Newsletter #19

1. The annual business meeting was called to order by the President, John J. McDermott. The following items were discussed.

A. The Secretary-Treasurer Report:
As of March 1, 1978 the Society had an operating balance of $520.70 and this represented a decrease of $263.40. The dues-paying members number 96, a drop of 10 from last year. We have a mailing list of 480, an increase of 50 with 42 states represented plus Canada, England and Australia. Our only new expenses were a table at the APA and a one-night hotel suite at the APA for a social.

The secretary reported that the constitution amendment was unanimously approved. However the total number voting was 36.

Article III, 1.2 now reads as follows: There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the out-going President who shall serve for three years, and six (6) other members serving staggered terms of three (3) years.

B. The Report of the President:

1. President McDermott recognized Joseph Betz who offered some reasons (the snow storm) why some people, e.g. John Howie and Louis Hahn, were absent. He also thanked Edward Pols and Yaeger Hudson for their work in setting up the program.

2. President McDermott announced that the nominating committee presented the following persons for the Executive Committee: Max Fisch and H. Standish Thayer. Both candidates were unanimously elected.

3. President McDermott informed the members that the Executive Committee met in Dec. and approved Southern Illinois University as the site for the March 1979 Annual Meeting. We had scheduled a few years ago a meeting at SIU which was not held due to SIU's problems with the AAUP. Prior to this meeting today the Executive Committee met to reconsider our going to SIU next March since Illinois is not an ERA State. The Executive Committee recommended that the matter be brought up at the annual business meeting.

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McDermott then pointed out that, since Illinois is not an ERA State, there has been concern expressed about our meeting at SIU especially since the APA had passed a resolution not to meet in Atlanta in Dec. if they could be released from their hotel commitments. In the discussion that followed there was some confusion between Equal Rights and Equal Rights Amendment. After much discussion pro and con it was moved and seconded that the President, John J. McDermott, inform SIU that the SAAP Meeting will not be held at SIU since Illinois is a Non-ERA State. Prior to the voting Prof. Morris Grossman suggested that there should be a mail ballot. This was rejected and the motion then passed; 32 for - 12 against with a significant number of abstentions.

It was then decided that the Executive Committee be empowered to select a site for next year's annual meeting.

4. President McDermott then brought up the matter of changing the date of the annual meeting from March to October. There has been some concern about holding the meeting in March when the weather is not so pleasant as witness the snow in Villanova. There was some discussion and it was decided that McDermott continue to look into the feasibility of holding the meeting in October.

5. President McDermott recognized Darnell Rucker who made the following motion: "Resolved that the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy express its most sincere thanks to Professor Joseph Betz and Villanova University for shelter from the storm, sustenance for the body, light for the spirit, and community for beleaguered minds—all provided with great dispatch and grace."

The motion was unanimously passed and a heartfelt applause accompanied the vote of thanks.

6. President McDermott concluded the business meeting by thanking Joseph Betz and his committee of Edward Pols and Yaeger Hudson for an excellent program. He also praised Joseph Betz for the hospitality offered at Villanova and the bus service which operated between the hotel and the University. At this time it was moved and passed that the business meeting be adjourned.

2. **Other News:**

1. The Executive Committee has accepted an invitation from Ronald Pratt and John Carroll University to hold the annual meeting Mar. 2-3, 1979 at John Carroll University in Ohio. Ronald Pratt will be local arrangements chairman.