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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 through the MLA Web site.

Membership in the MLA

Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates. MLA membership runs from 15 January through 14 January of the subsequent year. For the convenience of those who would like to join the MLA, as well as for continuing members who would like to pay their 2015 dues, a membership desk will be located in the registration and welcome center.

Fees

All registration fees are in US dollars.

Early registration fees from 4 September through 8 October are as follows: regular members, $170; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $75; graduate student members, $55; emeriti members, $75; unemployed members and members employed part-time, $60.

Registration fees from 9 October through 8 December are as follows: regular members, $200; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $75; graduate student members, $55; emeriti members, $75; unemployed members and members employed part-time, $60; nonmembers, $260; graduate student nonmembers, $80.

Registration fees after 8 December are as follows: regular members, $230; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $85; graduate student members, $65; emeriti members, $85; unemployed members and members employed part-time, $70; nonmembers, $290; graduate student nonmembers, $90. Registrations will be accepted after 3 December, but programs (for nonmembers) and badges may not be sent.

On-Site Registration

Attendees who have not registered may register during the convention at the registration area located in the Vancouver Convention Centre (Prefunction, level 1, West Building). The registration area will be open on 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 9 and 10 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

There will be a satellite registration and badge replacement center at the Fairmont Waterfront (Waterfront Ballroom Prefunction Lobby).

Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, sent to the associate director of convention programs at the MLA office, and postmarked no later than 9 January 2015. Refunds requested after 9 January 2015 will not be granted. A $20 service fee will be deducted from all refunds.

Hotels

Hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who are registered for the convention. Each convention registrant can reserve 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 register and pay their registration fees for the convention.) Convention registrants who arrive in Vancouver without hotel arrangements may go to the housing desk at the Vancouver Convention Centre (Prefunction, level 1, West Building). A representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be there to help such attendees find housing and to assist attendees with any hotel issues they may have.

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Traveling to Canada

Passports

You will need a valid passport if you are traveling to the convention from outside Canada. Make sure your passport is current (http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html). United States passport orders and renewals can take four to six weeks to process.

Visas, Reentry, and Other Restrictions

Find out more about visiting Canada (www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/) and about whether you need a visa (www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp) for the 2015 convention. Students in the United States on F-1 visas can find out about requirements for reentry (www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq_f2.htm) on the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Web site.

If you are traveling with children under 18, please note that identification is required for all members of your party. To avoid delays at Canadian border crossings, make sure you have this identification on hand. To learn about any additional requirements, visit the Canadian Border Security Agency site (http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/td-dv-eng.html) before you travel.

Canada may deny entry to persons who are deemed inadmissible because of crime convictions, certain health issues, serious financial problems, and other reasons. For admissibility information visit www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility.

Transportation to and in Vancouver

MLA convention hotels are located near the Vancouver Convention Centre. For information on travel discounts, please visit www.mla.org/conv_travel.

Airport Transportation. Vancouver is served by Vancouver International Airport. For airport information, visit www.YVR.com/. The rates for taxis from the airport to downtown Vancouver are $34–$36 (in Canadian dollars). Rates vary based on travel time and are subject to change. Translink (translink.ca) serves the airport for easy and economical travel to downtown Vancouver. The Canada Skytrain C connects directly to the airport. Visit thecanadaline.com for fare information and maps.

Amtrak. Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) trains enter and leave Vancouver's Pacific Central Station (VAC). Nearby MLA hotels can be reached by Translink (translink.ca) or taxi. When booking your trip, select Vancouver, BC (VAC), not Vancouver, WA (VAN).

Program Online

A searchable program for the convention is available online. A streamlined version for mobile devices will be available during the convention.

Policies

Audio- 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 audio- or videotaping will take place during a part of the session. Only background taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to film the convention as part of a creative or documentary project must have been submitted to the Executive Council by 17 October.

Badges

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the Job

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Information Center. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome center in the Vancouver Convention Centre and at the satellite registration and badge replacement center in the Fairmont Waterfront. Lost badges can be replaced for $10 at the MLA registration and welcome center.

