collected directly by, UNP.

ASAIL will continue in 2004 to offer differential rates for our members, and membership will continue to include *SAIL* subscription; membership for regular members will be \$25, while limited income memberships will be \$20 (an increase of \$4 over previous years). I am projecting that the ratio of regular to limited income memberships will continue to be about 2 to 1, so that ASAIL should about break even after paying the UNP \$22.40 per member.

The contract also allows UNP to sell subscriptions directly to individuals, and to advertise their own set rates for those memberships; this means that ASAIL will have to work hard from now on to recruit members through routes other than the journal itself, since we can no longer expect the journal's publishers to do this recruiting on the Association's behalf. Even so, I'm projecting that we can continue to generate about 240 ASAIL members in the coming year.

The 2004 Projections (below) do not include any outlays for MLA and/or NALS (Mystic Lake) expenses; however, I'm anticipating (indeed, hoping) there will be between \$1000 and \$4000 of such expenses, and I'm predicting that the Association will be able to absorb any such expenses without flinching.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN - 1 DEC 2003

Beginning balance, 1 January 2003 **\$27,577**
(including prepaid 2004 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits **\$14,106**

1. 2003 memberships (rec'd. after 1 Jan 2003)	11596
2. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts	1585
3. Sale of SAIL back issues	925

(-) Debits **\$11,011**

1. <i>SAIL</i> printing	
(14.2/3 @ \$2576, 14.4 @ \$1910, 15.1 @ \$2748)	7234
2. Postage	980
<i>SAIL</i> domestic bulk mailing (14.4, 15.1)	262
other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. corr.)	18
3. Editorial assistance	1500
4. Supplies (envelopes, labels, packing tape, xerox)	321
5. 2002 MLA (honoring gift, reception)	327
6. 2002 NALS (reception)	513

Ending balance, 1 December 2003 **\$30,672**

Outstanding 2003 debits *c.\$10,170*

1. <i>SAIL</i> 15.2, 15.3, 15.4 printing @ c.\$7500; 15.3, 15.4 bulk and overseas postage @ c.\$720; supplies @ \$150	c.8370
2. Editorial assistance	1000
3. 2003 MLA (travel grant)	800

Estimated carryover to 1 January 2004 **\$20,502**

2004 PROJECTIONS

Estimated carryover from 2003 **\$20,502**

(+) Estimated Credits **\$7,350**

1. paid 2004 ASAIL memberships (240 indiv)	5600
2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts	1100
3. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	650

(-) Estimated Debits **\$5901**

1. U Nebraska Press	5376
2. Postage	400
3. Supplies	125

Projected ending balance, 31 December 2004 **\$21,951**
(excluding 2004 MLA and 2004 NALS expenses)

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2001

ASAIL Membership

We have 410 paid 2001 memberships, about the same as last year; 57 of these (14%) are international members, and 179 (44%) are institutional members. The Association also includes about 35 additional non-paying members, most of them Indian colleges and universities affiliated with the AIHEC.

2001 Income and Expenses

The bad news is that several dramatic postal rate increases have had the effect of more than doubling postage expenditures. Overseas mailing expenses have become particularly exorbitant, increasing from about \$1.70 per mailed issue at this time last year to between \$3.80 and \$4.50 mailed depending on country. We have adjusted at least temporarily by changing non-domestic membership rates, increasing the rate for institutional membership from \$35 to \$40 for Canadian and \$50 for overseas; for individual membership from \$25 to \$35; and for limited income membership from \$16 to \$25.

The good news is that the unexpected rate increases have been offset by the extraordinary generosity of the 20 sponsors and patrons who between them contributed \$1955. Thanks to these offsetting items, this year's closing picture, with a bottom line of \$16,919, comes gratifyingly close to the \$16,251 that was projected in last year's budget report.

2002 Projections

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN - 1 DEC 2001

2002 PROJECTIONS

Beginning balance, 1 January 2001 **\$18,829**

(including prepaid 2001 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits **\$13,745**

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|---|-------|
| 1. 2001 memberships (rec'd. after 31 Dec. 2000) | 10622 |
| 2. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts | 1955 |
| 3. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues | 968 |
| 4. Advertising | 200 |

(-) Debits **\$8,393**

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| 1. <i>SAIL</i> printing | 5318 |
| (12.3 @ \$1753, 12.4 @ \$1825, 13.1 @ \$1680) | |
| 2. Postage | 980 |
| <i>SAIL</i> domestic bulk mailing (12.4, 13.1) 262 | |
| other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence) 778 | |
| 3. Editorial assistance | 500 |
| 4. Supplies (mailing envelopes, labels, packing tape, xerox) | 195 |
| 5. 2001 MLA (2 travel grants) | 1400 |

