“Farewell SAAP Newsletter; welcome The Pluralist.”

Patrick K. Dooley, Newsletter editor

You hold in your hand the last number of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter. In issue #105, November 2006 my essay, “History and Cumulative Table of Contents of the Newsletter,” detailed the terms of the four editors of the Newsletter, Joe Grassi (#1-45, 1974-1987), King Dykeman (# 46-47 and Ken Stikkers (#48-49, 1988) and Patrick Dooley (# 50-108, 1988-2009). Book reviews made their appearance in 1987 with Vincent Colapietro serving as book review editor for six issues #49 to #54. In January 1990, issue #55 I also assumed book review editing duties. From 2005-2006 Jessica Wahman was associate editor; in 2007 Roger Ward was appointed associate Newsletter editor and has assisted since then.

My “History and Cumulative Table of Contents” (hereafter “History) essay November 2006 #105, pp. 6-33 lists the particulars and locations of articles on the history of SAAP, progress reports on Critical Edition projects, conference proceedings, a listing and the location of tributes to fourteen deceased SAAP members and a roster of the 23 Herbert Schneider Award Recipients and their Award Citations from 1987 to 2005. (Issues #107-108, 2007-2009 bring up to date an additional ten memorial tributes and the last four Herbert Schneider awardees and their citations).

My “History” essay gives issue and page numbers of fourteen “Review Essays” and the locations of reviews of 365 books. Since that time in issues # 106-109, three more “Review Essays” have been published and sixty one additional books have been reviewed. In all, then, more than 450 books have been reviewed in the Newsletter in the last twenty plus years.

As Jim Campbell reports, from now on review essays, book reviews and Society announcements, memorials, citations and other business will be published in The Pluralist. Roger Ward and I will continue to serve as book review editors. In the last page of my “History” essay I thanked numerous people for their help and guidance through the years. I also singled out nine especially regular, prompt, reliable and even-handed reviewers—they know who they are or if they have forgotten they can look at the essay again. Beyond all those who have helped I want to salute the young people of SAAP, who as graduate students and then as recent PhD’s, have brought cutting-edge currency, energy and freshness to the Newsletter and to our society.