

## ❖ Publications

- *ASAIL Newsletter (1973-75)*
- *SAIL new series (1977-88)*
- *ASAIL Notes (1984-98)*
- *SAIL Series 2 (1989- )*
- *The SAIL Review (2021- )*

## ❖ M.L.A. reports

- 1999
- 2006
- 2013
- 2020

## ❖ Past officers

### ❖ **Business meeting minutes** (2002-12)

### ❖ **Treasurer reports** (1994-2010)

## ❖ Incorporation documents

- Application for IRS Employer Identification Number (form SS-4)
- EIN approval letter
- application to Virginia State Corporation Commission
- VA SCC certificate of incorporation
- application for 501(c)(3) tax status (form 1023)
- 501(c)(3) approval letter

## ❖ ASAIL Virtual Conferences

- April 2022
- April 2023
- April 2024

1999 REPORT  
TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION FOR  
RENEWAL OF ALLIED STATUS FOR THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF  
AMERICAN INDIAN LITERATURES (ASAIL)

**The members of the Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures (ASAIL), an allied organization of the Modern Language Association, petition the Program Committee of MLA to renew ASAIL's allied status.**

I. HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN INDIAN LITERATURES (ASAIL), 1972-1999.

Founded at the 1972 MLA Conference by Randall Ackley, Larry Evers, Wayne Franklin, Kenneth Roemer, Per Seyersted, and Leslie Silko, the Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures (ASAIL) currently has more than 400 members, many of whom are actively involved in the work of the organization. During the past twenty-seven years, ASAIL has sponsored discussion panels, workshops, and readings which have attracted not only American Indian scholars and writers, but also a number of non-Native scholars as well. ASAIL has solicited proposals for these sessions through announcements in the *MLA Newsletter* and in ASAIL's two publications: *Studies in American Indian Literatures* (SAIL) and *ASAIL Notes*. At MLA 1998 in San Francisco, approximately 100 people attended a poetry reading sponsored by ASAIL. This reading, chaired by Ginny Carney, President of ASAIL, featured four West Coast Native poets: Gloria Bird (Spokane), Nora Dauenhauer (Tlingit), Janice Gould (Maidu), and Deborah Miranda (Ohlone/Costanoan). In fact, each year ASAIL-sponsored sessions draw enthusiastic crowds, after which ASAIL receives an average of 15-20 new requests for membership. [See [Appendix A](#) for a list of those elected to ASAIL's Executive Committee, 1980-1998, and [Appendix B](#) for a complete list of MLA Programs from 1980-1998.]

Thus, ASAIL's record of presenting well-organized and well-attended sessions at the annual MLA Conference alone merits continued allied status for the organization. Another impressive accomplishment, however, is its sponsorship of two longstanding publications: *Studies in American Indian Literatures* (SAIL) and *ASAIL Notes*. *SAIL*, the official journal of the association, is "the only scholarly journal in the United States that focuses exclusively on American Indian literatures. The journal publishes reviews, interviews, bibliographies, creative work, and scholarly, critical and theoretical articles on any aspect of Native American literatures, including traditional oral material in dual-language format or translation, written works, and live and media performances of verbal art." *SAIL* 9:3 (Fall 1997) also included an extensive "Guide to Native American Studies Programs in the United States and Canada," a primary resource for those seeking to teach or enroll in Native American Studies.

In its early stages, *SAIL* was edited briefly by Wayne Franklin (U of Iowa). The editorship moved to Karl Kroeber (Columbia U) who began the quarterly publication of the first series of *Studies in American Indian Literatures* in the Spring of 1977. Professor Kroeber continued to edit *SAIL* until 1987 when he published the last of the first series: Vol. 11, No. 2. Between 1987 and 1989, *SAIL* was published in two to three columns in *Dispatch*, a publication of a multicultural program at Columbia U. In 1989, under the leadership of the new editor, Helen Jaskoski (California State U, Fullerton), *Studies in American Indian Literatures* took on new life as Series 2. Dr. Jaskoski has assistance with the first two issues from Daniel Littlefield and James Parins (U of Arkansas, Little Rock), but at that time, Robert Nelson (U of Richmond) officially assumed the role of co-editor-- a position he continues to hold today. In 1992, Rodney Simard (UC, San Bernardino) took over as editor of *SAIL* when Helen Jaskoski was forced to resign, due to illness. In 1994, Professor Simard, too, fell ill, and John Lloyd Purdy (Western Washington U) was asked to serve as editor. Under the leadership of John Purdy and Robert Nelson, the journal--once a staple-bound publication of 36 pages, with no more than 40 subscribers--now has a mailing list of 400+ subscribers, representing more than a dozen foreign countries, as well as almost every state in the USA.

