About the MLA Convention

THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, FIRST held in 1883, is an annual gathering of teachers and scholars in the field of language and literature study. The convention enables members of the profession to share their ideas and research with colleagues from other universities and colleges. The many sessions present a range of approaches and examine a variety of languages and literary and critical traditions. Meetings will be held in the Loews Philadelphia (most foreign language and comparative literature sessions), the Philadelphia Marriott (most English sessions and child care), and the Pennsylvania Convention Center (some English, some foreign language, some comparative literature sessions, the Job Information Center, and exhibits). Sessions begin at 3:30 p.m. on 27 December and continue until 3:00 p.m. on 30 December.

Convention meetings are organized by MLA members, but nonmembers are welcome to attend. All participants—members and nonmembers alike—must pay registration fees. Registrants receive badges, which entitle convention attendees to gain admittance to meetings, the Job Information Center, and the exhibit hall. Registrants who lose their badges may purchase replacements at the registration areas.

The Program begins with an *Individual Convention Program* for recording individual schedules. The *Location of Meeting Rooms* and floor plans and maps provide a guide to the convention facilities. A list of *Exhibitors* displaying books and other materials during the convention and a *Floor Plan of the Exhibit Area* allow attendees to locate exhibits quickly. *Indexes* of meetings open to the public (forums and special events), division meetings, discussion group meetings, MLA committee meetings and programs sponsored by committees of the association, and allied and affiliate organization meetings refer the reader to the number assigned to each event listed in the *Program* proper. A *Subject Index to All Meetings*, in which meetings are organized by topic, and an index of *Program Participants* follow. The *Program* proper, divided into chronological units (see *Contents* on preceding page), provides the most complete description of the various meetings. A listing of the *Executive Committees* of divisions, discussion groups, and the American Literature Section; a directory of *Allied and Affiliate Organizations*; and an *Index of Advertisers* round out the Program.

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MEETINGS

Most meetings at the MLA convention are arranged by the membership at large, either through the association's divisions and discussion groups or by individual members. Attendance is open to all convention registrants, but only current MLA members may organize or participate formally in meetings. On occasion, the membership requirement is waived for foreign scholars or for individuals whose main interests are in other disciplines. The policies for MLA divisions and discussion groups and the procedures for organizing convention meetings are in the September 2006 *PMLA* and on the MLA's Web site (www.mla.org). The following is a brief description of the kinds of meetings arranged for this year's convention.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure of the Annual Convention

The MLA Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure of the Annual Convention will hold an open hearing on 29 December at 10:15 a.m. in the Philadelphia Marriott (Independence Ballroom, Salon 3). Representatives of the committee will discuss the results of their survey on ways to make the convention more attractive, including changing the dates when the convention is held.

Division Meetings

Encompassing the primary scholarly and professional concerns of the association, MLA divisions represent major areas of membership interest. Divisions are responsible for promoting scholarly and professional activities within their areas of concern; to this end, their executive committees advise on specific research and pedagogical needs, propose to the MLA Executive Council programs that might be undertaken on behalf of their divisions, compile information of interest to their members for publication in MLA periodicals or in special mailings, and elect division representatives to serve in the MLA Delegate Assembly. Each division may organize one to three meetings for the convention, although in any year a division's executive committee may decide to hold no program at all or to arrange a forum either alone or in conjunction with another division or a discussion group. Only MLA members may join divisions or participate in their projects and programs. Members interested in one of next year's division programs should correspond with the 2006 secretary of the appropriate division, since 2006 secretaries become chairs in 2007 (see list of executive committee members following the Program proper).

Discussion Group Meetings

MLA discussion groups accommodate the scholarly and professional interests of constituencies within the association whose concern is with discrete literatures or with literary and linguistic matters that are not encompassed by one of the divisions. Like divisions, discussion groups are responsible for promoting scholarly and professional activities within their areas of concern, and thus their executive committees also advise on specific research and pedagogical needs and propose to the MLA Executive Council programs that might be undertaken on behalf of their groups. Each discussion group may arrange one meeting for the convention. Members who have suggestions for next year's program or who would like to participate in that program should correspond with the 2006 secretary of the appropriate discussion group, since 2006 secretaries become chairs in 2007 (see list of executive committee members following the Program proper).