Ending balance, 1 December 2001 **\$24,181**

Outstanding 2001 debits **c. \$7,262**

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| 1. <i>SAIL</i> 13.2/3, 13.4 printing @ c.\$4200; 13.2/3, 13.4 bulk/overseas postage @ c.\$802; supplies @ \$60 | c. 5062 |
| 2. 2001 MLA (travel grant, honorarium) | 2200 |

Estimated carryover to 1 January 2002 **\$16,919**

Est. Carryover from 2001 **\$16,919**

(+) Estimated Credits **\$15,150**

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| 1. paid 2002 ASAIL memberships | 12050 |
| (180 inst, 240 indiv) | |
| 2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts | 1500 |
| 3. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues | 950 |
| 4. Advertising income | 650 |

(-) Estimated Debits **\$10,760**

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| 1. <i>SAIL</i> printing (14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4) | 7200 |
| (500 copies + contributors' copies, @ \$1800/issue) | |
| 2. Postage | 1360 |
| <i>SAIL</i> bulk mailing 560 | |
| other postage and mailing 800 | |
| 3. Supplies | 200 |
| 4. <i>SAIL</i> editorial assistant (@ \$500/issue) | 2000 |

Projected ending balance, 31 December 2002 **\$21,309**

(excluding prepayments of 2002 dues;

excluding 2001 ALA and 2002 MLA expense commitments)

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2000

ASAIL Membership

We have 406 paid 2000 memberships, about 30 more than last year; 62 of these (15%) are international members, and 180 (44%) are institutional members. The Association also includes about 30 additional non-paying members, most of them Indian colleges and universities affiliated with the AIHEC.

2000 Income and Expenses

Fiscally, 2000 turned out to be a very stable year for the Association, thanks again mainly to the unexpected but much-appreciated generosity of 2000 patrons and sponsors, whose largesse offset lower-than-expected revenues from sale of back issues and advertising space.

Owing to the accounting method used to generate this report, it may not be immediately clear that actual 2000-related income came to nearly \$12,000, a little better than anticipated in last year=s Treasurer=s Report. Similarly, last year=s debit projection (c. \$10,500 for *SAIL*-related expenses) turned out to have been a few hundred dollars lower than actual incurred expenses.

In 2000 we did, however, spend \$5,120 on ALA and MLA-related expenses, leading to an approximately \$4,000 deficit for the fiscal year. This amount is consistent with (though it does exceed) last year=s guesstimation that the Association could afford to spend about \$4000 per annum to cover ASAIL-sponsored events for four or five years without having to adjust membership fees.

2001 Projections

I=am being optimistic this year in projecting a \$3,300 Aprofit@: to do so, I=ve had to presume not only a very successful *SAIL* subscription campaign (including an increase in ASAIL memberships of nearly 10%) but also very minimal increases in journal production costs. Further, I am anticipating that this projected credit marginBand then someBwill be used to cover ALA and MLA-related expenses undertaken by the Association in the coming year. Even so, I remain confident that ASAIL can continue to operate with no increase in dues from its members for several years.

John Purdy, outgoing General Editor of *SAIL*, has proposed that the newly-formed *SAIL* editorial board make a concerted attempt to secure some sort of grant or endowment to support the journal (and thus the Association). As ASAIL Treasurer I strongly endorse his proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN - 1 DEC 2000

2001 PROJECTIONS

Beginning balance, 1 January 2000
\$25,51

5
 (including prepaid 2000 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits \$9,657
 1. 2000 memberships (rec'd. after 31 Dec.1999) 7115
 2. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts 1600
 3. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 942

(-) Debits \$12,831
 1. *SAIL* printing 5184
 (11.3 @ \$1720, 11.4 @ \$1721, 12.1 @ \$1743)
 2. Postage 888
SAIL domestic bulk mailing (11.4, 12.1, 12.2) 345
 other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence) 543
 3. Editorial assistance 1500
 4. Supplies (mailing envelopes, labels, packing tape, xerox) 177
 5. 1999 MLA (honoraria, travel & expenses, printing, cash bar) 3482
 6. 2000 ALA (honoraria) 1600

Ending balance, 1 December 2000
\$22,34

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Outstanding 2000 debits c.
\$9,330

1. *SAIL* 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 printing @ c.\$1750 ea.; 12.3, 12.4 bulk/overseas postage @ c.\$230 ea.; supplies @ c.\$100 c. 5810

Est. Carryover from 2000 \$13,011

(+) Estimated Credits \$13,720

1. paid 2001 ASAIL memberships 10920
 2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts 1500
 3. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 900
 4. Advertising income 400

