

## NEWS FROM LASA

## Membership Report 2009

## Individual Memberships

<b>Total memberships</b>	<b>6,183</b>	<b>(37 percent increase over 2008)*</b>
New members	1,852	
Renewed from 2008	2,908	(65 percent renewal rate)
Renewed lapsed members	1,423	
<i>Member type</i>		
Traditional members	4,415	(71 percent of total membership)
Student members	1,475	(24 percent of total membership)**
Life Members	77	
Joint Memberships	216	
<i>Member residency</i>		
U.S. residents	3,371	(55 percent of total membership)
Latin American residents	1,872	(30 percent of total membership)***
Other Non-U.S. residents	940	(15 percent of total membership)
<b>Three-year memberships initiated in 2009</b>	<b>95</b>	
<b>Major disciplines represented</b>		
Political Science	850	
Literature	829	
History	822	
Anthropology	579	
Sociology	530	
Latin American Studies	291	
Economics	202	
Education	170	
Cultural Studies	166	
International Relations	133	
Social Sciences	129	
Geography	116	

## Institutional Memberships

<b>Total memberships</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>(19 percent decrease from 2008)</b>
New members	66	
Renewed from 2008	469	(71 percent renewal rate)
Renewed lapsed members	2	
<i>Institution location</i>		
United States	388	(72 percent of total membership)
Latin America	38	(7 percent of total membership)
Other non-U.S.	111	(21 percent of total membership)

\* The 2009 increase in total individual memberships of 37 percent is the largest in LASA history. The next highest was 30 percent in 1995, the year of a Washington DC Congress.

\*\* This number is somewhat higher than the average of about 22 percent students..

\*\*\* This figure is substantially higher than the average of 15 to 22 percent Latin American residents