1. The seventh annual business meeting held at Texas A & M University was called to order by the President, John J. McDermott.

A. 1. President John J. McDermott announced that the program committee for the next annual meeting would be made up of the following members: Rickard Donovan, Iona (chairperson)
   Peter Manicas, Queens
   Mary Mahowald, Indiana

2. President McDermott then called for the report of the secretary-treasurer.

According to the secretary-treasurer, as of February 29, 1980 the Society has an operating balance of $780.61 which represents an increase of $6.05 over last year's balance of $774.56. The secretary is pleased to report that the dues paying members number 172, an increase of 14 over last year, but he regretted to report that of the $860 received from dues all was spent except $6.05. Our mailing list now numbers 519 as of the August mailing list which you have received. The members are reminded that the financial year for the Society begins with the Annual Meeting. So now is the time to pay your 1980-81 dues.

The report was unanimously accepted by the members.

3. President McDermott announced that the Executive Committee has recommended that the Douglas Greenlee Prize offer be presented to the membership for their consideration. McDermott called upon John Lachs, who had originated the idea, to explain the prize. John Lachs pointed out that the Douglas Greenlee Prize was to be awarded to a young person (who received his Ph.D. not more than five years ago) whose paper submitted for the annual meeting was considered to be the best. This prize will serve as a means of attracting young scholars and also it will be of great value to our society. John Lachs had offered to give an annual contribution of $100 for the prize. At the discussion following Lachs' presentation it was suggested that others might want to contribute annually. It was agreed that any who wanted to make a continuous contribution could do so, but the prize will still be $100. The members unanimously approved the Douglas Greenlee Prize idea.

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4. McDermott informed the membership that the Executive Committee recommended that the Society accept an invitation from George Washington University to hold its 1981 meeting in Washington on the dates March 6 and 7. The invitation was accepted by the membership. Thelma Lavine would handle the local arrangements. For the annual meeting in 1982-83, several universities had offered to host the meeting.

5. President McDermott appointed a committee, composed of James Gouinlock, Emory (chairperson), Beth Singer, Brooklyn College and Don Lee of Tulane, to explore ideas about changing our election procedures. They were charged with the task of studying all possibilities e.g. mail ballot, several candidates, change in the constitution, etc. The members were encouraged to send any suggestions to James Gouinlock.

6. President McDermott next called on Jonathan Moreno for a report of his findings on places for students to go for a Ph.D. in American philosophy. He reported that he will condense and edit his responses which will then be submitted to the Executive Committee which will determine how to distribute the results of the study.

7. President McDermott then called on Beth Singer, chairperson of the Nominating Committee composed of Joe Betz and Joe Flay to present their recommendations. Beth Singer pointed out that Darnell Rucker (Skidmore College) was recommended for President and Jo Ann Boydston (SIU) and Andrew Reck (Tulane) were recommended for the Executive Committee. Each candidate was unanimously elected.

8. President McDermott recognized James Gouinlock who made the following motion:

   This morning, at the Presidential address, John Lachs reminded us eloquently of what a special association this is -- of how much it means to us as a form of friendship. He also spoke movingly of what a special President John McDermott has been: so individual, yet so much a part of the community. I cannot improve on the remarks John made, except to say that our society has been fortunate in having John McDermott's predecessor an equally outstanding person.

   I want now simply to reaffirm what John Lachs said this morning. John McDermott has worked tirelessly to make our association more vigorous, more spirited, more sure of itself. In this way, as in so many others, he has worked with great effect both to enrich our community and to promote and deepen the understanding of the meaning of American Philosophy. His legacy is superb. I move that the membership of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy express to John McDermott its heartfelt praise and gratitude for his devoted and inspiring leadership. The motion was accepted by acclamation.
9. President McDermott then called upon Peter Hare who said, "I have a four-part motion to put before this body:

1. The Program Committee consisting of Darnell Rucker, Rickard Donovan and Ellen Suckiel richly deserves our thanks for putting together a balanced, diverse, and interesting program with the special feature of a symposium on Morris Cohen.

2. Local arrangements have been equally well handled by John J. McDermott and Larry Hickman to make this meeting run smoothly.

3. We direct the secretary-treasurer to convey to the office of Continuing Education and the Administration of Texas A & M University our thanks for providing excellent staff and magnificent facilities. We have never been better looked after than we have been here at Texas A & M.

4. Finally, we cannot too often express our thanks to Joe Grassi for his continuing labors on behalf of the Society. Day in and day out, week in and week out, year and year out, his attention to the practical affairs of the Society has been crucial to its success. We hope that the gratitude we all feel is clear to him.

Do I have a second for this four-part motion?"

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

10. President McDermott as his last act as President introduced Darnell Rucker as our next President. As President Rucker took over the meeting he pointed out that he takes office with some trepidation especially as he follows John McDermott who has been such a moving force.

The meeting was then officially adjourned at 4:50 P.M. so that the members could attend a cocktail reception offered by the Philosophy Department of Texas A & M.

2. Other News

A. Call for Papers

Papers in any area of American philosophy are invited for the 8th Annual Meeting at George Washington University on March 6 and 7, 1981. Among other topics, papers on contemporary American philosophers, or on recent studies in American philosophy would be welcome. Advanced graduate students, ABD's and recent Ph.D. recipients are encouraged to submit papers.

Papers, suitable for a twenty-minute reading time, in triplicate with a one-paragraph abstract should be sent to the chairman of the program committee, Rickard Donovan, Philosophy Department, Iona College, New Rochelle, New York 10801, by November 1, 1980.