Another publication, *ASAIL Notes*, was initiated in January 1973 as the *ASAIL Newsletter*. Four issues followed, and in 1984, Andrew Wiget (New Mexico State U) became editor of this quarterly newsletter which served as a medium of information and scholarly resources for teachers and students of Native American literature. In 1987, John Lloyd Purdy took over as editor of *ASAIL Notes* and continued in that role until 1994, when he became editor of *SAIL*. At that time, Michael Wilson (U of Wisconsin, Milwaukee) took over. In 1997, Scott Stevens (Arizona State U) agreed to edit *ASAIL Notes*, and currently, more than 600 copies are mailed out to subscribers, special programs, libraries, and other interested individuals.

As an allied organization of MLA, the Association for the Study of American Literatures often collaborates with the American Indian Literatures Discussion Group, coordinating our panel sessions with theirs and holding a joint business meeting each year during the MLA Conference. Additionally, members of *ASAIL* coordinate their efforts with, and participate in, the activities of the Committee on the Literatures and Languages of America.

## II. ONGOING ACTIVITY

Since its inception in 1972, *ASAIL* has actively and continuously participated in regional and national MLA conferences [see [Appendix B](#) for *ASAIL*-sponsored MLA programs from 1980-1998]. In order to reach a diverse audience, official communications and Calls for Papers are mailed to individuals and institutions, as well as announced in the *MLA Newsletter*, *ASAIL*'s two publications, and the *ASAIL* website.

Furthermore, *ASAIL* has an active history of publications. Series I of the official journal of the association, *Studies in American Indian Literatures* (*SAIL*), was published from 1977-1987,

and *SAIL*, Series 2, has been published regularly since 1989. *ASAIL Notes*, the association newsletter, has been published regularly since 1987. Additionally, a website, maintained by Robert Nelson (U of Richmond) can be accessed at [</faculty/asail>] providing information on ASAIL, subscription forms, and a guide to Native American Studies programs in the United States and Canada.

### III. DIVERSE PARTICIPATION IN ASAIL ACTIVITIES

The Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures has actively encouraged participation from scholars and writers from various disciplines, and from non-Native as well as Native backgrounds. ASAIL has emphasized the importance of involving American Indian, Alaska Native, and First Nation scholars in every aspect of the organization, and at the 1998 MLA Conference in San Francisco, six presenters/poetry readers, from a total of sixteen participants in ASAIL sessions, were tribally affiliated Natives. As noted above, ASAIL organized a well-attended Poetry Reading by West Coast Native women at MLA 1998, and plans for the 1999 MLA Conference in Chicago include a session devoted to literature published in indigenous languages, organized by Joanne DiNova (Ojibwa), U of Waterloo, Ontario, and a session on teaching American Indian literature, which will be chaired by Ginny Carney (Cherokee), U of Kentucky.

In addition to encouraging participation by American Indians/First Nation/Alaska Native scholars, ASAIL has actively involved distinguished non-Native scholars such as Helen Jaskoski, Karl Kroeber, Arnold Krupat, Ken Roemer, and LaVonne Ruoff in the ongoing work of the organization. Our policy has been to advertise Calls for Papers in *Studies in American Indian Literatures*, *ASAIL Notes*, and the *MLA Newsletter* so that a broad spectrum of creative writers and scholars, including departments other than English, are encouraged to participate in ASAIL activities.

### IV. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**The Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures was founded in 1972.**

*The purpose of the organization shall be to promote study, criticism, and research on the oral traditions and literatures of Native Americans; to promote the teaching of such traditions and literatures, and to support and encourage contemporary Native American writers and the continuity of Native American oral traditions.*

### V. ASAIL' S BYLAWS

Please see [Appendix C](#) for ASAIL's bylaws, which were revised and approved by ASAIL membership in March 1991.

## VI. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

ASAIL currently has over 400 members, including scholars from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, and Norway as well as from the United States. Please see [Appendix D](#) for a sample membership application.