(-) Estimated Debits \$10,480
 1. *SAIL* printing (13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4) 7000

2. 2000 MLA (3 travel grants; honoring gift; honorarium) 3520

Estimated carryover to 1 January 2000 \$13,011

(500 copies + contributors' copies, @ \$1750/issue)

2. Postage		1160
SAIL bulk mailing	480	
other postage and mailing	680	
3. Supplies		320
4. SAIL editorial assistant (@ \$500/issue)		2000

Projected ending balance, 31 December 2001

\$16,2

51

(excluding prepayments of 2002 dues)

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 1999

ASAIL Membership

We have 377 paid 1999 memberships, just 5 fewer than last year; 56 of these (15%) are international members. The Association also includes about 30 additional non-paying institutional members, mainly Indian colleges and universities affiliated with the IHEC.

1999 Income and Expenses

This year, both income and expenses varied significantly from the amounts projected in last year's Treasurer's report. The good news is that income exceeded projections by about 10%, thanks to the unexpected but much-appreciated generosity of our 1999 sponsors and patrons (whose contributions increased more than \$800 over last year's) and to a more than 50% greater revenue from backsales of the journal than anticipated (a complete backorder of the journal currently sells for \$293). On the down side, printing and postage rates have increased considerably during the past year, and 1998 and 1999 MLA expenses, both of which are reported in the account activity figures for this year, were both underbudgeted by more than 10% last year. Still, the bottom line is positive: as of 21 December 1999 the Association is about \$700 more in the black than it was projected to be this time a year ago.

2000 Projections

Let me draw attention to two items that keep this year's projections from being perfectly rosy.

(1) **SAIL costs:** In 1999, costs associated with compiling, printing, and distributing *SAIL* consumed approximately 73% of overall ASAIL income; this report projects that this percentage will rise to 87% in the coming year. This means that, barring some unexpected source of income, next year we will violate the resolution passed about seven years ago which stipulates that the journal consume less than 75% of the Association's annual income.

(2) **Contingency expenditures:** It should be noted that my projection of 2000 debits does **not** include any allowance for ASAIL sponsorship of ALA and MLA events in 2000. Based on the past four or five years of actual expenditures, however, I think we need to be prepared, during the course of the coming business year, to allocate on the order of \$4000 to cover expenses incidental to such sponsorships. I have already attempted to compensate for some such contingency expenses by giving a rather conservative "estimated credits" projection, but still I do not expect credits to exceed debits in the coming year.

I do, however, believe the Association can afford to absorb these two debit problems and still remain well in the black not only in the coming year but for another two, perhaps three years. But I also anticipate that by 2004 at the latest, the Association will either be forced to raise the price of annual Association membership or be obliged to curtail its sponsorship of conference travel grants, honoraria, and the like. Of course, the optimal solution would be to increase ASAIL's income by means other than raising the annual membership/subscription rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson

Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 DEC 1998 - 1 DEC
1999

2000 PROJECTIONS

Beginning balance, 1 December 1998 **\$25,515**
(including prepaid 1999 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits **\$13,099**

1. 1999 memberships (rec'd. after 1 Dec.1998)	7886
2. pre-paid 2000 memberships	1950
3. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts	1410
4. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	1753
5. Advertising income	100

(-) Debits **\$14,810**

1. <i>SAIL</i> printing (10.3 @ \$1743, 10.4 @ \$1528, 11.1 @ \$1950, 11.2 @ \$1857)	7078
2. Postage	760
<i>SAIL</i> domestic bulk mailing (11.1, 11.2, 11.3)	225
other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence)	535
3. Editorial assistance	1500
4. Supplies (mailing envelopes, labels, packing tape, xerox)	229
5. 1998 MLA (honoraria, travel & expenses, printing, cash bar)	5243

Ending balance, 1 December 1999 **\$23,804**

Outstanding 1999 debits **c. \$7,750**

1. <i>SAIL</i> 11.3, 11.4 printing @ c.\$1900 ea.; 11.3, 11.4 bulk/overseas postage @ c.\$220 ea.	c. 4250
2. 1999 MLA (2 travel assistance; honoring gift; cash bar)	c. 3500

Estimated carryover to 1 January 2000 **\$16,054**

Est. Carryover from 1999 **\$14,104**

(excluding \$1950 in prepaid 2000 memberships)

(+) Estimated Credits **\$11,910**

1a. 2000 ASAIL memberships already on account	1950
1b. additional paid 2000 ASAIL memberships	7600
2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts	800
3. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	1160
4. Advertising income	400

(-) Estimated Debits **\$10,370**

1. <i>SAIL</i> printing (12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4) (500 copies + contributors' copies, @ \$1900/issue)	7600
2. Postage	1030
<i>SAIL</i> bulk mailing	480
other postage and mailing	550
3. Supplies	240
4. <i>SAIL</i> editorial assistant (@ \$500/issue)	1500

Projected ending balance, 31 December 2000 **\$15,644**

(excluding prepayments of 2001 dues)

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 1998

Overview

Fiscally, 1998 has been another very good year for the Association.