Forums

Arranged by divisions, discussion groups, or individual members, forums are meetings on topics of broad general interest. The MLA executive director, with the assistance of the Program Committee, has final responsibility for approving forums. No more than six forums,

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including the presidential forum, may be arranged for a convention. Members who would like to propose a forum for next year's convention are encouraged to attend the Program Committee's Open Hearing on 30 December (see Program Committee). A formal proposal that describes in detail the topic and nature of the proposed forum and includes biographical information on participants must be submitted to the executive director by 15 March 2007.

Special Sessions

MLA members whose scholarly or professional interests are not adequately accommodated through convention programs arranged by the divisions and discussion groups may propose special sessions. Since these sessions, the most specialized of all convention meetings, are intended to enable participants to exchange ideas on specific topics, they involve a session leader and a panel of discussants. Members who wish to organize a special session for the 2007 convention should carefully read the guidelines, published in the September 2006 *PMLA* and available on the MLA Web site (www.mla.org), governing the organization of these meetings and should observe the deadlines for 2006–07 announced in the Winter *MLA Newsletter* and on the MLA Web site. Proposals for special sessions must be submitted on the forms provided for this purpose; the forms are available from the MLA convention office, on the MLA's Web site, and at the MLA information booths and headquarters offices at the convention.

Allied and Affiliate Organization Meetings

Other scholarly, business, or social meetings are arranged in conjunction with the MLA convention by officially recognized allied and affiliate organizations. Typically, these organizations are learned societies or professional associations whose purposes are closely allied with those of the MLA. Allied organizations may arrange no more than two sessions for the convention. Each organization may decide whether its two sessions will be used to read papers, to conduct business meetings, or to hold social events. Affiliate organizations may arrange one session for the convention. Organizations that have not previously met in conjunction with the MLA convention and that would like to do so may request allied or affiliate organization status. Such groups should write to the MLA convention office regarding the procedures for applying for allied or affiliate organization status or refer to the guidelines published in the September 2006 *PMLA* and on the MLA Web site. Organizations that currently have such status and that plan to arrange meetings at the 2007 convention must indicate their intentions in writing to the MLA and submit complete final program copy to the MLA convention office by 1 April.

The Presidential Address

The Presidential Address will take place at 8:40 p.m. on 28 December in the Loews Philadelphia (Regency Ballroom, 2nd floor mezzanine). First Vice President Michael Holquist will announce the newly elected honorary members and honorary fellows and present awards to the recipients of the William Riley Parker Prize, the James Russell Lowell Prize, the MLA Prize For a First Book, the Howard R. Marraro Prize, the Kenneth W. Mildenberger Prize, the Mina P. Shaughnessy Prize, the MLA Prize for Independent Scholars, the Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Studies, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Literary Work, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Studies in Germanic Languages and Literatures, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Publication Award for a Manuscript in Italian Literary Studies, the MLA Prize for a Distinguished Bibliography, the William Sanders Scarborough Prize, the Fenia and Yaakov Leviant Memorial Prize, and the MLA Prize in United States Latina

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and Latino and Chicana and Chicano Literary and Cultural Studies. Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will report on the association's 2006 activities, and President Marjorie Perloff will deliver the Presidential Address. The meeting is open to the public.

The Presidential Forum

The Presidential Forum will take place at 10:00 a.m. on 28 December in the Loews Philadelphia (Regency Ballroom A and B, 2nd floor mezzanine).

Delegate Assembly

Established in 1971 as an elected body representing the membership at large, the Delegate Assembly, composed of over 270 delegates, debates issues of concern to the membership and advises the Executive Council on the association's policies, direction, goals, and structure. Formal deliberations of the assembly, at which any MLA member can speak, are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on 29 December in the Philadelphia Marriott (Grand Ballroom, Salons G and H, level 5).

An open hearing of the Delegate Assembly, at which MLA members may present their views, will be held at 1:45 p.m. on 28 December in the Philadelphia Marriott (Meeting Room 411–412, level 4). Members who wish to submit formal resolutions to the Delegate Assembly should attend the open hearing on resolutions held on 28 December at 12:00 noon in the Philadelphia Marriott (Meeting Room 411–412, level 4). Procedures for submitting resolutions, which are general statements of membership sentiment, are described in article 11.C.3 of the MLA constitution (see the Sept. 2006 *PMLA*); copies of this section of the constitution will be available at the MLA information centers.

