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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 (www.mla.org/conv_registration).

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 2014 dues, a membership desk will be located in both registration and welcome centers.

Fees

Early registration fees from 4 September through 2 October are as follows: regular members, $160; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $65; graduate student members, $55; emeriti members, $65; unemployed members and members employed part-time, $60.

Registration fees from 3 October through 3 December are as follows: regular members, $190; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $65; graduate student members, $55; emeriti members, $65; unemployed members and members employed part-time, $60; nonmembers, $250; graduate student nonmembers, $80.

Registration fees after 3 December are as follows: regular members, $220; regular members outside the United States and Canada, $75; graduate student members, $65; emeriti members, $75; unemployed members and members employed part-time, $70; nonmembers, $280; 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 areas located in the Chicago Marriott (5th floor) and the Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level 3). The registration area will be open on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 10 and 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 12 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

There will be a satellite registration and badge replacement center at the Fairmont (Imperial Ballroom Lobby, level B2).

Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, sent to the director of convention programs at the MLA office, and postmarked no later than 10 January 2014. Refunds requested after 10 January 2014 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 Chicago without hotel arrangements may go to the housing desk at the Chicago Marriott (5th floor). 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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Transportation to and in Chicago

MLA convention hotels are located in the North Michigan Avenue area.

Airport Transportation. Chicago is served by O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport. For airport information, visit www.flychicago.com/. The rates for taxis to downtown Chicago are $40–$50 from O'Hare and $30–$40 from Midway. Rates vary based on travel time and are subject to change. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) serves both airports for easy and economical travel to downtown Chicago. The CTA Blue Line connects directly to O'Hare, and the CTA Orange Line connects directly to Midway. Visit transitchicago.com/airports for fare information and maps. GO Airport Express (www.airportexpress.com/service_to_from_airports) provides shared ride services from the airports to all downtown hotels.

Amtrak. Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) trains enter and leave downtown Chicago's Union Station. Nearby MLA hotels can be reached by CTA (transitchicago.com) or taxi.

Program Online

A searchable program for the convention will be available later this fall. 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 Information Center. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome centers in the Chicago Marriott and the Sheraton Chicago and at the satellite registration and badge replacement center in the Fairmont. Lost badges can be replaced for $10 at the MLA registration and welcome centers.

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 family member or friend who has no professional interest in language or literature to hear a paper given by that speaker. These passes must be requested at the MLA registration and welcome centers by the speaker on the day of the session. 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, 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. Please note that if you need a pass for an

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evening session you must obtain it before the MLA registration and welcome 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, Sheraton Chicago (River Exhibition Hall, 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 Terrence Callaghan, Nelly Furman, 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.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most buildings in Chicago.

On-Site Resources

Business Centers

Chicago Marriott, Fed Ex Office, 2nd floor
Sheraton Chicago, Fed Ex Office, Lobby level 3
Fairmont Business Center, B1

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. 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 or to obtain a preregistration form, 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

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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 2014 to Maribeth Kraus, 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 centers; the 9 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.

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 convention registration and welcome centers at the Chicago Marriott (5th floor) and the Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level 3) staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be a desk at the Fairmont (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 form and the housing reservation form or written or called 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 may be made at the desks for persons with disabilities in the Chicago Marriott (5th floor), the Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level 3), and the Fairmont (Lobby level). Further details and phone numbers will be posted at 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 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 15 November, though the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests. To arrange for either of these services, write or call Karin Bagnall 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).

Karin Bagnall coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities; she can be reached at the MLA convention office at kbagnall@mla.org.

Display and Video of 2013 MLA-Prize-Winning Books

A display of the books that are 2013 MLA prize winners and a video featuring material

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from the winners will be located near the exhibit hall (River Exhibition Hall, level 1, Sheraton Chicago). Many of the prizewinning publishers are exhibiting 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, 11 January, at 6:45 p.m. in the Sheraton Chicago (Sheraton IV–V) and will be immediately followed by a reception.

Flickr

We encourage attendees to tag their convention photos with mla14 on *Flickr*.

Friends of Bill W.

In the Chicago Marriott, Navy Pier (10th floor) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours.

Headquarters Offices

Headquarters offices will be located in the Chicago Marriott (Scottsdale, 5th floor) and the Sheraton Chicago (Parlor A, Lobby level 3). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in these offices 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 one of the headquarters offices, not to the hotel management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA registration and welcome centers.

Lounges

Areas furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Chicago Marriott (North Alcove, 5th floor) and the Sheraton Chicago (Ballroom Promenade East End, Ballroom level 4). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Chicago Marriott (River North, 2nd floor).