ASAIL Membership

Membership in the Association continues to increase gradually. In 1997 we have 382 paid memberships, an increase of about 8% from last year; 54 of these (14%) are international members. The Association also includes about 30 additional non-paying institutional members, mainly Indian colleges and universities affiliated with the IHEC.

1997 Income and Expenses

Both income and expenses during 1997 came quite close to last year's projections. Happily, the exceptions to this statement are in the Association's fiscal favor: actual 1997 paid memberships exceeded 1996 projections by about \$1000; the *Guide to Native American Studies Programs* was distributed to current members as part of *SAIL* 9.3 rather than as a separate publication (and mailing), saving the Association roughly \$900 of last year's projected costs for that project; and another \$1200 budgeted for printing and distributing a 1997 volume of the still-dormant *ASAIL Notes* went unspent. These windfalls more than offset some unanticipated expenses that the Association incurred from last year's sponsorship of *The Star Quilter* at MLA.

1998 Projections

In line with projections of the past several years, about 70% of 1998 projected debits are in anticipation of costs associated with the production and distribution of the journal.

These projected costs are based on current prices available to the Association through its affiliation with University of Richmond. At the time of writing this report (20 December), however, the future of journal production is uncertain. Though I'm still willing to work through University of Richmond to take care of printing and distributing the journal (and the newsletter), I am no longer able to take each issue of the journal from manuscript stage to camera-ready-copy stage. John Purdy has graciously undertaken to oversee this part of journal production for the immediate future, but this is a considerable extra burden on John's WWU operation, and so we are also currently talking with some University presses about undertaking responsibility for the production end of journal operations. Should the Association elect, as a result of its consideration of options presented to it at the 1997 MLA business meeting or thereafter, to relocate the printing and distribution site for the journal, it should also probably anticipate some increase in the overall cost of journal production and distribution. In that regard I would hasten to note that we now have a \$16,000 "cushion" in the Association treasury, certainly sufficient to see us through any reasonable transition period: at current rates, that's about two years of sustained operations even with no further income, and enough to see the Association through even a very expensive 1998 year in time to adjust journal subscription prices upwards, should that become necessary.

ASAIL membership rates for 1998 will remain the same as those for the seven preceding years: \$25 regular, \$35 institutional, and \$16 limited income. Barring substantial increase in the cost of producing the journal, I believe we should be able to sustain these rates for another two years at least.

Barring that same substantial increase, I believe we may finally start thinking seriously about launching an annual or bi-annual ASAIL conference, since we now have a treasury strong enough to underwrite whatever outlays might be required for such an enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN-15 DEC 1998

Beginning balance, 1 January 1998 **\$24,274**

(including prepaid 1998 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits **\$8,824**

- 1. 1998 memberships (rec'd. after 15 Dec.1997) 4330
- 2. pre-paid 1999 memberships 2050
- 3. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts 700
- 4. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 1344
- 5. Advertising income 400

(-) Debits **\$7,582**

- 1. *SAIL* printing 5322
- (9.4 @ \$1859, 10.1 @ \$1548, 10.2 @ \$1915)
- 2. Postage 682
 - SAIL* domestic bulk mailing (10.1, 10.2, 10.3) 290
 - other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence) 392
- 3. Xerox 71
- 4. Supplies (*SAIL* mailing envelopes, labels, packing tape) 109
- 5. 1997 MLA (honorarium, travel) 1398

Ending balance, 1 December 1998 **\$25,516**

Outstanding 1998 debits **c. 3,900**

(10.3 printing @ c.1850; 10.4 printing @ 1850; 10.4 bulk/overseas postage @ c.200)

Estimated carryover to 1 January 1999 **\$21,616**

1999 PROJECTIONS

Est. Carryover from 1998 **\$19,566**

excluding \$2050 in prepaid 1999 memberships)

(+) Estimated Credits **\$11,900**

- 1a. 59 1999 ASAIL memberships already on account 2050
- 1b. 350 additional paid 1999 ASAIL memberships 7700
- 2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts 600
- 3. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 1100
- 4. Advertising income 450