Program Committee

The MLA Program Committee will hold a session on 30 December at 10:15 a.m., in the Philadelphia Marriott (Meeting Room 310, level 3). Members who wish to propose topics for forums, special sessions, or special events at the 2007 convention are encouraged to present their ideas at the meeting; members unable to attend the meeting should present their ideas in writing before 30 December, either to the executive director or to any other member of the Program Committee (for names of committee members, see the Sept. 2006 *PMLA*).

GENERAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Appointments

Members who wish to make appointments with Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal or Director of English Programs David Laurence may do so through the MLA headquarters office in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite III, level 3). Appointments with Director of Foreign Language Programs Nelly Furman may be made through the MLA headquarters office in the Loews Philadelphia (Hospitality Suite 413, 4th floor).

Audiotaping and Videotaping at Sessions

Neither audiotaping nor videotaping of sessions is normally permitted. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made through the press office and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the media staff will accompany the reporter and crew. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audiotaping or videotaping will take place during a part of the session.

Badges

Plastic badge holders are available at the MLA registration and information centers in the Loews Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Lost badges can be replaced for $5 at MLA registration centers.

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Business Centers

Philadelphia Marriott, Fed Ex–Kinko's, lobby level (24 hours a day); Loews Philadelphia Business Center, 3rd floor (6:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun.); Pennsylvania Convention Center Business Center, exhibit hall level (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.). Hours are subject to change.

Child Care

A daytime child care center will operate in the Philadelphia Marriott (level 5) on Thursday and Friday, 28 and 29 December, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, 30 December, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Parents and guardians should preregister their children for each day they intend to use the child care service; otherwise, children cannot be guaranteed a place. Registration forms may be requested from the MLA convention office. Completed forms must be returned to the convention office by Monday, 4 December 2006, and must be accompanied by a registration fee of $45 per day for the first child and $15 per day for each additional child. For graduate students, the fee is $25 per day for the first child and $15 per day for each additional child. A very limited number of on-site registrations may be available, depending on space restrictions, insurance considerations, and staffing capabilities. Those interested in arranging for child care in their hotel rooms should refer to information materials at their hotel.

Convention Guide

A pocket-size brochure providing general information about convention services and containing city and hotel maps will be sent with the convention badge to registrants who register before 1 December. Copies of the guide will be available free to persons who register at the convention.

Convention Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to attend meetings or use convention services must register for the convention. Persons who plan to attend the convention may register by mail; the early-registration fee must be received before 1 December. Preregistration information was sent to all MLA members in September and was available at the MLA Web site on 1 September. Registrations may be accepted after 1 December, but programs (for nonmembers) and badges may not be sent. Members attending the convention who have not preregistered may register during the convention at the registration areas located in the Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor) and the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). The Grand Hall is adjacent to meeting rooms in the Philadelphia Marriott. Registration areas will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., on 28 and 29 December from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 30 December from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hotel Reservations. Members are reminded that hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who preregister. Each convention registrant can reserve a maximum of one hotel room. Housing forms will not be processed if they include the names of persons in the profession who have not paid their registration fees for the convention. (Spouses, friends, and family members who wish to share a room with a registrant and who are also engaged in the study of language and literature must preregister and pay their registration fees for the convention.)

Registration Fees. Registration fees until 1 December are as follows: regular members, $125; graduate student members, $40; emeritus members, $40; nonmembers, $170; graduate student nonmembers, $65; emeritus nonmembers, $65; unemployed members and members employed less than full-time, $50. Registration fees after 1 December are as follows: regular members, $150; graduate student members, $40; emeritus members, $40; nonmembers, $190; graduate student nonmembers, $65; emeritus nonmembers,

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$65; unemployed members and members employed less than full-time, $50.

Registration Refunds. Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, and postmarked no later than 26 December. A $10 service fee will be deducted from all refunds.

Any disputes regarding convention fees should be put in writing and sent to the director of convention programs at the MLA office.

Disabilities, Facilities and Services for Persons with

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention.