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 Chicago Marriott and the Sheraton Chicago, 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 Centers

General questions about the convention and the association will be answered at the MLA registration and welcome centers in the Chicago Marriott (5th floor) and the Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level 3). Copies of the Program will be sold at the centers; the *Convention Guide* and the *Convention Daily* will be available free at the registration and welcome centers and at the satellite registration and badge replacement center in the Fairmont (Imperial Ballroom Lobby, level B2), and through the MLA Web site. These will be open on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 10 and 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 12 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Press Office

The press office is located in the Chicago Marriott (Printers Row, 2nd floor).

Print Copies of the Program

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

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Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will operate among the Chicago Marriott, the Sheraton Chicago, and the Fairmont. Further details will be available at the convention and on the MLA Web site. There will be a shuttle service available throughout the convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities.

Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the Chicago Marriott (Denver, 3rd floor) and the Sheraton Chicago (Parlor B, Lobby level 3) 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 one of the speaker ready rooms during convention hours. Please contact Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@**mla.org) with audiovisual ques**tions. 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 (#mla14) and session hashtags (e.g., #S380).

"Who's Here" Directory

The "Who's Here" directory will be posted in the members' lounge in the Chicago Marriott (North Alcove, 5th floor), the Sheraton Chicago (Ballroom Promenade East End, Ballroom level 4), and near the Job Information Center in the Fairmont (level B2). 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 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 Chicago Marriott and the Sheraton Chicago.

Job Information Center

For Prearranged Interviews

Consult the interviewer's sign-in file in the Fairmont (Imperial Ballroom, level B2) 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 (Imperial Ballroom, level B2), and ask a staff member for the table number.

If the interviewer has not signed in, consult the "Who's Here" directory in the members' lounge in the Chicago Marriott, the Sheraton Chicago, or near the Job Information Center in the Fairmont (level B2). 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" 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 (Imperial

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Ballroom, level B2). A list of available positions will be posted, and a counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 10 and 11 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 (Imperial Ballroom, level B2, Fairmont) will be open on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 10 and 11 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 12 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Exhibits

Be sure to schedule time to visit the exhibit hall (Sheraton Chicago, River Exhibition Hall, level 1). The hall is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 10 and 11 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 12 January. Take advantage of special promotions and visit the new Exhibit Hall Theater. View the Exhibit Hall Theater schedule in the online Program for presentations and product demonstrations by your favorite exhibitors, and incorporate these events into your convention calendar. Connect with nearly one hundred firms that represent a variety of materials and services of interest to teachers and students of language and literature. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. To view a list of the 2014 exhibitors, please refer to the *Convention Guide* or visit www.mla.org/list_of_2014_exhibit.

Exhibit Hall Theater

In the Exhibit Hall Theater (MLA Exhibit Hall, Sheraton Chicago, River Exhibition Hall, level 1), exhibiting companies will conduct scheduled presentations, readings, and product demonstrations during exhibit hall hours. View the Exhibit Hall Theater schedule on page 1070 for details; presentations, to take place during the breaks between sessions, will also be listed in the Program.

Exhibitors

To view a list of the 2014 exhibitors, go to www.mla.org/list_of_2014_exhibit.

MLA Exhibit Booth Happenings (Booth 100)

All MLA titles ordered at the booth will be discounted 30%.

A reception will be held on 10 January, at 3:30 p.m., celebrating new titles released by the MLA in 2013. Drop by, raise a glass, and take home a free *MLA Commons* microfiber cloth.

MLA International Bibliography staff members will be on hand during exhibit hall hours to answer questions, provide demonstrations, and help with searches.

Please check the *Convention Daily* and the MLA Annual Convention *Twitter* feed for up-to-date information on exhibit booth activities.

Event Highlights

MLA Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 11 January in the Sheraton Chicago (Sheraton IV–V, Ballroom level 4). First Vice President Margaret W. Ferguson will present awards to the recipients of the William Riley Parker Prize, James Russell Lowell Prize, MLA Prize for a First Book, Kenneth W. Mildenberger Prize, Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize, Morton N. Cohen Award, MLA Prize for a Scholarly Edition, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies, Aldo

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and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Studies, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Slavic Languages and Literatures, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Scholarly Study of Literature, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Italian Studies, Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Publication Award for a Manuscript in Italian Literary Studies, Lois Roth Award, William Sanders Scarborough Prize, and MLA Prize in United States Latina and Latino and Chicana and Chicano Literary and Cultural Studies. 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. Timothy Scheie, Univ. of Rochester, Eastman School of Music, ADFL President, will present the ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession to Elizabeth Bernhardt, Stanford Univ. Remarks by Bernhardt will follow. Susan Miller, Santa Fe Coll., ADE President, will present the ADE Francis Andrew March Award to Carol T. Christ, Smith Coll. Remarks by Christ will follow. Marianne Hirsch will present the Phyllis Franklin Award for Public Advocacy of the Humanities to John Sayles, Anarchists' Convention, Inc. Remarks by Sayles 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 10 January in the Sheraton Chicago (Sheraton IV–V, Ballroom level 4). Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will report on the association's 2013 activities, and President Marianne Hirsch 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 10 January in the Sheraton Chicago (Sheraton IV–V, Ballroom level 4).

