Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, Saturday, March 10, 2006, San Antonio, Texas

President John Stuhr (Vanderbilt University) convened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

1. **In Memory.**
   a. Stuhr asked the membership to join in a moment of silence for Hans Seigfried, who died earlier in the week, and indicated that, due to the recentness of his passing, a full memorial would be offered to Seigfried at next year’s meeting.
   b. Scott Pratt (University of Oregon) read a statement in memory of Native American philosopher Vine Deloria, who died recently, followed by a moment of silence.

2. **Nominations.** Stuhr presented the Nominating Committee’s slate of candidates, and he and Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth Stikkers (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale), read statements from the nominees in support of their candidacies. Nominated for Vice-President/President-Elect were Vincent Colapietro (Pennsylvania State University) and Susan Haack (University of Miami); for Secretary (four-year term), Michael Eldridge (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) and Judy Whipps (Grand Valley State University); for Treasurer (two-year term), Maurice Halnington (University of Southern Indiana) and William Myers (Birmingham-Southern College); and for two positions on the Executive Committee, Michael Hodges (Vanderbilt University), John Lysaker (University of Oregon), Noelle McAfee (American University), and John Shook (Oklahoma State University). Nominations were opened to the floor, and Doug Anderson (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale) nominated James Campbell (University of Toledo) for Vice-President/President-Elect. Campbell accepted the nomination. Ballots were distributed and counted as the meeting continued.

3. **Announcements.**
   a. Dues will be decreased for 2006-07 to $60 for those earning $50,000 or more annually and $40 for those earning less.
   b. The new Constitution for the Society was approved unanimously by the membership.
   c. Website changes. A web designer has been contracted. The site will be equipped with a search function and will enable members to register online, update and check membership, and update information.
   d. Newsletter. Many functions of the Newsletter are being transferred to the website. In the future there will be only one printed issue per year, containing schedule and other information regarding the Annual Meeting. A flyer will be distributed announcing the Annual Meeting and call for papers.
   e. Treasurer’s Report. The Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth Stikkers (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale), distributed a report indicating a net balance of $16,819.82, an increase of $2236.67 from the previous meeting.
   f. Future meetings. The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society will be hosted by the University of South Carolina, March 8-10. The 2008 Meeting will be hosted by Michigan State University.
   g. Brendan Hogan (Pacific Lutheran University) will be the new liaison to the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association.

4. **New Business.** Stuhr opened the floor to new business.
b. Michael Eldridge announced that anyone interested in the 2008 World Congress of Philosophy should contact him or John Shook.

c. Noelle McAfee solicited proposals for SAAP-sponsored sessions at the Eastern Division of the APA.

d. Gregory Pappas announced a conference in honor of John McDermott and solicited help in its planning.

e. Kenneth Stikkers called members’ attention to the 9th Annual Summer Institute in American Philosophy, July 10-15, 2006, at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

f. Thomas Alexander expressed the membership’s thanks to John Stuhr for his service as President of the Society.

g. Michael Eldridge expressed the membership’s thanks to Craig Ranks and all those who assisted him in hosting the current meeting.

5. **Election Results.** The results of the election were announced.

   Vice President/President Elect: James Campbell
   Secretary: Michael Eldridge
   Treasurer: William Myers
   Executive Committee: John Lysaker and John Shook

Stuhr adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth W. Stikkers