CALL FOR PAPERS:

American Dialect Society Northeast Regional Meeting 2010, New Paltz, N.Y.

From Thursday, April 15, 2010, through Saturday, April 17, the American Dialect Society—Northeast Region will hold its first meeting in several years, hosted by the International Linguistic Association, at the State University of New York—New Paltz.

See a thumbnail sketch of the school: http://www.newpaltz.edu/about/glance.html
See a view of the campus http://www.newpaltz.edu/webcam/

Abstract submissions & deadline: Monday, January 18th is the deadline for proposals for 20-minute presentations. All you need is a title and an abstract of 150 to 400 words. Send it via e-mail as an attachment in Word format to Provisional Regional Secretary David Barnhart at: Lexik@highlands.com

Membership: Presenters must be current members of the American Dialect Society. Registration will be through the ILA (at ILA member rates). See: <ILAWORD.ORG> for details.

Housing: Attendees are expected to make their own reservations for housing as the college cannot accommodate conference attendees while classes are in session. A list of local facilities will be posted on the ILA Web site before the end of 2009.

Audio-visual equipment: If you will need equipment such as an overhead projector, LCD projector or computer connection, please say so when you send your proposal.

Scheduling: If you have a preference for day or time of your presentation, please indicate that too. We cannot guarantee the time you prefer, but the program committee will try to accommodate you.

Transportation: SUNY-New Paltz is located in the Hudson River Valley about 80 miles north of New York City. There is bus transportation from NYC to New Paltz (from Port Authority Bus Terminal). Railroad connections are through Poughkeepsie, New York. Trains on MetroNorth Commuter Railroad (from Grand Central Station) and Amtrak (from Pennsylvania Station) are frequent, with connecting bus service to New Paltz. Stewart Airport (Newburgh, N.Y.) has taxi/limousine connections to New Paltz.

Program: The ADS part of the program will comprise several sessions as needed over the course of the three-and-one-half-day conference. ADS members will be fully eligible to come and go from ILA sessions. The plenary speakers at the Conference include:

Joan Houston Hall
Walt Wolfram
Dennis Preston

Banquet: The ILA welcomes members of the ADS who wish to join them at an evening banquet in New Paltz at the conclusion of the conference for a nominal fee.

Local Attractions: The village of New Paltz was settled in the 17th century; many early homes are maintained as part of the Huguenot Street museum. The Schawangunk Mountains, adjacent to the Catskill Mountains, are close by. Mohonk Mountain House preserve straddles “the Gunks.” Other attractions that are within easy driving distance include: United States Military Academy, the villages of Cold Spring and Garrison, Hyde Park (including the Culinary Institute of America), and the cities of Kingston, Poughkeepsie, and Beacon.

Contact: For further information about unanswered questions contact Provisional Regional Secretary David K. Barnhart at dbarnhart@highlands.com