(-) Estimated Debits **\$18,122**

- 1. *SAIL* printing (11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4) 7600
(500 copies + contributors' copies, @ \$1900/issue)
- 2. Postage 800
 - SAIL* bulk mailing 400
 - other postage and mailing 400
- 3. Supplies 180
- 4. *SAIL* editorial assistant (@ \$500/issue) 2000
- 5. *ASAIL Notes* production expenses 1200
(3 issues @ \$400/issue)
- 6a. 1998 MLA 4667

(\$2000 honoraria, c. 1000 travel, c. 1500 lodging, c. 167 cash bar)
- 6b. 1999 MLA (c. 1500 travel/lodging, c. 175 cash bar) 1675

Projected ending balance, 31 December 1999 **\$13,344**

(excluding prepayments of 2000 dues)

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, 15 DECEMBER 1997

Overview

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ASAIL Membership

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1997 Income and Expenses

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1998 Projections

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN-15 DEC 1997

1997 PROJECTIONS

Beginning balance, 1 January 1997 **\$18,693**
 (including prepaid 1997 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits **\$11,991**
 1. paid 1997 ASAIL memberships (rec'd. after 15 Dec.1996) 7,171
 2. pre-paid 1998 ASAIL memberships 3,196
 3. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts 600
 4. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 874
 5. Advertising income 150

(-) Debits **\$7,795**
 1. *SAIL* printing (8.4 @ \$1309, 9.1 @ \$1633, 9.2 @ \$1363) 4,305
 2. Other printing (*Notes* 13.3 @ \$284; *Guide to NAS Programs* @ \$215) 499
 3. Postage 971
 SAIL domestic bulk mailing (8.4, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3) 368
 other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence) 603
 4. Supplies (xerox, *SAIL* mailing envelopes, labels, printer cartridge) 196
 5. 1996 MLA (*Star Quilter* honorarium, travel, room/board; printing) 1,824

Ending balance, 15 December 1997 **\$22,889**

Outstanding 1997 debits **c. 3,100**
 (9.3 printing @ c.1450; 9.4 printing @ c.1450; 9.4 bulk/overseas
 postage @ c.200)

Estimated carryover to 1 January 1997 **\$19,789**

Est. Carryover from 1997 **\$16,593**
 (excluding \$3196 in prepaid 1998 memberships)

(+) Estimated Credits **\$12,216**
 1a. 95 1998 ASAIL memberships already on account 3,196
 1b. 300 additional paid 1998 ASAIL memberships 7,400
 2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts 600
 3. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 620
 4. Advertising income 400

(-) Estimated Debits **\$9,050**
 1. *SAIL* printing (10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4) 6,400
 (500 copies + contributors' copies, @ \$1600/issue)
 2. Postage 1,080
 SAIL bulk mailing 380
 other postage and mailing 700
 3. Telephone 120
 4. Supplies 250
 5. *ASAIL Notes* production expenses (3 issues @ \$400/issue) 1,200

Projected ending balance, 31 December 1998 **\$19,759**
 (excluding prepayments of 1999 dues)

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, 15 DECEMBER 1996

Overview

I'm pleased to report that, financially, the Association has fared very well in 1996.

ASAIL Membership

This year we have 354 paid ASAIL members, a figure almost identical with last year's (352). These include 136 institutional memberships and 44 limited income memberships; 29 additional institutions continue to be unpaid ASAIL members as a result of our Tribal Colleges (AIHEC) project. Nearly 16% of the membership (56 of our members) resides outside the United States in Canada, Europe, Asia, South America, or Australia.

1996 Income and Expenses

The primary reason we are so well off fiscally is that there was good news on both fronts of this operational area. ASAIL income exceeded the 1996 budget projections, thanks mainly to an unexpected surge in orders for *SAIL* back-volumes that exceeded expectations by over \$1000. Back-order sales were so brisk, in fact, that we have now exhausted our back stock of volumes 1-3 (1989 through 1991). Additionally, about \$2,200 in projected expenses—for printing and distribution of the updated *Guide to Native Studies Programs* and for printing and distribution of several issues of *ASAIL Notes*—were not in fact incurred.

As in previous years, most of the Association's 1996 income was from membership dues supplemented by several \$100 patrons and \$50 sponsors. The single largest expenditure, as usual, was the cost of printing regular issues of *SAIL*, a cost that in 1997 will exceed the amount allocated last year for this item because of a 10% increase in paper prices. (One small sign of University of Richmond's ongoing patronage is that the UR Print Shop waived this additional cost for ASAIL during the 1996 publication year.) Postage continues to be a major expense to the Association: it now costs about \$1.25 to send a single issue of the journal through the US mail at the lowest available rate, and even bulk rates, while cutting journal mailing costs by about two-thirds, are becoming a significant budget item.