## VII. DESCRIPTION OF DUES STRUCTURE

ASAIL maintains five categories of membership:

Individual membership:	\$ 25
Institutional membership:	\$ 35
Limited income membership:	\$ 16
Sponsor:	\$ 50
Patron:	\$100

Benefits of ASAIL membership include subscriptions to *SAIL* and the newsletter *ASAIL Notes*; donations at the Sponsor and Patron level are acknowledged in the concurrent volume of *SAIL*.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Carney, President (1998-99)

Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures (ASAIL)



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## **2006 REPORT TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION FOR RENEWAL OF ALLIED STATUS FOR THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN INDIAN LITERATURES (ASAIL)**

The members of the Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures (ASAIL), an allied organization of the Modern Language Association, petition the Program Committee of MLA to renew ASAIL's allied status.

## I. HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN INDIAN LITERATURES (ASAIL), 1999-2006.

The last seven years have seen significant developments in ASAIL's mandate, which broadly includes the following: (a) promoting the rigorous and respectful study, criticism, and research in the oral traditions and literatures of Indigenous peoples throughout North America; (b) encouraging scholarship that attends to the sociopolitical priorities of Indigenous peoples and nationhood; (c) providing strong mentorship and professionalization opportunities for graduate students and junior scholars in the field; (d) expanding access to relevant pedagogical resources through conferences and the ASAIL listserv; and (e) drawing on the work of established literary voices, senior scholars, and elders, while also expanding the range of texts, critical perspectives, and analytical considerations in new and exciting directions.

Since 2002, ASAIL has had a strong relationship with the Native American Literary Symposium (NALS), an annual conference organized by a group of Native scholars in the field (the "Clan Mothers") and held in Native-owned venues throughout the United States. With the Clan Mothers' generous permission, ASAIL's annual business meeting is now held at NALS as both a symbolic and physical reminder to our membership of the expanded organizational mandate, particularly our commitment to linking literary studies to the lived realities of Indigenous peoples.

This shift in location of our business meeting has not, however, resulted in a lessening of our participation in the MLA. ASAIL has maintained a consistent and engaged presence at the MLA annual convention, with at least two sponsored panels each year, along with a cross-fertilization of both members and ideas with our annual convention meeting that takes place in association with the MLA Division on American Indian Literatures. The panels are consistently well-attended, and they have long been a forum through which new members (at least fifteen each year) are introduced to the Association and its resources.

Our active work at the MLA convention in introducing scholars to the cutting-edge of research in the field of American Indian literatures is just one example of our suitability for continuing our allied status. Three others include our journal, *Studies in American Indian Literatures* (SAIL), our official association website, and the ASAIL listserv, all of which provide resources to established and emerging scholars (as well as interested laypeople and community members).

*Studies in American Indian Literatures* is the only scholarly journal in the United States and Canada that focuses exclusively on American Indian literatures (Series 1: 1977-1987; Series 2, 1989-present). The journal was, for many years, published quarterly out of the U of Richmond under the careful supervision of our various editors and our long-time treasurer (now historian), Robert Nelson. As the field and our mandate expanded, so to did our needs, and in 2003, the journal's editor, Malea Powell, and ASAIL's former president, Chadwick Allen, signed a contract with the U of Nebraska Press for a publishing agreement between the Association and the Press. The journal began publishing quarterly with the Press with Series 2, Volume 16, Number 1 (Spring 2004).

As a result, *SAIL*'s profile has increased significantly: it is available to a much broader audience, as it is now prominently featured alongside the Press's other outstanding Native Studies journals and monographs; it is accessible electronically through Project Muse; and it is now indexed through Thomson Arts and Humanities Index and ERIC. [See sample copies of journal included with Report.]

Our website (<http://facultystaff.richmond.edu/~rnelson/ASAIL/>) not only includes Association information (bylaws, meeting minutes and notes, calls for papers, and announcements), it is also regularly updated with pedagogy and professionalization resources, including course syllabi and outlines, recent books of interest, an up-to-date list of Native Studies programs in the United States and Canada, and full-text past issues of *SAIL* (pre-V.16).

The ASAIL listserv, which includes 268 subscribers, is very active, and provides a core group of our members with the most up-to-date information on scholarship in the field, including vigorous discussions about issues of significance in Native literary studies. The listserv, which is maintained by David Payne at the U of Georgia, and the website, maintained by Robert Nelson, have replaced *ASAIL Notes* as the immediate forum for disciplinary and Association news, business, and resources. Much of the information provided on the listserv is subsequently archived on our website for easy access to both ASAIL members and the broader public.

The Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures has continued its long and productive collaboration with the Division on American Indian

Literatures through coordinating panel sessions during a joint meeting at each convention. Our members are also active on the committee on Literatures and languages of America and the MLA Delegate Assembly.

## II. ONGOING ACTIVITY

With an active and engaged membership, ASAIL continues its long history of participation in the national MLA convention, as well as other symposia and conferences throughout the United States [see **Appendix B** for ASAIL-sponsored MLA programs from 1999-2006].

Our members, both individual and institutional, are kept informed about upcoming conferences and publication calls for papers through our website, listserv, and journal.

As discussed in Section I of this report, ASAIL has strengthened its reputation as the premier site for Native literary scholarship through the expanded profile of *Studies in American Indian Literatures*. In recognition of the organization's commitment to both the broader scholarly community and Indigenous communities throughout North America, ASAIL provides free subscriptions of the journal to tribal colleges, thus strengthening the reciprocal link between Native peoples and the scholarship that represents them. Each issue of *SAIL* also includes addresses for the official governments of the tribal nations referenced in the issue, thus providing scholars with contact information to further responsible scholarship in the field.

### III. DIVERSE PARTICIPATION IN ASAIL ACTIVITIES

While focusing on the literatures and languages of the Indigenous Americas, as per our mandate, ASAIL is inclusive of a diverse and interdisciplinary constituency that includes scholars and non-academics, both Native and non-Native. Our long-time commitment to supporting Indigenous scholars and writers in the

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### V. ASAIL BYLAWS

Please see **Appendix C** for ASAIL's bylaws, which were revised and approved by ASAIL membership in March 1991, with subsequent amendments approved in 2002 and 2004.

### VI. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

ASAIL currently has around 280 individual and 140 institutional members and subscribers. The membership has a broadly international scope, with representation from many different countries, including Canada, the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Germany, Italy, England, and New Zealand. Please see **Appendix D** for a sample membership application.

### VII. DESCRIPTION OF DUES STRUCTURE

ASAIL maintains four categories of association membership:

Individual membership	\$ 30
Limited income membership	\$ 20
Sponsor	\$ 50
Patron	\$ 100

ASAIL's publishing agreement with the U of Nebraska Press provides for a \$75 institutional subscription price for *SAIL*.

Benefits of ASAIL membership include subscriptions to *SAIL* and the ASAIL listserv; donations at the Sponsor and Patron level are acknowledged in the first issue of each volume year.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Heath Justice, President (2004-2006)  
Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures (ASAIL)

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures Executive Committees, 1999-2006**

#### **2006-2007**

President: Debra K.S. Barker, U of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (2006-2008); Vice-President: Patrice E.M. Hollrah, U of Nevada, Las Vegas (2006-2008); Secretary: Lisa Tatonetti, Kansas State U (2005-2007); Treasurer: Siobhan Senier, U of New Hampshire (2005-2007); Historian: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond (standing officer); [ex officio] *SAIL* Editor: Daniel Heath Justice, U of Toronto (2006-2011)

#### **2005-2006**

President: Daniel Heath Justice, U of Toronto (2004-2006); Vice-President: Debra K.S. Barker, U of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (2004-2006; President, 2006-2008); Secretary: Lisa Tatonetti, Kansas State U (2005-2007); Treasurer: Siobhan Senier, U of New Hampshire (2005-2007); Historian: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond (standing officer); [ex officio] *SAIL* Editor: Malea Powell, Michigan State U (2000-2006)

#### **2004-2005**

President: Daniel Heath Justice, U of Toronto; Vice-President: Debra K.S. Barker, U of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Secretary: Patrice Hollrah, U of Nevada, Las Vegas; Treasurer-elect: Siobhan Senier; Historian: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond; [ex officio] *SAIL* Editor: Malea Powell, Michigan State U

#### **2003-2004**

President: Chadwick Allen, Ohio State U; Vice-President: Daniel Heath Justice, U of Toronto; Secretary: Patrice Hollrah, U of Nevada, Las Vegas; Treasurer: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond\*\*

#### **2002-2003**

President: Chadwick Allen, Ohio State U; Vice-President: Deborah Miranda, U of Washington; Secretary: Daniel Heath Justice, U of Toronto; Treasurer: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond

#### **2001-2002**

President: Joyzelle Godfrey; Vice-President: Deborah Miranda, U of Washington; Secretary: Daniel Heath Justice, U of Nebraska-Lincoln; Treasurer: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond

