I. The Eighth Annual Business Meeting held at George Washington University was called to order by the President, Darnell Rucker.

1. President Rucker called upon Beth Singer who presented the following memorial for Professor John Herman Randall, Jr.:

John Herman Randall, Jr. was not only a brilliant and provocative historian of ideas, a member of the faculty at Columbia University, and a past president of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, but was also a philosopher in the classic tradition of American philosophy. Professor Randall was already ill and did not participate in the founding of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. But in spirit and through the active participation of so many of his students, he is nevertheless part of this organization and what it stands for.

Randall's erudition was immense. His early work, *The Making of the Modern Mind*, is surely one of the classics of intellectual history. And while his views of such philosophers as Aristotle and Hume are often challenged, his penetrating interpretations cannot be ignored.

Randall was not interested solely in ideas. He was vitally concerned with world affairs. A lifelong pacifist, with his wife Mercedes (an active member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom -- founded by Jane Addams among others), Randall never ceased to support efforts to secure world peace.

John Herman Randall, Jr. leaves an impressive intellectual legacy. We are fortunate to be his heirs.

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2. After a minute of silence President Rucker called for the report of the secretary-treasurer.

The secretary reported that as of March 1, 1981 the Society has an operating balance of $1,120.12 which represents an increase of some $340 over last year's balance of $780.61. However there is the annual dues to FISP which has to be paid. Some nine more members paid their dues in 1980 over 1979. Roughly 35% of the members have paid their annual dues. The members are reminded that the annual dues for the Society become due with the Annual Meeting. The report was unanimously accepted by the members.

3. President Rucker appointed the following members to serve on the program committee for the 1982 annual meeting: Mary Mahowald (Indiana), Chairwoman, King J. Dykeman (Fairfield) and David Norton (Delaware).

4. President Rucker informed the membership that the Executive Committee recommends that the Society accept an invitation from the University of Delaware to hold its 1982 meeting in Newark, Delaware on March 5 and 6.

The membership accepted the invitation and President Rucker appointed David Norton to handle local arrangements.

5. President Rucker called upon John Lachs for the awarding of the first Douglas Greenlee Prize for the best paper submitted by a young scholar. The Committee consisting of John Lachs, Chairman, Jacquelyn Kegley and Paul Tibbetts, selected John Stuhr's paper "Socratic Questions and Radical Empiricist Ethics." John Lachs presented a $100 check to John Stuhr.

6. President Rucker then called on Peter Hare, Chairman of the Nominating Committee composed of Ronald Pratt and Charlene Seigfried to present their recommendations. Peter Hare said that the nominating committee was recommending Sandra Rosenthal (Loyola) and Joseph Betz for the Executive Committee. Each nominee was unanimously elected.

7. President Rucker asked James Gouinlock, Chairman of the Committee on Election Procedures, for their report. James Gouinlock pointed out that the Committee made up of Beth Singer, Donald Lee and himself were suggesting a change in the way the Nominating Committee is selected and also a change in the Presidential election. The committee recommended that the by-laws be amended as follows:

1. The nominating committee shall consist of three members. One member will be elected by a simple majority of members in good standing present at the annual business meeting. Another member will be appointed by the Executive Committee. The
third member will be ex officio: the past-President once removed, or if he/she is unable to serve, his/her predecessor, or another past-President appointed by the Executive Committee, the ex officio member shall chair the committee.

2. There shall be a President-elect elected one year prior to the expiration of the term of office of the sitting President. The President-elect shall be elected by a simple majority of members in good standing at the business meeting. After one year in office the President-elect automatically becomes President and serves as President for two years. The President-elect shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee in a non-voting capacity.

Upon presentation of the recommendation of the committee the floor was open for discussion. Charlene Seigfried argued for a more democratic process and she suggested that the members elect the nominating committee. Don Lee replied that it is too early to break away from the original spirit of the founders. John McDermott argued against the position of Charlene and for the position of the committee. As he saw it this new election procedure would result in greater participation by the dues-paying members. When the motion was called it passed and it will be sent to the membership for a mail ballot.

8. President Rucker announced the appointment by the Executive Committee of an Editorial Committee for a possible 10th anniversary volume of SAAP papers. The Editorial Committee consists of John McDermott, Chairman, JoAnn Boydston, Peter Hare, Jacquelyn Kegley and Beth Singer. John McDermott pointed out that he would pre-screen the SAAP papers and then send them out to the committee members. He and the committee would seek a publisher after the selection of the best papers. It is hoped that every five or ten years a volume of SAAP papers would be forthcoming.

9. President Rucker called upon Konstantin Kolenda who made a four-part motion:

The SAAP wishes to express its gratitude to the following persons who have helped to make the 1981 meeting one of the most successful in the Society's history

(a) The Program Committee consisting of Rick Donovan, Mary Mahowald and Peter Manicas,

(b) Thelma Lavine and Jonathan Moreno for local arrangements,

(c) Boris Bell, Director of Marvin Center and Janet Scott, Scheduling Officer of Marvin Center, George Washington University,

(d) Joseph G. Grassi, Secretary-Treasurer.
10. President Rucker opened the floor for new business. John Lachs moved that the President appoint a small working committee with the charge to develop a list of names, both members and non-members, with qualifications who could serve in positions of leadership within SAAP. This list should be shared with the Nominating Committee with a view to insuring a broad base of qualified individuals from which to select officers and program members of the Society.

11. President Rucker then officially adjourned the meeting by thanking all for their presence and with that the members went to a cocktail reception offered by the Philosophy Department of George Washington University.

II. Other News:

1. Call for Papers:

   The Program Committee for the 1982 meeting of the SAAP invites anyone who wishes to present a paper in any area of American philosophy at that meeting at the University of Delaware, March 5 and 6, 1982, to send one copy of his/her paper to each of the three Committee members. The copies should be addressed as follows:

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The deadline for submission of papers is Dec. 1, 1981. Reading time for papers accepted should be about 20 minutes. In preparing your copy please omit your name and address from all pages except the title sheet. Make sure you then repeat the title of the paper on its first page, and include an abstract of about 100 words.

On the basis of the papers presented at the meeting there will be a prize of $100, the Douglas Greenlee award, presented for the best paper, from an author who has received a Ph.D. within the past five years.

In addition to the regular sessions we hope to schedule a symposium to honor "Great Teachers of American Philosophy" through contributions from their former students -- e.g., students of John Dewey, Whitehead, Randall, Woodbridge. If you have any suggestions in this regard, please send them to one of the Program Committee members.