1997 Projections

As indicated in the "1997 Projections" column below, I am recommending that the Association anticipate three major areas of expenditure in 1997:

(1) *SAIL* expenses: I'm projecting approximately \$7,500 in journal-related expenses, a figure that is well in line with our actual 1996 expenses.

(2) *ASAIL Notes* expenses: With Mike Wilson's retirement as *Notes* editor, and no replacement yet forthcoming, I'm uncertain what to anticipate here. It's possible that the new editor's home institution will cover most (or all) of the newsletter's production and distribution costs. However, such institutional support is no longer a sure thing, and so we should plan to cover at least the actual printing and mailing costs for the three 1997 issues we'd like to see produced.

(3) *NAS Guide* expenses: Last year the Association authorized a one-time \$1000 outlay to cover production and distribution of a *Guide to Native American Studies Programs in the United States*, updating the one originally edited by Franchot Ballinger and published as a supplement to *SAIL* volume 5 (1993). I'm sorry to report that we were unable to complete this project on time. However, my (new) editorial assistant is eager to refloat this project, and we're hoping to be able to update the information gathered last year in time to be able to publish the *Guide* in 1997 as a supplement to *SAIL* 9.2 or 9.3; we also still plan to put the information online, as per last year's proposal. Because of increased printing costs I have raised the requested allocation for his project from \$1000 to \$1100.

Membership rates for 1997 remain the same as those for the five preceding years: \$25 regular, \$35 institutional, and \$16 limited income. I believe these rates are quite sufficient to keep us operating at our current levels for several more years.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN-15 DEC 1996

1997 PROJECTIONS

Beginning balance, 1 January 1996 **\$12,320**
 (including prepaid 1996 ASAIL memberships)

(+) Credits **\$14,403**
 1. paid 1996 ASAIL memberships (rec'd. after 15 Dec.1995) 9,115
 2. pre-paid 1997 ASAIL memberships 2,792
 3. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts 571
 4. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 1,925
 5. Advertising income -0-

(-) Debits **\$8,030**
 1. *SAIL* printing (7.4@\$1259, 8.1@\$1360, 8.2@\$1565, 8.3@\$1495) 5679
 2. Postage 1007
 SAIL domestic bulk mailing (7.4, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3) 316
 other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence) 691
 3. Telephone 19
 4. Supplies (xerox, *SAIL* mailing envelopes, labels, printer cartridge) 225
 5. 1995 MLA (2 \$300 travel awards) 600
 6. Editorial assistance (Julie O'Donnell at WWU) 500

Ending balance, 15 December 1996 **\$18,693**

Outstanding 1996 debits **c.**
2,433

(*ASAIL Notes* @c.\$400; 8.4 printing @c.\$1550; 8.4 bulk/overseas postage @c.\$250; mailing envelopes, packing tape, labels @ \$183; other postage @c.\$50)

Estimated carryover to 1 January 1997 **\$16,260**

Est. Carryover from 1996 **\$13,468**
 (excluding \$2792 in prepaid 1997 memberships)

(+) Estimated Credits **\$10,737**
 1a. 82 1997 ASAIL memberships already on account 2792
 1b. 252 additional paid 1997 ASAIL memberships 6120
 2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts 500
 3. Sale of *SAIL* back issues 875
 4. Advertising income 450

(-) Estimated Debits **\$10,160**
 1. *SAIL* printing (8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4) 6400
 (450 copies + contributors' copies, @\$1600/issue)
 2. *ASAIL NAS Guide* printing (600 copies)/distribution 1,100
 3. Postage 1,070
 SAIL bulk mailing 320
 other postage and mailing 750
 4. Telephone 120
 5. Supplies 270
 6. *ASAIL Notes* production expenses (3 issues @\$400/issue) 1,200

Projected ending balance, 31 December 1997 **\$14,045**

(excluding prepayments of 1998 dues)

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, 15 DECEMBER 1995

Overview

I'm pleased to report that the Association remains solvent.

ASAIL Membership

This year we have 352 paid ASAIL members, an increase of about 22% over last year. These include 121 institutional memberships and 41 limited income memberships; 29 additional institutions have become unpaid ASAIL members as a result of our Tribal Colleges (AIHEC) project. Nearly 15% of the membership (50 of our 350 members) resides outside the United States in Canada, Europe, or Asia.

