

# ASSOCIATION FOR SYMBOLIC LOGIC

## 2008 BULLETIN OF INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Association for Symbolic Logic welcomes your interest in becoming a member. This pamphlet provides you with some basic information about the As-

sociation and its activities. We hope that you will join the Association and become an active member.

### PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association for Symbolic Logic is an international organization supporting research and critical studies in logic. Its primary function is to provide an effective forum for the presentation, publication, and critical discussion of scholarly work in this area of inquiry.

Logic is an ancient discipline that has undergone striking modern developments through the introduction of rigorous formal methods, stimulated largely by foundational problems in mathematics. "Symbolic logic" is a term intended to encompass the entire field of logical inquiry, undertaken in this modern spirit.

The Association was founded in 1936, at a time when great advances in logic were beginning to be made. Its first members were mainly mathematicians and philosophers who perceived a common ground and sought to strengthen it. Recent research in other areas such as computer science, linguistics, and cognitive science has also been inspired by logic, and the current membership and activities of the Association reflect such expanding interests.

The Association aims to promote an awareness and appreciation of these advances among all who may benefit. Bringing together and serving persons with diverse backgrounds remains an important function of the Association. Although it has many different aspects and is growing rapidly, the field of logic is still coherent; it is the objective of the Association to present current research in logic to all logicians in such a way as to preserve the essential integrity of the entire subject and to promote interactions of all aspects of logic with each other.

To achieve these ends, the Association engages in a broad range of activities. It organizes and sponsors meetings and summer schools throughout the world; it publishes books and journals; it awards prizes for excellence in research and exposition; it maintains professional ties with related organizations; it maintains a web site which provides information of interest to logicians; and it sends to its members a quarterly Newsletter mailing with programs of ASL meetings and other information.

### MEETINGS

The Association holds its Annual Meeting on a university campus in North America. An important objective of this meeting is to present current research in all aspects of logic in a way that is accessible to all logicians.

Each year the Association also holds a European Summer Meeting, called Logic Colloquium, that often is co-sponsored by various organizations. This event may run for a week or more and may include some form of summer school.

There usually are at least one or two additional North American meetings of the Association each

year, generally in conjunction with the Joint Mathematics Meetings or the American Philosophical Association. Meetings of the Association normally include one-hour addresses by invited speakers and briefer reports contributed by ASL members. Abstracts of these reports are published in *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*.

The Association also regularly sponsors conferences in Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and elsewhere. Reports of sponsored meetings are published in the *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*.

Proposals are welcome for special joint meetings

with other societies having an interest in the ideas and uses of logic, as are proposals for other suitable projects that are consistent with the aims of

the Association. Such proposals should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

#### PUBLICATIONS

The official journals of the Association are *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, *The Journal of Symbolic Logic*, and *The Review of Symbolic Logic*. These are described in the next section.

ASL books are published in cooperation with Cambridge University Press. The Association's book publishing program, initiated in 1999, includes the *Lecture Notes in Logic* and the *Perspectives in Logic*. The *Lecture Notes* were published from 1993 to 1999 by Springer-Verlag under editorial control of the ASL. The *Perspectives*, also published originally by Springer-Verlag, have been edited by the ASL since 1986 and have been published by the Association since 2001. The remaining Springer-Verlag stock of both the *Lecture Notes* and *Perspectives* volumes are available to members at a discount (see

<http://www.aslonline.org/books.html>). Prior to 2007, ASL books were published in cooperation with A.K. Peters Ltd. and those volumes are available at <http://www.akpeters.com>.

The Association undertakes other publishing ventures as well; for example, it participated in the project to publish the collected works of Kurt Gödel (Oxford University Press).

All of these publications are available to individual members of the Association at a discount. Information about these publications and how to order them at the member's discount can be obtained from the Business Office of the Association (see below for contact information), or by visiting the Association's web site, <http://www.aslonline.org>.

#### THE BULLETIN OF SYMBOLIC LOGIC, THE JOURNAL OF SYMBOLIC LOGIC, AND THE REVIEW OF SYMBOLIC LOGIC

*The Bulletin*, *The Journal*, and *The Review* are the official organs of the Association. The editors are respected authorities in particular areas of logic and related fields. They rely on a thorough refereeing system that maintains the highest standards.

*The Journal*, founded in 1936, focuses on original scholarly work in mathematical logic and its applications, including new aspects related to other disciplines such as computer science and linguistics. It is the leading research journal in the field. Issued quarterly, recent volumes have included about 1300 pages. Volume 73 is being published in 2008. Information concerning the submission of articles appears on the inside covers of issues of *The Journal* or on the Association's website, <http://www.aslonline.org>.