## **2000-2001**

President: Joyzelle Godfrey; Vice-President: Chadwick Allen, Ohio State U;  
Secretary: Malea Powell, U of Nebraska-Lincoln; Treasurer: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond

## **1999-2000**

President: Ginny Carney, U of Kentucky; Vice-President: Chadwick Allen, Ohio State U;  
Secretary: Ruth Rosenberg; Treasurer: Robert Nelson, U of Richmond

\*\*Since the ASAIL treasury was, for many years, so intimately connected to the *SAIL* mailing list, and since the journal had been produced at the U of Richmond from late 1989 to 2003, the Association voted in 1995 to suspend a bylaw in order to re-elect Robert Nelson as a standing officer (Treasurer) of ASAIL. When production of *SAIL* moved to the U of Nebraska Press in 2003, the Association voted to return to observance of the bylaw, thus opening the position of Treasurer to a general vote of the members. In recognition of Robert Nelson's long and able service to the Association over many years, and his continuing dedication to the organization and the larger field, the membership voted to create the standing office of Historian and named Nelson the first ASAIL Historian.

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **MLA Programs Arranged by the Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures 1999-2006**

#### **2006: Philadelphia (Calls for Papers)**

**American Indian Literatures in Global Contexts. *Presiding*: Chadwick Allen**

**Teaching the American Indian Boarding School Experience. *Presiding*: Deborah Miranda**

#### **2005: Washington, D.C.**

**Broadening the Conversation: Teaching beyond the Canonical Native Writers. *Presiding*:  
Debra K.S. Barker, U of Wisconsin, Eau Claire; Connie Augustine Jacobs, San Juan  
College**

*Speakers*: Granville Ganter, Saint John's U, NY; Virginia Kennedy, U of Scranton;  
Siobhan Senior, U of New Hampshire, Durham; Kenneth Morrison Roemer, U of Texas,  
Arlington; James K. Ruppert, U of Alaska, Fairbanks

**Ethics and American Indian Cultures. *Presiding*: Christina A. Roberts, U of Arizona**

1. "'Nobody Wants to Hear These Things': Academic Freedom and Ethics in Teaching Sherman Alexie's 'Can I Get a Witness?,'" Patrice E. M. Hollrah, U of Nevada, Las Vegas
2. "Modes of Ethnographic and Ethical Inquiry in Teaching American Indian Texts," Karen Lee Osborne, Columbia College, IL
3. "Creating Ethical Learning Communities," Laura J. Beard, Texas Tech U

### **2004: Philadelphia**

#### **Problems in Applying Feminist Theory to Native American Literature. *Presiding:* Patrice E.M. Hollrah, U of Nevada, Las Vegas**

1. "Navajo Womanhood in Luci Tapahonso's 'Blue Horses Rush In,'" Tereza M. Szeghi, U of Arizona
2. "Ignatia Broker's Lived Feminism: Toward a Native Women's Theory," Molly McGlennen, U of California, Davis
3. "Feminism, Nation, and the Fourth World: A Comparative Approach to Indigenous American Women's Writing," Janet McAdams, Kenyon College

#### **American Indian Literature and Visual Culture. *Presiding:* Dean Rader, U of San Francisco**

1. "Speaking Chinook: Multicultural Images in the Self-Representations and Pacific Coast Stories of E. Pauline Johnson," Martha L. Viehmann, Northern Kentucky U
2. "Liberating Words: Texts and Contexts in Edgar Heap of Bird's 'Wheel,'" Robert A. Warrior, U of Oklahoma
3. "Claiming Another Homeland: Native Novelists and Visual Artists Look to Europe," Lee F. Schweninger, U of North Carolina, Wilmington
4. "Cinema and Poetry: Sherwin Bitsui's Intertextual Performance," Angelica M. Lawson, Dartmouth College

### **2003: San Diego**

#### **Opening Our Canon: Teaching Lesser-Known Native Writers. *Presiding:* Virginia I. Carney, Leech Lake Tribal College**

1. "Land Speaking in Whispers: Jeanette Armstrong's Indigenist Fiction," Joanne R. DiNova, Corunna, Ontario
2. "Esther Belin and Laura Tohe: Urban and Traditional Diné (Navajo) Poetry," P. Jane Hafen, U of Nevada, Las Vegas
3. "Teaching LeAnne Howe's *Shellshaker* with a Tribalography Approach," Patrice E.M. Hollrah, U of Nevada, Las Vegas

