

**ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMAL LOGIC  
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**From the Editor**

The one item of news since the December Newsletter is that John Hoaglund has been named the APA Eastern Division program co-ordinator for a three year term, beginning this year. We want to thank Dan Boone for his service as Eastern Division co-ordinator for a number of years. John can be contacted with suggestions about AILACT Group programs or offers to participate at [hoaglund@cnu.edu](mailto:hoaglund@cnu.edu). According to our custom, we are including our Membership Application and Renewal Form in this Newsletter. This should serve to let you know that dues for 2008 are now due. Again, should any of you have notices or other information you would like included in future issues, please e-mail me at [jfreeman@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:jfreeman@hunter.cuny.edu). Issues should be published close to April 1, August 1, and December 1 each year.

**Upcoming Meetings 2008**

**Group Session at APA Central Division, April 2008**

Panel Discussions on Issues in Informal Logic Pedagogy

Date and Time: Friday, April 18, 2008, 7:00-10:00 pm, Private Dining Room (3rd Floor (M)), Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL

Chair: Kevin Possin (Winona State University)

Panel Discussion: Computer-Assisted Argument Mapping

Panelists: Maralee Harrell (Carnegie Mellon University), Andrew Norman (Carnegie Mellon University), Douglas Walton (University of Winnipeg), Mark Daly (California State University, Northridge), Claudia Alvarez Ortiz (University of Melbourne)

Panel Discussion: The Perils and Promises of Teaching Critical Thinking Online

Panelists: Geoffrey Frasz (College of Southern Nevada), Jerry Voltura (University of Alaska, Anchorage), Michael Malone (Northern Arizona University), David Hitchcock (McMaster

University)

**Group Session at APA Eastern Division, December 2008**

Call for Papers: The APA Eastern Division will be meeting in Philadelphia, December 28-30, 2008. Please send 400-600 word abstracts of possible presentations as Word attachments to hoaglund@cnu.edu by April 25. Work on informal logical fallacies will be favored.

**AILACT Essay Prize for 2007**

The 2007 AILACT Essay Prize was awarded to Prof. Geoff Goddu, Department of Philosophy, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA for his paper "What is a 'Real' Argument?".

The jury consisted of Michael Scriven, Chair (Claremont Graduate University), David Hitchcock (McMaster University), and Harvey Siegel (University of Miami). The prize includes an award of \$500.

Membership Form The Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking

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The Association (AILACT) was formed in 1983 to promote research, teaching, and testing of informal logic and critical thinking at all levels; to increase the extent and quality of such research, teaching, and testing; and to facilitate discussion among its members. AILACT sponsors sessions at each APA divisional meeting and other meetings; has a Web site, <http://ailact.mcmaster.ca/>, that provides a wide variety of information about AILACT, informal logic, and critical thinking, and posts papers and other members' materials; has an e-mail discussion list\* for discussion of topics of interest to members; and offers an annual Essay Prize for the recent essay judged best in the field.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FOR 2008**

\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of AILACT (US\$10 -- or the equivalent\*)

\_\_\_ I would like to renew my membership (US\$10 -- or the equivalent\*\*)

(Make checks payable to AILACT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the following:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Very important! Much of our business will be conducted primarily electronically -- but you will not be disenfranchised if you do not have an e-mail address.)**

**What would you like to see AILACT do, or do better?:**

Mail with check to: Donald Hatcher, AILACT Treasurer, Center for Critical Thinking, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS 66006 USA Email: <donald.hatcher@bakeru.edu>

\*a check in the currency of the member, if the member so chooses