Fragrance

The Committee on Disability Issues in the Profession reminds attendees that refraining from using scented products will help ensure the comfort of everyone at the convention.

Guest Passes

A convention speaker may obtain a pass for a guest who has no professional interest in language or literature to hear a paper given by that speaker. The speaker must request the pass at the MLA registration and welcome center on the day of the session, before the center closes. The speaker must provide his or her name, session details (session number, room, date, and time), and the guest's name. Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers, by MLA members who have not registered for the convention, or by speakers for guests for any reason other than to see that person speak in a particular session.

All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves are required to register in order to participate in or attend sessions.

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, Vancouver Convention Centre West Building (Ballroom AB, level 1).

Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check in to your hotel. Security personnel may ask to see a hotel room key or may ask that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key.

MLA's Policies against Discrimination and Harassment

The MLA prohibits discrimination in employment, including discrimination in the form of harassment, against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, military status, or any other characteristic protected by law. Sexual harassment (such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature) is a specific type of discriminatory harassment and is prohibited. The MLA has policies in place to ensure that any violations involving MLA employees will be handled in an appropriate manner. If you believe you have been subjected to unlawful discrimination by an MLA employee, please contact Arlene Barnard, Terrence Callaghan, or Judy Goulding.

The MLA reminds participants in the convention that federal law prohibits discrimination in employment, including discrimination in the form of harassment, against any person. Please ensure that all individuals in your organization who are participating in the MLA's convention as your representatives are made aware of and understand that they must comply with applicable law.

Reading in Absentia

To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by *Skype*, videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted. Presenters who are unable to attend the convention because of unforeseen emergencies are reminded that they may include a link to their papers in the online Program.

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Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most buildings in Vancouver.

On-Site Resources

Child Care

Convention participants who would like to have child care during the convention should preregister for a possible on-site child care service through KiddieCorp. If a sufficient number of children are registered for child care by 31 October, a daytime child care center will operate in the Fairmont Waterfront. If a sufficient number of children are not registered for the service by that date, the service will not be offered. For more information on child care arrangements, visit www.mla.org/childcare.

If daytime child care is not offered through KiddieCorp, the MLA will have funds available to reimburse up to $300 each to members who use child care services provided by one of the convention hotels or another service during convention hours. If more requests are received than can be reimbursed with available funds, preference will be given to graduate students and members in lower-income categories.

Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with supporting documentation such as a receipt from a child care service, no later than 29 January 2015 to Karin Bagnall, Associate Director of Convention Programs, Modern Language Association, 26 Broadway, 3rd floor, New York, NY 10004-1789.

Convention Guide *and* Convention Daily

The *Convention Guide*, containing city and hotel maps and providing general information pertinent throughout the convention, will be available as a PDF on the MLA Web site in December and at the convention. The *Convention Daily* prints special notices, changes in schedule, and brief reports on convention activities and appears Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during the convention. Copies are available free at the MLA registration and welcome center; the 8 January issue will appear on the MLA Web site before the convention.

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. Stacey Courtney coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities; she can be reached at the MLA convention office at scourtney@mla.org.

Meeting Rooms. Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. There will be a desk in the MLA registration and welcome center at the Vancouver Convention Centre (Prefunction, level 1, West Building) staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be a desk at the Fairmont Waterfront (Lobby level).

Hotel Rooms. To reserve hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, participants must have checked the appropriate boxes on the convention registration and housing reservation forms or contacted Stacey Courtney in the MLA convention office by 14 November.

Transportation. A complimentary transportation service will be available throughout convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Arrangements may be made at the desks for persons with disabilities in the Vancouver Convention Centre (Prefunction, level 1, West Building) and the Fairmont Waterfront (Lobby level). Further details will be available closer to the convention.

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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 type size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned. Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning are available on request. The deadline to arrange for an interpreter is 14 November, though the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests. To arrange for either of these services, write or call Stacey Courtney in the MLA convention office.