Hotels. Meeting rooms in the headquarters hotels and the convention center are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. There will be desks in the convention registration and information centers at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2) and the Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor), as well as the Philadelphia Marriott (outside Grand Ballroom, Salon I, level 5), staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be satellite desks in the lobbies of the Philadelphia Marriott and the Loews Philadelphia. To reserve hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, check the appropriate boxes on the convention registration form and the housing reservation form or write or call Karin Bagnall in the MLA convention office by 15 November.

Shuttle Bus. A complimentary transportation service will be available throughout convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Arrangements should be made at the desk for persons with disabilities in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2) and the Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor) as well as the satellite desks located in the lobbies of the Philadelphia Marriott and the Loews Philadelphia. Further details and phone numbers will be posted in the lobbies of the headquarters hotels.

Sessions. Speakers are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow the written text. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large print format (14- to 16-point font size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned. Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning are available on request. To arrange for either of these services, write or call Karin Bagnall in the MLA convention office by 15 November.

Scooter Rentals. Scooters, for navigating the convention more easily, can be rented from Scootaround at 888 441-7575.

Karin Bagnall coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities; she can be reached at the MLA convention office at kbagnall@mla.org; the TDD number is 646 576-5148.

Exhibits

Over 130 firms will display books and other materials of interest to teachers of language and literature in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Exhibit Hall A). The area will be open on 28 and 29 December from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on 30 December from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. To view a list of the 2006 exhibitors, refer to pages 1825–26. The editor of the *MLA International Bibliography* will be in the MLA exhibit booth on 28 and 29 December from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Friends of Bill W.

In the Philadelphia Marriott, Room 502 (level 5) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. A list of meetings will appear in the *MLA Convention News and Program Update,* available at the convention.

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Future Convention

In 2007 the convention will be held in Chicago. The dates of the convention are 27–30 December.

Graduate Student Lounge

A lounge with comfortable chairs and tables where graduate students can meet for discussion or relaxation will be located in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite II, level 3).

Headquarters Offices

Headquarters offices will be located in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite III, level 3) and the Loews Philadelphia (Hospitality Suite 413, 4th floor). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in these offices whenever meetings are in session to handle problems that might arise with meeting rooms or meeting facilities. Program organizers are asked to refer questions on such matters to one of the headquarters offices, not to the hotel management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA information centers.

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one hotel to another.

Philadelphia Marriott. Dial 51 for security from any house phone and describe the situation.

Loews Philadelphia. Dial 5500 and describe the situation.

Pennsylvania Convention Center. Dial 4911 from any house phone and describe the situation.

Please note: whether you are seeking medical advice or have a medical emergency, the hotel will direct you to the closest hospital emergency ward.

Information Centers

General questions about the convention and the association will be answered at the MLA information centers in the Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor) and the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). Copies of the Program and the *Job Information List* will be sold at the centers; the *MLA Convention News and Program Update* will be distributed free; and information about cultural events, restaurants, and transportation will be available at the Restaurant Reservations and Information Desk. The information centers will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., on 28 and 29 December from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 30 December from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Job Information Center

For Prearranged Interviews. Consult the interviewer's sign-in file in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom A, Ballroom level). if you do not know whether your interview is scheduled for a hotel room or the interview area or if you need to find out the hotel room number for your interview. Allow yourself ample time to obtain this information. If your interview is scheduled for the *interview area,* proceed directly to the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom B, Ballroom level) and ask a staff member for the table number.

If the interviewer has not signed in, consult the "Who's Where" directory in the information centers and members' lounges in the Loews Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Once you know where the interviewer is staying, you can call the hotel information desk and be connected with the interviewer's hotel room. (For reasons of safety, hotel staff members will not give guests' room numbers to callers.) If the interviewer is not in, use the hotel's message facilities. A message left in a hotel mailbox will be flashed on the guest's room telephone. If the person is *not* listed in the "Who's Where" directory, check the Program Participants section of the convention program (pp. 1852–69 of the November *PMLA*) to see whether that interviewer is speaking at or chairing a ses-

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sion and can be reached at a specific time and place or ask a Job Information Center staff member for help.