Informational Sessions and Workshops

Chicago Humanities Summit

The MLA, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Chicago Humanities Festival are cosponsoring a Humanities Summit that will take place on Thursday, 9 January. For more information, please visit chicagohumanities.org/.

Council of Editors of Learned Journals

Officers and experienced editors who are members of the Council of Editors of 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 10 and 11 January from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Tennessee, Sheraton Chicago. Please visit www.celj.org/node/1829 for more information. Those interested in meeting with a CELJ editor at the MLA convention should contact Richard Kopley at rxk3@psu.edu.

Electronic Literature Exhibit: Pathfinders: Twenty-Five Years of Experimental Literary Art

Pathfinders: Twenty-Five Years of Experimental Literary Art continues the work of *Pathfinders: Documenting the Experience of Early Digital Literature* by featuring the work of the pioneering experimental literary artists and technologies of the late 1980s and early 1990s, as well as highlighting innovative contemporary artists experimenting today with cutting-edge computing technologies for literary production.

The first part of the exhibit will show Stuart Moulthrop's *Victory Garden*, John McDaid's *Uncle Buddy Phantom Funhouse*, Judy Malloy's *Uncle Roger: The Blue Notebook*, and Shelley Jackson's *Patchwork Girl* (on the

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computers the works were originally viewed on at the time of their publication) and will screen the documentation videos produced for the *Pathfinders* project.

The second part of the exhibit will feature various contemporary artists who have produced narratives, poetry, drama, and essays through physical computing technologies, augmented reality, social media, mobile media, and other innovative approaches.

The archival Web site will be located at http://dtc-wsuv.org/wp/pathfinders/exhibit.

The exhibit, located in the Sheraton Chicago (Sheraton II, Ballroom level 4), will be open Thursday, 9 January, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.; Friday, 10 January, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 January, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Government Careers

On 9 January from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. in the Fairmont (Gold), 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. Afterward, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., representatives will be available at the Fairmont (Gold) to answer questions about government careers that use skills in languages and cultural expertise.

On 11 January from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Chicago (Chicago X), officials from federal government agencies will offer a workshop describing training requirements the federal government is looking to sponsor as well as future employment possibilities for students. Designed for professors and university program administrators of federal programs in foreign languages, this session provides an overview of what federal training requirements universities may propose and of what federal programs are available to undergraduate and graduate students.

MLA Commons

MLA Commons is designed to facilitate active member-to-member communication, to support the work of divisions and discussion groups, and much more. Live presentations on the platform will be held in the Exhibit Hall Theater from 4:50 to 5:10 p.m. on 10 January and from 9:50 to 10:10 a.m. on 11 January. Volunteers will be available to demonstrate the platform's function and to assist with account activation in the registration and welcome center at the Chicago Marriott (5th floor).

NEH Information

On 10 January from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Chicago VIII, Sheraton Chicago, representatives from the NEH will offer a workshop that highlights recent awards and outlines current funding opportunities.

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, are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on 11 January in the Chicago Marriott (Grand III, 7th floor).

An open hearing of the Delegate Assembly, at which MLA members may present their views, will be held at 10:15 a.m. on 10 January in the Chicago Marriott (Armitage, 4th floor). Members who wish to submit formal resolutions to the Delegate Assembly should attend the open hearing on resolutions held on 10 January at 12:00 noon in the Chicago Marriott (Armitage, 4th floor).

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; copies of this section of the constitution will be available at the MLA registration and welcome centers.

Emergencies

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another. *Chicago Marriott*. Dial 0 from any house phone. *Sheraton Chicago*. Dial 88 from any house phone. *Fairmont*. Dial 0 from any house phone.

What to Do in Case of a Weather or Other Emergency

If weather or an emergency in Chicago 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 as early as possible. Registrants who booked their travel through MacNair Travel should call 877 410-8195; others should call their carrier directly. Requests for registration refunds must be postmarked by 10 January. Visit www.mla.org/conv_registration for more information. 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 at www.mla.org/cfp_main or reviewed online at www.mla.org/conv_papers for the 2015 MLA convention in Vancouver (8–11 January 2015).

Locations

The 130th MLA Annual Convention will take place in Vancouver from 8 to 11 January 2015.

The 133rd MLA Annual Convention will take place in New York City from 4 to 7 January 2018.

Locations for conventions beyond 2015 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 2015 convention in Vancouver will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2014.

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