Scooter Rentals. Scooters, for navigating the convention more easily, can be rented from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or www.scootaround.com/rentals/m/mla).

Friends of Bill W.

Room 4 in the Vancouver Convention Centre (Meeting level, East Building) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours.

Meetings will be held at the following times: 9 January, 7:00–8:15 p.m.; 10 January, 11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. and 7:00–8:15 p.m.; 11 January 7:30–8:20 a.m.

Headquarters Office

The headquarters office will be located in the Vancouver Convention Centre (105–106, level 1, West Building). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in the office whenever sessions are in progress to handle problems that might arise with meeting rooms or meeting facilities. Program organizers are asked to refer questions on such matters to the headquarters office, not to the venue management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA registration and welcome center.

Lounges

Areas furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Vancouver Convention Centre (Ballroom D, level 1, West Building). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Vancouver Convention Centre (201, level 2, West Building).

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. Determine the recipient's hotel by referring to the "Who's Here" listing (see "Who's Here" section) posted near the members' lounge in the Vancouver Convention Centre, 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 lounge.

MLA Registration and Welcome Center

General questions about the convention and the association will be answered at the MLA registration and welcome center in the Vancouver Convention Centre (Prefunction, level 1, West Building). Copies of the Program will be sold at the center; the *Convention Guide* and the *Convention Daily* will be available free at the registration and welcome center and at the satellite registration and badge replacement center in the Fairmont Waterfront (Foyer, Lobby level). The center will be open on 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 9 and 10 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Press Office

The press office is located in the Vancouver Convention Centre (107, level 1, West Building).

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Print Copies of the Program

Copies of the Program can be purchased for $15 at the MLA registration and welcome center. 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.

Shuttle Service

Because of the proximity of the Vancouver Convention Centre and the Fairmont Waterfront, there will be transportation available only for attendees with disabilities.

Speaker Ready Room

Space in the Vancouver Convention Centre (103–104, level 1, West Building) has been reserved to allow speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions. Those who have computer presentations are strongly encouraged to pretest their presentations in the speaker ready room during convention hours. Please contact Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mla.org) with audiovisual questions. Requests for audiovisual equipment were due 1 April; we are unable to accommodate late requests.

Twitter

We encourage attendees to tweet sessions using the convention hashtag (#mla15) and session hashtags (e.g., #S406).

"Who's Here" Directory

The "Who's Here" directory will be posted in the members' lounge in the Vancouver Convention Centre (Ballroom D, level 1, West Building), and near the Job Information Center in the Fairmont Waterfront (Prefunction, Lobby level). 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 12 December. Only the names of hotels listed on the convention housing form or local addresses are listed. Members are advised to check their own "Who's Here" listings for accuracy and to make any necessary revisions. The information used to compile the list comes from the housing service, not from the MLA.

Wi-Fi Access

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Vancouver Convention Centre and in the Fairmont Waterfront.

Job Information Center

For Prearranged Interviews

Consult the interviewer's sign-in file in the Fairmont Waterfront (Waterfront Ballroom, Lobby 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 Fairmont Waterfront (Waterfront Ballroom, Lobby level), and ask a staff member for the table number.

If the interviewer has not signed in, consult the "Who's Here" directory in the Vancouver Convention Centre or near the Job Information Center in the Fairmont Waterfront (Lobby level). 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 Here"

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directory, check the Program Participants section of the convention program to see whether that interviewer is speaking at or chairing a session 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 Fairmont Waterfront (Waterfront Ballroom, Lobby level). A list of available positions will be posted, and a counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 9 and 10 January. An interviewers' sign-in file will be maintained. 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.

Location and Hours

The Job Information Center (Waterfront Ballroom, Lobby level, Fairmont Waterfront) will be open on 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 9 and 10 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Exhibits

Be sure to schedule time to visit the exhibit hall (Vancouver Convention Centre, Ballroom AB, level 1, West Building). The hall is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 9 and 10 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 11 January. Take advantage of special promotions and visit the Exhibit Hall Theater. Explore nearly one hundred exhibit booths representing a variety of materials and services of interest to teachers, scholars, and students of language and literature. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes.

