Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, March 6, 1987, at the 14th Annual Meeting of SAAP in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Present: James Campbell, King Dykeman, James Gouinlock, Marjorie Miller, Jonathan Moreno, Charlene Seigfried, Beth J. Singer, and Ralph Sleeper.

President Singer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The following matters were discussed:

1. The Chairperson of the Committee on the Future of the Society reported on their recommendations.

   A. That blind reviewing be the policy for the selection of papers for at least a part of every annual meeting. This would be accomplished by the Secretary-Treasurer receiving in triplicate all submitted papers and then sending them on to the Program Committee for a blind review.

   B. That the call for papers be advanced by one year.

   C. That a "Suggestions for Program Committees" guideline be provided for future Program Committees and that the suggestions include contacting the local state humanities council for support for speakers. The Program Committee Guidelines will be detailed in a future issue of the Newsletter.

   D. That we submit to a mail ballot an amendment to the Constitution separating the editorship of the Newsletter from the office of Secretary-Treasurer and specifying that the editor would be chosen by the Executive Committee for a 3-year renewable term.*

   E. That the Secretary-Treasurer establish contact with Canadian and South American groups interested in American Philosophy and that the call for papers and the announcement of prizes be made available to those interested.

   F. That the Secretary-Treasurer notify the APA Bulletin, the Chronicle of Higher Education and selected journals of the activities, regarding calls for papers and prizes offered by SAAP.

These recommendations were offered as a motion and accepted by the Executive Committee. [See the full report of this committee beginning on Page 5. - K.W.S.]

2. Report of Chairperson of the Committee on Finances: The Committee recommends that we solicit funds from our own members prior to appealing to outside sources (including corporations that made contributions when John Lachs was President). John Lachs, a Committee member, has suggested that he and selected other members contribute $200 apiece to initiate an internal fund drive. The Secretary-Treasurer will forward copies of previous appeals to corporations to the Committee chair. The necessity of establishing a goal for the initial capital drive was discussed.
The President reported the Nominations Committee would be recommending to the annual meeting the following names for the following positions: for President-elect, Peter Hare; for the Executive Committee, Frank Oppenheim, S.J., Joseph C. Flay; and for Secretary-Treasurer, Ken Stikkers.

The following appointments were made by the Executive Committee: for the Nominating Committee, Bill Gavin; for the Greenlee Prize Committee, Eugene Fontinell; for the 1988 Program Committee, Don Koehn; for the 1989 Program Committee, Robert Corrington, Vincent Colapietro (Chair), and Bob Williams; and for the Pacific Division Program Chair, John Stuhr.

After consultation with Edward Pols, President of the Metaphysical Society, President Singer proposed that SAAP adhere to its original meeting date, which was the last weekend in February, in order to insure at least two weeks between these societies meetings. (Pols will take up the possibility of deferring the MSA meeting with its Executive Council.) The Executive Committee voted to meet regularly on the first week in March in order to provide sufficient time for the program and reservation forms to reach the members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

King J. Dykeman
Secretary-Treasurer

*This does not require a mail ballot (see attached minutes March 28, 1983, provided by Past President Rucker). However, such a ballot is not prohibited and will be sent out by Ken Stikkers, together with a dues form and an appeal for contributions. [See mail ballot on Page 15 of this Newsletter. – K.W.S.]

From the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, March 4, 1983:

Rucker asked Lewis E. Hahn for the report of the Committee to Study Procedures for Changing the Constitution. Professor Hahn reported that he and the other two members of the Committee, Eva H. Cadwalleder and Thomas M. Olshewsky had determined that Article 9 of the Constitution should be interpreted in the following way: two-thirds of those voting is required to amend the Constitution. [Newsletter #34, March 28, 1983, p. 2.]

Article 9 of the Constitution reads: "The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those members in good standing voting. The vote shall be by mail ballot."