The MLA Job Information Service will operate a center at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom A, Ballroom level). Positions that become available after the printing of the December *Job Information List* will be posted, and a counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 28 and 29 December. An interviewers' sign-in file will be maintained and facilities provided for job candidates and interviewers to exchange messages. Space will be available for interviews, but candidates and interviewers are urged to arrange interviews in advance. Job candidates are reminded that almost no unscheduled interviews take place at the convention. Therefore, members are advised not to attend the convention for the sole purpose of seeking employment if they do not have scheduled interviews. The Job Information Center will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., on 28 December from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on 29 December from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 30 December from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Lost and Found

Members wishing to report personal items either lost or found should call extension 51 for security at the Philadelphia Marriott, extension 5500 at the Loews Philadelphia, and extension 4911 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Lounges

Areas furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor) and the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite II, level 3).

Mail and Messages

Although the hotels will make every effort to deliver mail and messages received during the convention, the MLA can assume no responsibility for failure in delivery. A message service in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom A) is provided in conjunction with the Job Information Center to facilitate exchange of messages between job candidates and interviewers. For other kinds of messages, determine the recipient's hotel by referring to the "Who's Where" listing (see "Who's Where" section) posted near the members' lounge in each hotel, then leave messages with the desk clerk at the appropriate hotel. Bulletin boards where convention attendees may post messages for their colleagues will also be provided in the lounges.

Membership in the MLA

For the convenience of those who would like to join the MLA, as well as for continuing members who would like to pay their 2007 dues, membership desks will be located in the registration centers. Although new memberships are for the 2007 calendar year, individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates.

MLA Convention News and Program Update

During the convention the *MLA Convention News and Program Update* will print special notices, changes in schedule, and brief reports on convention activities. It is available free at the MLA information centers. The 27 December issue will be available on the MLA Web site in mid-December.

NEH Information

Staff members from the National Endowment for the Humanities will be available to provide materials and information about the endowment on Thursday, 28 December, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and on Friday,

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29 December, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (202B).

Sonia Feigenbaum, Senior Program Officer, NEH Division of Education, will conduct a workshop at the MLA convention to discuss applying for an NEH grant. This presentation, "Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop," is scheduled for 28 December from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. in 402–403, Philadephia Marriott. She will provide an overview of the various divisions and grant competitions at the NEH and will then focus on grants available in the Division of Education programs. A mock panel review will also be included in the presentation. For more information on these and other NEH programs, visit the NEH Web site (http://www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html).

Parking

Current rates at the downtown hotels vary from approximately $25 to $35 per day with in-and-out privileges. Parking in garages near the hotels ranges from approximately $7 to $9 per hour to $16 to $25 per day. Parking at the Philadelphia Marriott is $35 per day. In-and-out privileges are for overnight guests only. Parking at the Loews Philadelphia is $32 per night with in-and-out privileges.

Passes

A convention speaker may obtain a pass for a family member or friend who has no professional interest in language or literature to hear a paper given by that speaker. These passes are available to speakers at the MLA information centers.

All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves are required to register in order to participate in or attend meetings. Please note that if you need a pass for an evening session you must obtain it before the information centers close.

MLA convention registrants may obtain free passes to the exhibit hall for guests they accompany in the hall. Persons who are not registered for the convention and who are not accompanied by registrants may purchase a one-day pass to the exhibit hall for $10. These passes are available at the Exhibit Registration booth across from the entrance to Exhibit Hall A.

Philadelphia Information

Pamphlets will be available at the MLA information centers in the Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor) and the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). To obtain information beforehand, you may call the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800 225-5745 or link from the MLA Web site (www.mla.org) to a Philadelphia information Web site.

Programs

Copies of the Program can be purchased for $5 at the MLA information centers. Free copies are available only to those who received in their registration packets a card entitling them to a complimentary Program or to foreign registrants who did not receive their Programs. There is a $5 charge for all additional copies.

Restaurant Reservations and Information

The Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide a Restaurant Reservations and Information desk near the MLA Registration and Information center located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). Staffed by knowledgeable personnel, the service offers information on restaurants, cuisine, nightlife, theater, sports, and attractions and can make complimentary dining reservations. The desks will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., on 28 and 29 December from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 30 December from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Shuttle Bus Service

Because of the proximity of the headquarters hotels, there will be a shuttle service only for attendees with disabilities.

