NEWSLETTER No. 31

I. The Ninth Annual Business Meeting held at the University of Delaware was called to order by the President, Darnell Fucker at 4:45 p.m.

1. President Rucker called for the report of the secretary-treasurer.

The secretary reported that as of March 1, 1982 the Society has a balance of $1,162.53 which represents a slight increase ($42.41) over last year's balance of $1,120.12. One hundred eighty-nine (189) members have paid their dues. Our mailing list consists of 560 persons of whom 25 are either retired or unemployed or graduate students. Some 35% plus have paid their annual dues. The secretary reminded the members that the year for the Society begins with the Annual Meeting and dues ($5.00) are now being accepted. The report was unanimously accepted by the members.

2. President Rucker then brought up the matter of the amending of the Constitution. The motion to adopt new election procedures, which would have necessitated a change in the Constitution failed to pass because not enough votes were cast. After much discussion King Dykeman moved, seconded by John Lachs, that a new mail ballot be sent to all members and that a note be included to urge the membership to vote. The motion carried unanimously.

3. President Rucker informed the members that the Executive Committee recommends that the Society accept an invitation from Southern Illinois University to hold its Annual Meeting March 4 and 5, 1983 at Carbondale. The members unanimously accepted the invitation and President Rucker then appointed John Howie to handle local arrangements.

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4. President Rucker appointed the following to serve on the program committee for the 1983 meeting: King J. Dykeman (Fairfield), Chairman; Marjorie Miller (SUNY, Purchase), and Thomas Olshewsky (Kentucky).

5. John McDermott was called upon to present the Douglas Greenlee Prize. "On behalf of the Society and the Committee it gives me personally a pleasure to announce that the winner of the Douglas Greenlee Prize is Jonathan Moreno for his paper 'The Dewey-Morris Debate in Retrospect'."

6. President Rucker called on Peter Hare, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, composed of John Lachs and Ellen Suckiel to present their recommendations. Peter Hare reported that the Nominating Committee recommended John E. Smith and John Stuhr for the Executive Committee and Joseph G. Grassi for secretary-treasurer. Each nominee was unanimously elected.

7. Peter Hare was called upon to give the report of the Membership Committee whose members are Peter Hare, Chairman, Jo Ann Boydston, Jude Dougherty, Jacquelyn Kegley and Joseph G. Grassi, ex officio. Peter Hare summarized the activities of the Committee as follows:

   (a) The SAAP sponsored a program at the American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting in Houston.

   (b) The SAAP will be meeting with the American Studies Society in October.

   (c) The Committee has sought out a list of individuals interested in American Philosophy. Already a number of them have written to the secretary.

   (d) A questionnaire was distributed at the APA Meeting at those sections dealing with American philosophy e.g., William James.

Various members of the Society offered suggestions. David Norton pointed out that he has approached History and English faculty at Delaware and he suggested we do the same. Carole Knapp suggested that we seek out graduate students as members. John Lachs asked the Committee to aggressively seek out from our Society and others by means of vita, those who could contribute to the Society. John McDermott is on the APA Committee which screens applications for important positions on the APA Eastern. He encouraged members to respond with a vita and indication of interest so that the Committee would have a pool of qualified persons for the program.
8. President Rucker called upon Evelyn Shirk who made the following motion:

I am most pleased to move that we thank those who made this delightful and rewarding conference possible.

First, I would like to thank the members of the Program Committee: Mary Mahowald who served as its chairman, King Dykeman who has and will continue to do service for the committee and David Norton.

The local arrangements, which have made us all so comfortable, are owing to David Norton of the University of Delaware Philosophy Department, to Dorothy Kosey of the University, to Jim Jump, the graduate student who seems tireless in his willingness to help and to Shirley Anderson, secretary of the APA.

Finally we owe an enduring debt of gratitude to our indomitable secretary-treasurer, Joe Grassi, who also faithfully provides us with our newsletters.

The motion was moved by acclamation.

9. President Rucker called for any new business. There was discussion about changing the Constitution. Eva Cadwalleder moved, seconded by Thomas Olshewsky, that the procedure for changing the Constitution be changed in the following way: that a 2/3 majority of the ballots returned by a specified date be sufficient to change the Constitution. Olshewsky moved that motion be referred to a committee. Dykeman moved, seconded by Gouinlock that a committee be selected to study the matter after the voting results. This passed with one opposed.

10. President Rucker thanked the SAAP chairmen of the APA regional programs for their fine work:

Beth Singer, Eastern
Paul Tibbets, Western
Jacquelyn Kegley, Pacific

11. President Rucker then officially adjourned the meeting by thanking all for their presence. All then attended a cocktail reception offered by the Philosophy Department of the University of Delaware.