Exhibit Hall Theater

In the Exhibit Hall Theater (MLA Exhibit Hall, Vancouver Convention Centre, Ballroom AB, level 1, West Building), exhibiting companies will conduct scheduled presentations, readings, and product demonstrations during exhibit hall hours. View the Exhibit Hall Theater schedule on page 918 or in the online program for details on presentations, to take place during the breaks between sessions.

Exhibitors

To view a list of the 2015 exhibitors, go to page 916 or www.mla.org/list_of_2015_exhibit.

MLA PubCentral

Visit the new MLA PubCentral in the Vancouver Convention Centre (Prefunction level 1, West Building) for everything related to MLA publications. Shop for MLA products at the booth, explore the *MLA International Bibliography*, update your *MLA Commons* profile, and browse the winners of MLA's publication prizes all in one central location just outside the exhibit hall.

Booth Happenings. All MLA titles ordered at the booth will be discounted 30%. A reception will be held on 9 January, at 3:30 p.m., celebrating new titles released by the MLA in 2014. Drop by, raise a glass, and take home a free surprise gift. Please check the *Convention Daily* and the MLA Annual Convention *Twitter* feed for up-to-date information on exhibit booth activities.

Display and Video of 2014 MLA-Prize-Winning Books. A display of the books that are 2014 MLA prize winners and a video featuring material from the winners will be located in MLA PubCentral. Many of the prizewinning publishers are exhibiting

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and will have copies of these books for sale at their booths. The winners will receive their awards at the MLA Awards Ceremony, which will take place Saturday, 10 January, at 6:45 p.m. in the Vancouver Convention Centre (301, level 3, West Building) and will be immediately followed by a reception.

MLA Commons. *MLA Commons* is designed to facilitate active member-to-member communication, to support the work of MLA groups, and much more. Staff members will be available to demonstrate the platform's function and to assist with account activation in MLA PubCentral.

MLA International Bibliography. The *MLA International Bibliography* provides a subject index for books and articles published on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. Bibliography staff members will be on hand in MLA PubCentral to answer questions, provide demonstrations, and help with searches.

Event Highlights

MLA Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 10 January in the Vancouver Convention Centre (301, level 3, West Building). Margaret W. Ferguson, Univ. of California, Davis, MLA President, will announce the newly elected honorary fellows and member. Roland Greene, Stanford Univ., First Vice President, will present awards to the recipients of the William Riley Parker Prize; James Russell Lowell Prize; MLA Prize for a First Book; Mina P. Shaughnessy Prize; MLA Prize for Independent Scholars; Howard R. Marraro Prize; Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Studies; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Germanic Languages and Literatures; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Literary Work; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Publication Award for a Manuscript in Italian Literary Studies; MLA Prize for a Bibliography, Archive, or Digital Project; William Sanders Scarborough Prize; Fenia and Yaakov Leviant Memorial Prize in Yiddish Studies; and MLA Prize in Native American Literatures, Cultures, and Languages. Rosemary G. Feal, MLA, will present the *MLA International Bibliography* Fellowship Awards. Rosemary G. Feal will announce the recipients of the seal of approval from the Committee on Scholarly Editions. Sibelan Forrester, Swarthmore Coll., ADFL President, will present the ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession to Olga Kagan, Univ. of California, Los Angeles. Remarks by Kagan will follow. Kernt Cartwright, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, ADE President, will present the ADE Francis Andrew March Award to Neal Lester, Arizona State Univ. Remarks by Lester will follow. Margaret W. Ferguson will present the MLA Award for Lifetime Scholarly Achievement to Rolena Adorno. Remarks by Adorno will follow. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Address

The Presidential Address will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 9 January in the Vancouver Convention Centre (301, level 3, West Building). Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will report on the association's 2014 activities, and President Margaret W. Ferguson will deliver the Presidential Address. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Forum

The Presidential Forum will take place at 10:15 a.m. on 9 January in the Vancouver Convention Centre (301, level 3, West Building).