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Smoking

Pennsylvania law allows smoking in restaurants and bars; however, there is usually a designated nonsmoking area. No smoking is allowed in hotels except in designated smoking areas. Smoking is permitted in designated guest rooms. Smoking is not allowed in meeting rooms. The Pennsylvania Convention Center is a nonsmoking facility.

Social Science Research Council

Staff members from the Social Science Research Council will be available to provide materials and information about the council's fellowships on Friday, 29 December, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (202A).

Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the Loews Philadelphia (P2, 3rd floor) and the Philadelphia Marriott (Meeting Room 414, level 4) has been reserved to allow speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions. Those who have computer presentations should have completed a Presenter's Computer Information form to arrange for a pretest appointment. If you have not done so, please contact Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mla.org).

Telephones

With the increased use of cell phones, there are a limited number of public phones available in the hotels and convention center. Calls may not be made from telephones in meeting rooms, and the use of telephones in any convention office is limited to members of the MLA staff.

Ticket and Information Tables

Several allied organizations will have tables for selling tickets to their meal functions or for supplying information. These tables will be in the members' lounges. The MLA is not responsible for staffing these tables, and MLA staff members cannot provide information on these organizations other than what appears in the Program.

Transportation to and in Philadelphia

MLA convention hotels are located in Center City Philadelphia.

By plane: Philadelphia International Airport is served by all major domestic carriers, with flights to more than 100 cities, including 30 international destinations. The SEPTA Airport Rail Line R-1 connects the airport with Center City and includes stops at 30th Street Station (Amtrak), Suburban Station, and Market East Station (Convention Center, Marriott, and Loews). It operates daily every half hour; the one-way fare is $5.50. Call 215 580-7800 for specific travel instructions and sales locations. Calls are answered from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends. Additional information is available at www.septa.org. Lady Liberty Transportation Company offers an airport shuttle between the Philadelphia Airport and Center City. Shuttles run every fifteen minutes between 5:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight. No reservations are required. Dial #27 from the free transportation counter telephones located in the baggage claim area. The one-way fare is $8.00. One-way cab fare to or from Center City is $26.50. For Philadelphia International Airport information, stop at one of the information booths in the airport terminals, call 215 937-6937 or 800 PHL-GATE (800 745-4283), or go to www.phl.org.

By train: Philadelphia is served by Amtrak (800 USA-RAIL; www.amtrak.com), which operates rail service along the Northeast Corridor. Visitors have access to intercity trains operating over the corridor, including high-speed Metroliners and Acela Express service between Boston and Washington, DC. Intercity service is also provided to many points south and west. Amtrak's 30th Street Station is two miles from the Pennsylvania Convention

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Center and Center City hotels. The one-way taxi fare is $4–$6. The train ride to Market East Station (Convention Center, Marriott, and Loews) is complimentary for those who show their Amtrak ticket to the ticket agent.

By bus: Intercity bus service is excellent, with daily arrivals from all parts of the country. The Greyhound Terminal (215 931-4075) is located at 20th and Filbert Streets.

Transit: Philadelphia has an excellent transit system. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) offers commuter rail service between the city and the suburbs. Suburban Station and Market East Station are in the heart of the business, shopping, and hotel districts. Also, the 30th Street Station provides a quick connection with Amtrak. Each of these stations connects the entire rail system with the city's Airport Rail Line. SEPTA also operates a large fleet of buses, subways, and streetcars throughout the city and suburbs with highly concentrated service in the Center City area. Two subway lines—Market-Frankford (east-west) and Broad Street (north-south)—crisscross the city. Cash fare on most routes is $2 (exact change required). Discounted tokens and passes are available. Call 215 580-7800 for specific travel instructions and sales locations. Calls are answered from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends.

"Who's Where" Directory

The "Who's Where" directory will be posted in the members' lounges in the Loews Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Convention Center and near the Job Information Center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The directory will include the names and convention addresses of persons who make hotel reservations through the housing bureau or send their local addresses to the MLA office before 10 December. Only hotel names or local addresses are listed. Members are advised to check their own "Who's Where" listings for accuracy and to make any necessary revisions. Most of the information used to compile the list comes from the housing service, not from the MLA.

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