**"The Dirt Is Red Here": Literature and Art of Native California. *Presiding:* Deborah A. Miranda, Pacific Lutheran U**

*Speakers:* Greg Sarris, Loyola Marymount U; Sylvia Ross, Lemon Grove, CA; L. Frank Manriquez, Sebastopol, CA; Frank LaPena, California State U, Sacramento

**2002: New York City**

**Native Literature in Native Classrooms: The Challenge of Teaching in a Tribal College. *Presiding:* Patrice E.M. Hollrah, U of Nevada, Las Vegas**

1. "Higher Education and the Ancient Knowledge of the Ojibway," Michael W. price, Red Lake Nation College
2. "The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: The Challenge of Teaching in a Tribal College," Virginia I. Carney, Leech Lake Tribal College

**Constructing Indigenous Consciousness in Colonizing Languages. *Presiding:* Daniel Heath Justice, U of Toronto**

1. "Speaking for Ourselves," Simon J. Ortiz, U of Toronto
2. "Languages of the Indigenous Web," David A. Golumbia, Long Beach, CA
3. "Evidence of Indigenous Consciousness in a Colonizing Language: Resilience and Resistance in the Poetry of Ofelia Zepeda," Angelica M. Lawson, U of Arizona
4. "Lost in Translation: Expressing Haida Ideology in English," Frederick White, Slippery Rock U

**2001: New Orleans**

**Teaching American Indian Literatures in Multicultural Contexts. *Presiding:* Eric Gary Anderson, Oklahoma State U**

1. "'Remember, We Are Dancing a Revolution': A Nonutopic Approach to Teaching Multiculturalism," Timothy Burgess Powell, U of Georgia
2. "Dances with Poles: Teaching American Indian Literatures to Eastern Europeans; or, A Survival Manual for Cultural Critique outside of the Americas," Alexia Kosmider, U of Rhode Island
3. "Two Indians: A Comparative Approach to Teaching American Indian and South Asian American Literature in the Multiethnic Classroom," Karen M. Cardozo-Kane, U of Massachusetts, Amherst
4. "Talking Cultures, Teaching U.S. Literatures Relationally," AnaLouise Keating, Texas Woman's U

**American Indian Protest Literatures. *Presiding:* Malea D. Powell, U of Nebraska-Lincoln**

1. "The Good, the Bad, and Elias Boudinot: Bringing the Literatures of American Indian Protest and Accommodation into Dialogue," Stephen J. Brandon, U of North Carolina, Greensboro
2. "'Remember Wounded Knee': The American Indian Movement and Twenty-First-Century Protest," Elizabeth Mary Rich, Saginaw Valley State U
3. "Heartspeak from the Spirit: John Trudell's Message of Resistance," Kim Lee, U of Nebraska-Lincoln
4. "Indigenous Reading, Sovereign Theory," Chadwick Allen, Ohio State U, Columbus

### **2000: Washington, D.C.**

#### **Uncanonized American Indian and First Nations Writers. *Presiding:* Malea D. Powell, U of Nebraska-Lincoln**

1. "Raven and the American Dream: Robert Davis and Tlingit Poetics," Susan Elizabeth Kollin, Montana State U, Bozeman
2. "'Mother of U.S. Senator an Indian Queen': Cultural Challenge and Appropriation in *The Memoirs of Narcissa Owens*," Stephen J. Brandon, U of North Carolina, Greensboro
3. "Claiming a Voice: Shirley Sterling's *My Name is Seepeetza*," Laura J. Beard, U de las Americas, Puebla
4. "The Creation of Deviance: Janet Hale's *The Jailing of Cecilia Capture*," Sandra K. Baringer, U of California, Riverside

#### **Teaching Native American Literature from an Indigenous Perspective. *Presiding:* Joanne R. DiNova, U of Waterloo, ON. *Respondent:* Gwen N. Griffin, Minnesota State U**

1. "Introducing Alaska Native Oral Literatures: A Haida Raven Story," Jeane Breinig, U of Alaska, Anchorage
2. "'So Where's Your Headdress?': Teaching against Stereotypes in the Native Lit Classroom," Daniel H. Justice, U of Nebraska-Lincoln
3. "Teaching American Indian Literature to American Indian Students," Joyzelle Godfrey, Lower Brule Community College, SD

