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Tom Alexander, presiding, announced the next annual meeting will be at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, 13-15 March, 2008. Paul Thompson is responsible for local arrangements.

Tom also announced the following appointments and re-appointments:

Pat Dooley has been re-appointed as newsletter editor.
Scott Pratt has been appointed to the Coss Dialogue Committee.
Bill Gavin to the Schneider Award committee.
Greg Fahy as the Eastern Division session organizer.
Heather Keith to the Nominating Committee.

Bill Myers presented the treasurer’s report.

There were no nominations from the floor for the Executive Committee. So the election consisted of the four nominees put forward by the Nominating Committee: Jim Garrison, Richard Hart, Lisa Heldke, and Gregory Pappas. The initial election resulted in Pappas being elected, but the other three were tied. A run off was held and Hart was elected.

Michael Eldridge reported on the lack of communication with the Korean Organizing Committee for the 2008 World Congress. He hopes to secure two or three sessions. He has one proposal already and will solicit others when he has sufficient information to pass on to the members. The criteria for selection will include, in addition to the sessions/papers being reflective of our society’s interests and of sufficient quality, confidence that the organizers and submitters will actually be able to make the trip. It is anticipated that one session will be devoted to pragmatism in order to capitalize on the interests of the philosophers attending the congress. Larry Hickman has been asked by the Korean Organizing Committee to chair the section on American Philosophy. John Shook, Eldridge’s co-organizer, is also the organizer for the Center for Inquiry’s sessions. They will, where appropriate, coordinate their efforts to make sure that American Philosophy is well represented at the congress.

The proposed constitutional amendment was approved:

ARTICLE VI: Committees
2. The President shall, at an appropriate time annually, appoint a program committee. The Program Committee shall consist of: a) the four elected members of the Executive Committee in their first or second year of service on that Committee, and shall be co-chaired by the two persons in their second year on the Executive Committee; and b) other members, in numbers as deemed necessary, of SAAP as appointed by the Executive Committee by majority vote. Should a vacancy during a
term arise, the President will appoint a SAAP member to serve out the remainder of the term.

The Program Committee shall have the power to invite members or non-members to participate in the programs and to accept or reject applications to present papers. The Program Committee shall also consider requests for sessions at the annual meeting for affiliate groups or joint meetings with members of affiliate groups. The speakers for the Coss Dialogues shall be invited by the members of the Coss Dialogues Committee.

Ken Stikkers reported on the plans for the Summer Institute, which will be in Boulder, Colorado, 9-14 July 2007. Members should consult the website for details.

Memorials for Ed Madden, Christian Kloessel, and Hans Seigfried were read by James Campbell, Andre de Tienne, and Michael Eldridge respectively. These will be published in the newsletter.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Program Committee, co-chaired by Cynthia Gayman and Mary Magada-Ward, and for the efforts of Tom Burke as chair of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Eldridge, Secretary