*The Bulletin* was introduced by the Association in 1995. Designed to keep the logic community abreast of important developments in all aspects of the discipline, it is meant to be accessible and of interest to a wide audience of logicians. Volume 14 of *The*

*Bulletin* is being published in 2008.

*The Bulletin* publishes expository and survey articles, and research announcements called Communications. Expository or survey articles present broad topics drawn from all areas of logic in a way that should be accessible to a large majority of logicians. Communications are announcements of new results and ideas in all aspects of logic. They should contain a description of the work and enough history, background, and explanation to make the significance of the research apparent to a wide audience. Communications are refereed carefully and published quickly to bring news of new scholarship to the logic community in a timely fashion. Information about submission appears on the inside covers of issues of *The Bulletin* or at <http://www.aslonline.org>.

The ASL publishes a Reviews Section in *The Bulletin* to provide analytical reviews of selected books and articles from all areas of logic. In choosing works to review, editors rely on the recommendations of consulting editors, and solicit reviews by recognized

authorities. The Reviews Section moved from *The Journal* to *The Bulletin* in 2000.

*The Bulletin* also publishes meeting reports with abstracts of contributed papers, and other items of general interest to logicians. The Notices section of *The Bulletin* carries news and information on meetings and other relevant matters. Each year the membership list of the Association is published in the December issue of *The Bulletin*.

*The Review* is a newly established quarterly publication of the ASL in collaboration with Cambridge University Press. The first issue will appear in June 2008. It is designed to publish research papers in philosophical and non-classical logics and their applications, history and philosophy of logic, and philosophy and methodology of mathematics. The first heading covers all areas of philosophical logic, non-classical, and algebraic logic, plus applications of these logics in such areas as computer science, linguistics, game theory and decision the-

ory, formal epistemology, and cognitive science. The second is intended to include the history of philosophy of logic (an area understood as overlapping substantially with what is often called 'history of analytic philosophy'). In addition to the philosophy of mathematics, the third also covers methodological studies of mathematical practice, past and present. The Review welcomes submissions in all these areas; detailed information may be found at <http://www.aslonline.org>.

*The Journal* and *The Bulletin* also are published online via Project Euclid (<http://projecteuclid.org>); *The Review* will be published online by Cambridge. Back volumes of *The Journal* and *The Bulletin* are available to all ASL members online via the JSTOR database. Information about access to these electronic resources for ASL members may be obtained from the ASL Business Office or at <http://www.aslonline.org>. All published issues of *The Bulletin* are also freely available online at <http://www.math.ucla.edu/~asl/bsltoc.htm>.

#### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is on a calendar year basis. Benefits of membership include personal subscriptions to the current volumes of *The Bulletin*, *The Journal*, and *The Review*, as well as receipt of the quarterly ASL Newsletter mailing. Members also may subscribe to the *Journal of Philosophical Logic* at a substantially discounted rate. Dues can be paid for up to five years in advance at the cur-

rent membership rate. Payment may be made using Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express, or by check in US dollars drawn on a US bank.

Discounted outreach memberships for individuals residing in developing countries are available on an annual basis (\$18 for 2008); contact the ASL Business Office for details. Unemployed membership status also is available.

#### INSTITUTIONAL AND CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Organizations that wish to further the aims of the Association may make a material contribution to the Association by becoming members. An academic institution may become an Institutional Member, whereas a business may become either a Corporate Associate or a Corporate Member. Discounted outreach memberships for institutions in developing countries are available on an annual basis (\$130 for 2008); for details, contact the ASL Business Office.

Privileges of such membership include a total of three selections from the following options, any of which may be selected more than once: (1) a year's print subscription to the current volumes of *The*

*Bulletin*, *The Journal*, and *The Review*; (2) a year's online subscription to the current volumes of *The Bulletin* and *The Journal*; (3) nomination of either three student members or one individual member, each for one year with all the privileges belonging thereto; and (4) any back volume of *The Journal of Symbolic Logic*. These options may be renewed or changed annually.

Individual Members of the ASL are encouraged to bring these categories of membership to the attention of appropriate officials at the academic institutions or corporations at which they are employed.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Individuals or foundations who wish to advance the aims of the Association may also make fully tax-

deductible contributions to the ASL. The Association is grateful for all support of this kind.

## JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION

Subscriptions to *The Bulletin*, *The Journal*, and *The Review* are available to libraries and other nonmembers. *The Journal* and *The Bulletin* are published online via Project Euclid (<http://projecteuclid.org>); *The Review* will be published online by Cambridge University Press.

*The Journal* and *The Bulletin* are also available on microfilm or microfiche. Back volumes of *The Journal of Symbolic Logic* and *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic* are included in the JSTOR online database. Further information can be obtained from the Association's Business Office.

## BACK VOLUMES

All back volumes are available: rates may be obtained from the Association's business office. There

is a 50% discount to Institutional Members and to individual members for their personal use.

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