### **1999: Chicago**

#### **North American Literatures in Indigenous Languages. *Presiding:* Joanne R. DiNova, U of Waterloo**

1. "The Joys and Sorrows of Talking on the Page," Nora Marks Dauenhauer, Sealaska Corp.
2. "Sustaining Our Culture: The Revitalization of the Cherokee Language," Lynne Harlan, Cherokee, NC; Marie Junaluska, Cherokee, NC

3. "Naming Metaphor: Who Defines Raven in Native Literature?" Lee Maracle, U of Toronto

**Teaching Native American Literature from an Indigenous Perspective. *Presiding: Virginia I. Carney, Eastern Kentucky U***

1. "Teaching Tribal Sovereignty or Colonial Identity? Advocacy and the Politics of Complexity," David Lewis Moore, U of Montana
2. "Rhetorical Sovereignty and Native Literatures: From the Perspective of Indigenism," Scott Richard Lyons, Miami U, Oxford
3. "Confronting Bigotry, Teaching Compassion: A Historical Approach to Teaching Native American Literature," Janice M. Gould, Portland Community College, OR

**A Reading by Susan Power (Yanktonnai Dakota)**

Program arranged by MLA Committee on the Literatures and Languages of America, the MLA Division on American Indian Literatures, the Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures, and the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian History, Newberry Library

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**APPENDIX C**

**ASAIL Bylaws**

**Approved January 4, 1991; amended 2002, 2004**

**I. Name of the organization.** The name of the organization shall be The Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures.

**II. Purpose.** The purpose of the organization shall be to promote study, criticism, and research on the oral traditions and written literatures of Native Americans; to promote the teaching of such traditions and literatures; and to support and encourage contemporary Native American writers and the continuity of Native oral traditions.

**III. Membership.** There shall be three categories of membership. The dues within each category shall be established by the Executive Committee following consultation with association members at a business meeting.

A. Regular membership. Educators professionally interested in the above-stated purpose of the organization or persons otherwise active in furthering such goals may become regular members of the association.

**B. Limited income membership.** Persons retired from professions relevant to the above-stated purpose and Native American writers may apply for membership in this category. Also, graduate students engaged in courses of study in Native American oral traditions or writing may for a

maximum of four years become members at this level, provided they do not hold full-time teaching positions.

**C. Patron.** Persons who contribute at higher financial levels than required for regular membership may join the association at this level.

**D. Honorary membership.** Honorary membership may be granted to distinguished persons of letters and scholars of any nationality upon nomination by the Executive Committee and election by the membership at an association business meeting.

**E.** Only members in good standing may hold office in the association and vote in association elections and meetings.

#### **IV. Officers--Responsibilities**

**A.** The officers of the association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

**B.** With the advice of the Executive Committee, the president shall administer the affairs of the association. The president shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and at associate business meetings. Also, the president shall communicate regularly with members through the association journal concerning association business.

**C.** The vice-president shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings and business meetings from which the president must be absent. In addition, the vice-president shall assume presidential administrative duties when so requested by the president and the Executive Committee and shall serve as liaison with other organizations whose professional purposes correspond to ASAIL's.

**D.** The secretary shall record the minutes of Executive Committee meetings and of membership business meetings. A summary of business meeting minutes shall be published in the association journal as soon as feasible following each meeting. The secretary shall also preserve minutes of all meetings for five years and shall pass these on to the succeeding secretary.

**E.** The treasurer shall collect and manage association funds (including keeping accurate and current records of association income, assets, and expenses) so as to further association goals. As major instruments for achieving these goals, the association journal and newsletter shall receive priority in the expenditure of association funds. In addition, the treasurer shall maintain accurate and current membership lists and shall answer all queries regarding membership. The treasurer shall also make financial reports at Executive Committee meetings and at association business meetings. The association financial records shall be available to the Executive Committee upon request.

#### **V. Officers -- Election.**

**A.** Officers shall be elected from among current membership.

**B.** {Amended 2002} The slate of nominees for election shall be prepared by the Election Committee prior to the association's annual business meeting at the Native American Literature Symposium.

**C.** {Amended 2002} Election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the annual business meeting during the Native American Literature Symposium. However, in unusual and compelling circumstances, the Executive Committee may, with the approval of the members present at this meeting, choose to conduct the election by mail ballot.

**D. Terms and Sequence of Elections**

1. The initial election officers shall be conducted as follows: In December, 1991, the president and the treasurer shall be elected to two year terms; the vice-president and the secretary shall be elected to one year terms.

