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PREFACE

We are pleased to present the proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting. The February conference featured several fine papers on theoretical issues in language reconstruction and many provocative papers on a variety of linguistic topics. We are grateful to those who helped us with the planning and production of the conference, among them Selena Ellis, Mirjam Fried, Kathleen Hubbard, Annie Jaisser, Anita Liang, and especially Sondra Reinman. We are happy to say that all went well: no superstition, no cancellation, no plague, no misfortune, no bad weather, nothing to report. We hope you enjoy the volume.

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