Minutes of the Business Meeting, held at the Fifteenth Annual Meeting, Pennsylvania State University, Friday, March 4, 1988

President Beth J. Singer called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Moment of Silence. At the invitation of President Singer the membership stood for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Williams, who died during the past year.

2. Announcements. President Singer announced the following.
   a. 1989 Program Committee. Sandra Rosenthal will replace Robert Williams on the 1989 Program Committee, joining Robert Corrington (Chair) and Vincent Colapietro.
   b. 1989 Annual Meeting. The 1989 Annual Meeting will be held at Loyola University of Chicago (Lake Shore Campus). Charlene Seigfried will chair local arrangements.
   c. 1990 Program Committee. The 1990 Program Committee is Vincent Colapietro (Chair), Angus Kerr-Lawson, and Lewis Hahn.
   d. Newsletter Editorship. The membership approved by mail ballot (28 yes; 2 no) an Amendment to the Society's Constitution empowering the Executive Committee to appoint an Editor of the Newsletter, and Patrick Dooley will serve in that capacity.

3. Executive Committee. President Singer called upon Darnell Ricker, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who reported that his committee nominated Ellen Suckiel and Herman Saatkamp for the Executive Committee, to replace James Campbell and Marjorie Miller, whose terms of service had expired. President Singer then invited additional nominations from the floor. There were none and the two nominees were elected by acclamation.

4. 1990 Annual Meeting. President Singer announced that the Society's 1990 Annual Meeting will be held at the University of Toronto and its theme will be "U.S. Philosophy, Past and Present, Interpreted from Abroad." It is being organized by Peter Hare and will include invited speakers from around the world.

5. Committee on Finances. President Singer called upon Ralph Sleeper, Chair of the Committee on Finances, who reported that the Committee had met its fund-raising goal for the past year, thanked the membership for its generous response to his appeals for donations, and reminded them that donations could be made tax-deductible by making checks payable to "Seattle University, SAAP Fund."

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. President Singer called upon the Secretary-Treasurer to make his annual report.
   a. The Secretary-Treasurer thanked the membership for its patience and assistance while he assumed his position this past year and added his thanks to that offered by Ralph Sleeper to all those who contributed so generously to the Society's Special Projects Fund.
   b. The Secretary-Treasurer reported a balance of $5646.38 in the Society's treasury and summarized revenues and expenditures for the past year. [See attached "Treasurer's Report."]
   c. The Secretary-Treasurer indicated that his two priority goals for the past year—to review thoroughly and to revise the mailing list and to expand the Newsletter—were largely met. The review of the mailing list is almost complete and any errors should be reported to him.
   d. The Secretary-Treasurer announced that the Executive Committee had approved the following resolution:
a) That two new membership categories be created, "Sustaining Member" and "Benefactor," with annual dues of $50 and $100 respectively, and b) that amounts thereof over regular membership dues [presently $15] be deposited in the Society's endowment fund.

He encouraged those who can afford to contribute at these levels of membership to do so.

e. The Secretary-Treasurer announced that, with the present meeting, 1988-89 dues are now due and encouraged all those present to pay them as soon as possible. He indicated that the Society suffers from the fact that only a low percentage of those on its mailing list are dues-paid members—approximately 17%—and announced that in response to this problem the Executive Committee has approved the following actions: i) all those on the mailing list will be billed for their annual dues, ii) the Newsletter will be mailed first-class to dues-paid members and third-class to others, and iii) all persons appearing on the programs of the Society will be required to be current dues-paid members, except for invited speakers and those already exempt from dues.

7. Nominating Committee. President Singer announced that James Gouinlock is the new Chair of the Nominating Committee, that the Executive Committee's appointment to the Committee is Marjorie Miller, and the third member of the Committee is to be elected by the General Membership. She then opened the floor for nominations. Joseph Betz was nominated and elected by acclamation.

8. Douglas Greenlee Prize. President Singer called upon Eugene Fontinell, a member of the Greenlee Prize Committee, who announced that the 1988 recipient of the Douglas Greenlee Prize is Paul Hurley III, for his paper "Dewey on Desires: The Lost Argument." Mr. Hurley was not present to receive the Prize, and President Singer asked Professor Fontinell to present him with it at the earliest opportunity.

9. Herbert Schneider Award. President Singer called upon Richard Robin to present the Herbert Schneider Award to Professor Max Fisch. In presenting the Award Professor Robin noted Professor Fisch's "numerous writings, which have set the agenda for American philosophy for some time to come," and specifically cited his "Introduction" to Classic American Philosophers, his service on the Editorial Board of the critical edition of the writings of William James, and, perhaps best known, his "sustained contribution to Peirce scholarship," especially as the Director of the chronological edition of Peirce's writings. Professor Fisch received the Award to a standing ovation from the membership.

10. New President. President Singer thanked the standing committees of the Society, the regional chairs, and the former and present Secretary-Treasurers for their work with her during her term as President. She then introduced Peter Hare as the new President of the Society.

11. Motion of Thanks. President Hare called upon Joseph Betz, who offered a motion of special thanks to the Program and Local Arrangements Committees—Patrick Dooley (Chair, Program Committee), Robert Corrington (member of Program Committee and Chair of Local Arrangements), Donald Koehn (member of the Program Committee), Carl Vaught (Chair, Department of Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University), and Barbara Impellitteri (Conference Coordinator)—for all their work to make the 1988 Annual Meeting a success. He suggested that if conference arrangers had a national association, then the above would surely be NCAA (National Conference Arrangements Association) Champs!
President Hare adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth W. Stikkers,
Secretary-Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

March 1, 1988

Balance March 7, 1987: $2261.80

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**Balance** $5641.38

I hereby certify that the above is an accurate account of the financial standing of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, as of March 1, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth W. Stikkers
Secretary-Treasurer

March 4, 1988

¹includes donation from the estate of Herbert Schneider for establishment of the Herbert Schneider Award

²includes advertising in Newsletter and sale of mailing list

³Telephone expenses and much of the cost of supplies, printing, and mailing have been borne by Seattle University.

⁴includes four years of back dues to the Federation Internationale des Societes de Philosophie (FISP)