1995 Income and Expenses

As in previous years, most of the Association's 1995 income was from membership dues supplemented by several \$100 patrons and \$50 sponsors. The single largest expenditure, as usual, was the cost of printing regular issues of *SAIL*, a cost that will only slightly exceed the amount allocated last year for this item. An additional major expense to the Association continues to be postage; US postal rates continued to escalate in 1995 (bulk mailing rates, for instance, increased almost 1/3). Thanks in large part to the very significant increase in paid institutional memberships (up from 31 last year to 121 this year), most of which we may expect to be renewed in 1996, the ASAIL treasury was able to absorb quite gracefully the cost of providing 29 free memberships to AIHEC Tribal Colleges. The two primary home institutions for *SAIL*, Western Washington University and the University of Richmond, have continued to contribute enormously to the financial stability of the Association, thanks to their silent but invaluable patronage in defraying untold numbers of costs and expenses of all kinds.

1996 Projections

As indicated in the "1996 Projections" column below, I am recommending that the Association anticipate three major areas of expenditure in 1996:

(1) *SAIL* expenses: I'm projecting approximately \$7,500 in journal-related expenses, a figure that is well in line with our actual 1995 expenses.

(2) *ASAIL Notes* expenses: Our newsletter's new publication home, U Wisconsin-Madison, will expect the Association to reimburse UWM for production and distribution expenses beginning with the December 1995 issue of the newsletter. I have therefore included, under projected 1996 expenditures, \$1,200 in newsletter-related expenses, or about \$300 per issue of *ASAIL Notes*.

(3) *NAS Guide* expenses: This year the Association has undertaken to update ASAIL's *Guide to Native American Studies Programs in the United States*, originally edited by Franchot Ballinger and published as a supplement to *SAIL* volume 5 (1993). We are planning to publish the new *Guide* in 1996 and provide all ASAIL members with a copy as part of their *SAIL* subscription; we also plan to post the contents of the *Guide* at several updatable, easy-to-access gopher and WWW sites, so that anyone who cares to will be able to acquire this information via e-mail link, compliments of the Association. I am recommending that the Association set aside \$1000 in the coming year to complete this project.

Membership rates for 1996 will remain the same as those for the four preceding years: \$25 regular,

\$35 institutional, and \$16 limited income. If the Association foresees no major new debit items not already included in the 1996 projection, then I am confident we will be able to maintain these rates for at least one more year (1997, volume 9), and recommend that we plan to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN-15 DEC 1994

1996 PROJECTIONS

Beginning balance, 1 January 1995 (including prepaid 1995 ASAIL memberships)	\$9,709
(+) Credits	\$9,311
1. paid 1995 ASAIL memberships (rec'd. after 15 Dec.1994)	5,915
2. pre-paid 1996 ASAIL memberships	1,343
3. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts	675
4. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	978
5. Advertising income	400
(-) Debits	\$6,449
1. <i>SAIL</i> printing (6.4@\$1439, 7.1@\$1674, 7.2@\$1446)	4,559
2. Postage	869
<i>SAIL</i> domestic bulk mailing (7.1, 7.2, 7.3)	239
other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence)	630
3. Telephone	112
4. Supplies (xerox vendacard, <i>SAIL</i> mailing envelopes, labels)	264
5. 1994 MLA (2 travel grants @\$300 each; rental fee)	645
Ending balance, 15 December 1995	\$12,520
Outstanding 1995 debits	3,150
(7.3 and 7.4 printing @ c.1500/ea.)	
(7.4 bulk/overseas postage @ c.150)	
Estimated carrover to 1 January 1996	\$9,370

Est. Carryover from 1995 (excluding \$1,343 in prepaid 1996 memberships)	\$8,027
(+) Estimated Credits	\$10,543
1a. 42 1996 ASAIL memberships already on account	1,343
1b. 300 additional paid 1996 ASAIL memberships	7,500
2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts	400
3. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	800
4. Advertising income	500
(-) Estimated Debits	\$9,870
1. <i>SAIL</i> printing (8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4) (450 copies + contributors' copies, @ 1550/issue)	6,200
2. <i>ASAIL NAS Guide</i> printing (600 copies)/distribution	1,000
3. Postage	1,070
<i>SAIL</i> bulk mailing	320
other postage and mailing	750
4. Telephone	150
5. Supplies	250
6. <i>ASAIL Notes</i> production expenses (4 issues @ \$300/issue)	1,200
Projected ending balance, 15 December 1996 (excluding prepayments of 1996 dues)	\$8,700

ASAIL TREASURER'S REPORT, 15 DECEMBER 1994

Overview

I'm pleased to report that the Association remains solvent. In 1994 we published 5 issues of *SAIL*, including the joint ASAIL-NEA-U of Arizona P anthology *Returning the Gift*; despite this 25% increase in publication expenses over last year's projections, the Association finishes 1994 in slightly better financial shape (c. \$5131) than was projected in last year's report (\$5,078).