Council of Editors of Learned Journals

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Learned Journals (CELJ) will be available for consultation and advice for other editors and scholars who have questions about what to expect in journal submission, peer review, and publishing processes. Beginning scholars (graduate students and entry-level professors) are particularly welcome.

Editors from CELJ will be available to provide informal information and private consultations on 9 and 10 January from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Vancouver Convention Centre (101, level 1, West Building). Those interested in meeting with a CELJ editor at the MLA convention should write to Graham MacPhee at gmacphee@wcupa.edu.

Government Careers

On 8 January from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. in the Vancouver Convention Centre (1, Meeting level, East Building), representatives from federal government agencies will offer a workshop highlighting federal careers that utilize skills in languages and cultural expertise—translator, interpreter, instructor, intelligence analyst, language analyst, foreign language program manager, foreign service officer, and law enforcement officer. A question-and-answer period concludes the session.

On 9 January from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the Vancouver Convention Centre (121, level 1, West Building), officials from federal government agencies will offer a workshop providing an overview of the National Security Education Program and its initiatives, including the David L. Boren scholarships and the Language Flagship program. Subject matter experts discuss career opportunities and the application process. A question-and-answer period concludes the session.

NEH Information

On 10 January from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Vancouver Convention Centre (1, Meeting level, East Building), representatives from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will offer a workshop that highlights recent awards and outlines current funding opportunities. In addition to emphasizing grant programs that support individual and collaborative research and education, the workshop includes information on the NEH's Office of Digital Humanities. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Governance

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 (subject to strict time limits), are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on 10 January in the Vancouver Convention Centre (East Ballroom AB, Convention level, East Building). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge.

An open hearing of the Delegate Assembly, at which MLA members may present their views, will be held at 10:15 a.m. on 9 January in the Vancouver Convention Centre (122, level 1, West Building). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge. Members who wish to submit emergency resolutions to the Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee should attend the open hearing on resolutions on 9 January at 12:00 noon in the Vancouver Convention Centre (122, level 1, West Building). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge. The deadline for submitting emergency resolutions to the presider is 1:00 p.m.

Procedures for submitting resolutions, which are general statements of membership sentiment, are described in article 11.C.3 of

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the MLA constitution, in "Preparing Resolutions for the Delegate Assembly" (www.mla.org/prep_resdelegateassembly), and in "Checklists for Submitting Resolutions" (www.mla.org/submit_checklist).

Emergencies

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.

Vancouver Convention Centre. Dial 7500 from any house phone.

Fairmont Waterfront. Dial 0 from any house phone.

What to Do in Case of a Weather or Other Emergency

If weather or an emergency in Vancouver should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA Web site. If a local or personal emergency should cause you to have to delay or cancel your attendance at the convention, you should contact your hotel directly as early as possible. A one-night room and tax penalty may apply. Registrants who booked their travel through UNIGLOBE One Travel should call 888 221-5221 during business hours (Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. PST) or 800 787-2912 after hours, using member number 7R10; others should call their carrier directly. Requests for registration refunds must be postmarked by 9 January. If you are scheduled to speak or participate in a session, please notify the session organizer. You may also want to annotate your session listing in the online Program.

MLA sessions should only be canceled if nearly all the participants are unable to attend the convention. In such a situation, please contact the MLA convention office immediately (convention@mla.org) so that convention attendees can be informed of the cancellation. Organizers should also inform all the session participants of the cancellation.

Future Conventions

Calls for Papers

Calls for papers may be submitted online (12 January–28 February 2015) or reviewed online (12 January–31 March 2015) at www.mla.org/conv_papers for the 2016 MLA convention in Austin (7–10 January 2016).

Locations

The 131st MLA Annual Convention will take place in Austin from 7 to 10 January 2016. The 133rd MLA Annual Convention will take place in New York City from 4 to 7 January 2018. The location of the 2017 convention will be determined at a later date. Please visit www.mla.org/future_conventions for updates.

Organizing Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2016 convention in Austin will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2015.

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