2. Beginning with the elections of officers in December, 1992, the election sequence shall be as follows: The president and the treasurer shall be elected to two year terms in odd-numbered years; the vice-president and the secretary shall be elected to two year terms in even-numbered years.

3. {Amended 2002} Beginning with the elections of officers in March, 2004, the election sequence shall be as follows: the secretary and the treasurer shall be elected to two year terms in each odd-numbered year; the president shall automatically be succeeded by the vice-president, and a new vice-president elected, in each even-numbered year.

**E.** Neither the president nor the vice-president may be elected to consecutive terms.

**VI. Executive Committee**

**A.** The Executive Committee shall meet as often as feasible to conduct association business. In any event, the Committee shall meet at least once a year at the Modern Language Association convention and once prior to the business meeting at the association's own convention, if any.

**B.** {Amended 2004} The membership of the Executive Committee shall include the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, the editor of the association journal, and the association historian.

**C.** The responsibilities of the Committee shall be:

1. to further the goals of the organization;
2. to initiate and supervise the services of the association;



3. to approve the budget of the association and to supervise its expenditure and to act on proposals regarding dues structure and subscription rates for publications;

4. to make recommendations to the membership, to act on recommendations by members, and to inform members of actions taken;

5. to establish and discharge committees, either on recommendation of the membership or on its own initiative, and to designate their chairs;

6. {Amended 2004} to oversee publications, media, and archives of the association, including appointing, assisting, and advising the editor of the association journal and the association historian;

7. to plan conventions and other meetings of the association.

## **VII. Association Meetings.**

**A.** {Amended 2002} The association shall hold business meetings during either the Native American Literature Symposium or its own convention, if any, and during the annual Modern Language Association convention.

**B.** The association shall hold conventions at times and places determined by the Executive Committee. In an emergency, the Executive Committee shall have the power to cancel a convention.

**C.** Conventions shall be planned by the Executive Committee with the advice of a program committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

**D.** Association sessions at the annual Modern Language Association convention shall be planned by session chairs appointed by the Executive Committee.

## **VIII. Amendments.**

**A.** Proposals for amendments to these by-laws may be initiated by the Executive Committee or by any association member.

**B.** {Amended 2002} All amendments to be brought before the membership shall be published at least ninety days before the business meeting at which they are to be voted on or mailed to members at least thirty days before the business meeting.

**C.** Amendments must be approved by a majority of those voting at the business meeting. With the approval of those present at such a meeting, the Executive Committee may choose to conduct

the voting among the entire membership by mail.

### **IX. Dissolution.**

**A.** The association may be dissolved only by a vote of the members present at a special meeting called for that purpose.

**B.** On the dissolution of the association, all property remaining after the satisfaction of the association's obligations shall be distributed as the Executive Committee directs, choosing the recipients from non-profit Native American educational institutions whose goals are consistent with the interests of the association.

*N.B.* At the 12/29/90 business meeting, the membership directed the officers to proceed with incorporation. If the above document is passed by ASAIL members, the officers shall take such acceptance as authority to add to the by-laws immediately (without recourse to the above amending procedure) such language as incorporation may require.

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **Sample Membership Application**

**A S A I L**  
**Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures**  
c/o Siobhan Senier  
Dept of English  
Univ of New Hampshire  
Hamilton Smith Hall  
95 Main St.  
Durham NH 03824

Thank you for your interest in ASAIL. One of our primary purposes in the Association is to keep our members informed of recent publications and developments in the field of American Indian Literatures. ASAIL's dues-paying membership is open to all individuals and institutions interested in furthering the goals of the Association. Benefits of ASAIL membership include participation in the ASAIL electronic discussion group, voting privileges at the annual ASAIL meeting held during the MLA Convention, and a subscription to ***SAIL: Studies in American Indian Literatures***. Published quarterly, ***SAIL*** is the only journal in the United States which focuses exclusively on American Indian literatures. With a wide scope of scholars and creative contributors, the journal is always on the cutting edge of activity in the field.

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Please mail payment (in U.S. dollars only, please--check, money order, or cash are all acceptable) and this form to ASAIL Membership / c/o Siobhan Senier / Dept of English / Univ of New Hampshire / Hamilton Smith Hall / 95 Main St. / Durham NH 03824. **Note: all checks and money orders must be made payable to "UNH."**

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