ASAIL Membership

In 1994 we had 285 paid ASAIL members (an increase of about 20% over last year), including 36 institutional memberships and 39 limited income memberships. Nearly 14% of the membership resides outside the United States in Canada, Europe, or Asia.

Though it's still 1994, already 100 individuals and institutions have renewed their membership in the Association. By the end of 1994, I think we can safely anticipate about 300 memberships.

1994 Income and Expenses

As in previous years, most of the Association's 1994 income was from membership dues supplemented by several \$100 patrons and \$50 sponsors. The single largest expenditure in 1993 was the nearly \$6000 paid out for printing four regular issues of *SAIL* (5.4, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4), a cost well within the \$6200 allocated last year for printing four issues.

This year the Association incurred unusual costs in conjunction with the *Returning the Gift* anthology that substituted for *SAIL* 6.2—nearly \$3400 in purchase and postage costs, defrayed by about \$1000 we received from an NEA grant set up for this purpose back in 1992. Further helping to absorb this one-time cost to the Association, we received nearly \$1000 more for sales of back issues than anticipated and approximately \$1800 more than anticipated in ASAIL memberships.

1995 Projections

In 1995 I am projecting continued strong sales of back issues and another (modest) increase in ASAIL membership. If both of these projections materialize, *SAIL* production costs will consume approximately 70% of the Association's projected income. This figure is slightly higher than the \$16-out-of-every-\$25 (64%) figure established by vote of the Association back in 1991; however, we should keep in mind that since 1991 the two most significant production /distribution variables, postage rates and printing costs, will have risen about 30% and 20% respectively by the beginning of 1995.

Membership rates for 1995 remain the same as those for 1992, 1993, and 1994—\$25 regular, \$35 institutional, and \$16 limited income. If postage and printing costs continue to increase in 1995, then 1996 may become the first year since 1991 in which the Association will again have to either raise its membership rates or reconsider the proportion of Association income to be dedicated to *SAIL* production.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nelson
Treasurer, ASAIL

ASAIL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY, 1 JAN-15 DEC 1994

Beginning balance, 1 January 1994	\$9610
(including prepaid 1994 ASAIL memberships)	
(+) Credits	\$11177
1. paid 1994 ASAIL memberships (rec'd. after 1 Dec. 1993)	4829
2. pre-paid 1995 ASAIL memberships	3101
3. Patronages, sponsorships, gifts (incl. 3 prepaid 1995 patrons)	460
4. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	1517
5. Advertising income	300
6. NEA support for 6.2, <i>Returning the Gift</i>	970
(-) Debits	\$10805
1. <i>SAIL</i> printing (5.4@1374, suppl@458, 6.1@1447, 6.3@1271)	4550
2. <i>Returning the Gift</i> : 400 copies @ \$7.50/copy	3000
3. Postage	1111
<i>SAIL</i> domestic bulk mailing (5.4, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4)	265
<i>RTG</i> (6.2) bulk & overseas mailing charged to ASAIL	295
other (non-U.S. mailings; back issues; ed. correspondence)	551
4. Telephone	141
4. Supplies (xerox, envelopes, packing tape)	272
5. 1993 MLA (Cash Bar, Ruoff honor, Hogan honorarium)	1731
Ending balance, 15 December 1994	\$9982
Outstanding 1994 credits	100
(UNM ad in <i>SAIL</i> 6.3)	
Outstanding 1994 debits	1700
(6.4 printing @ c.1400)	
(MLA travel grants @ \$300 each)	
Estimated carrover to 1 January 1995	8382

1995 PROJECTIONS

Est. Carryover from 1994	\$5131
(excluding prepaid 1995 memberships & sponsors)	
(+) Estimated Credits	\$9451
1a. 100 1995 ASAIL memberships already on account	3101
1b. 200 additional paid 1995 ASAIL memberships	4300
2. patronages, sponsorships, gifts	400
3. Sale of <i>SAIL</i> back issues	1200
4. Advertising income	450
(-) Estimated Debits	\$9740
1. <i>SAIL</i> printing (7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4)	5600
(450 copies + contributors' copies @ 1400/issue)	
2. Postage	790
<i>SAIL</i> bulk mailing	290
other postage and mailing	500
3. Telephone	100
4. Supplies	250
5. Miscellaneous (10 travel grants @ \$300 each)	3000
Projected ending balance, 31 December 1995	\$4842
(excluding prepayments of 1995 dues)	

