

**SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY**

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NEWSLETTER # 37

March 8, 1984

I. The Eleventh Annual Business Meeting held at Seattle University was called to order by President James Gouinlock at 4:40 P. M.

1. President Gouinlock called for the report of the secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer reported that as of March 1, 1984 the Society has a balance of \$1,826.75 which represents a slight increase (532.13) over last year's balance of \$1,294.62. One hundred ninety-one members have paid their dues. Our mailing list numbers 600 of whom 27 are either retired, unemployed or graduate students.

The secretary also reported the results of the motions:

(1) to change the dates of the Annual Meeting, and (2) to begin the meeting no earlier than Friday morning and to continue until Saturday evening. Motion #1 was defeated: 30 for, 44 against and 2 abstentions. Motion #2 was victorious: 46 for and 30 against.

The report of the secretary-treasurer was unanimously accepted after a clarification of the number of votes cast.

2. The President then gave the following report.

(a) He thanked those involved, Jim Campbell, Peter Hare, John McDermott and Tom Olshewsky for an excellent meeting of SAAP at the Eastern APA meetings in Boston.

(b) He urged the members to participate in APA programs and suggested that the members send papers to the APA Program Committee of which Morris Grossman is a member. He thanked John and Shirley Lachs for establishing the William James Prize at the APA Program.

(c) He encouraged the continuation of joint sessions at divisional APA Meetings. Jim Campbell is working on a joint meeting in December with the Society for Philosophy and Technology.

(d) He pointed out that at a recent Executive Committee Meeting there was a discussion on writing a history of S.A.A.P. Morris Grossman will make a draft and then circulate it to the founding members for their reactions.

(e) He announced that Jim Campbell, Chair, Robert Burch and Joseph Esposito would comprise the Program Committee for the 1985 Meeting which will be held at Emory University March 1 and 2.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**JAMES GOUINLOCK**

President  
Emory University

**JOSEPH G. GRASSI**  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Fairfield University

**MORRIS GROSSMAN**  
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**MARY MAHOWALD**  
Case Western Reserve

**JOHN J. STUHR**  
Whitman College

**SANDRA ROSENTHAL**  
Loyola University

(f) In 1987 it is most likely that the Annual Meeting would be at the University of Pennsylvania which will be celebrating the Constitution.

In 1986 Penn State would like us to meet there. The Society is open to any other invitations.

3. Report on the Membership Committee. The Executive Committee has recommended that the Membership Committee be dissolved. We are grateful for those who have served on the Committee. The members were encouraged to seek out new members. President Gouinlock pointed out that the S.A.A.P. social at the last two APA Eastern Meetings were poorly attended. It was decided to accept the motion of John McDermott that the S.A.A.P. social be held at 9:30 P.M. on the evening of the smoker. It was also decided that the Newsletter contain a notice of the social.

4. Report of Out-of-Print Books Committee.

Victor Tejera pointed out that he and Angelo Juffras had received only two responses. He encouraged the Society to forward list of out of print books of members and give this committee its full backing.

5. Report on the Progress of the Ten Anniversary Volume.

Gouinlock called on John McDermott who informed the members that he expected to finish the first readings of the papers by June. He would then send the best papers to committee members Peter Hare, Beth Singer and Jo Ann Boydston. During the discussion of the project it was decided that all papers read at meetings be stored at S.I.U.

6. President Gouinlock then called on Konnie Kolenda, Chair of the Douglas Greenlee Prize Committee, whose other members are Dick Robin and Angelo Juffras. Kolenda informed the members that the Kathleen Wallace's paper "Santayana's View of Philosophy: Intellectual Discipline or Personal Perspective," was selected and Kathleen Wallace was given the \$100 Prize.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee.

Gouinlock called on David Norton, chair of the committee, consisting of Henry Wenkart, Don Lee and himself. Norton pointed out that the committee nominated King J. Dykeman for secretary-treasurer and Rick Donovan (Iona) and Charlene Seigfried (Purdue) for the Executive Committee. The election of all nominees was by acclamation.

8. President Gouinlock then presented to the outgoing secretary-treasurer Joseph G. Grassi a plaque which was inscribed as follows:

With Respect, Gratitude and Affection,  
The Executive Committee  
of  
The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy  
Acting on Behalf of the Entire Membership  
Presents this Plaque to

JOSEPH G. GRASSI

In Recognition of His Outstanding Service As  
Secretary-Treasurer, 1974 - 1984

March 2, 1984

"Shared Experience Is the Greatest of Human Goods."

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Grassi thanked the Society for its kindness and for the generous support he received from all the members of the Society.

9. Report on the Nominating Committee.

President Gouinlock pointed out that the Nominating Committee would consist of one member elected by the Executive Committee, one member elected by the Members at the Annual Meeting and the Past President once removed. John McDermott, as the Past President, and Ellen Suckiel (selected by the Executive Committee) and Thomas Olszewsky (elected at the meeting) constitute the Nominating Committee.

10. President Gouinlock then called on John J. McDermott who announced the formation of a new society -- The Society for Social Responsibility. John Lachs, John McDermott and Nancy McKenzie of Stony Brook are the prime movers of the society.

11. President Gouinlock called on Mary Mahowald who offered the following resolution of thanks:

On behalf of the Executive Committee and all the members of the Society I wish to thank all those at Seattle University who have extended to us their warm hospitality and helped to make our stay here so delightful: Thomas Longin, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Patrick Burke, Chair of the Philosophy Department, Kenneth Stickers, who has so pleasantly taken care of all the demanding details involved with local arrangements, and all his colleagues, particularly Minnie Collins, who assisted in organizing the symposium on "The American Philosophical Community." I wish also to extend our sincere gratitude to the Program Committee for this year: Marjorie Miller, Chair, James Campbell and Ellen Suckiel for an outstanding program, one that required a great deal of work and imagination on their part, one that is both unique and philosophically enriching.

12. President Gouinlock at 5:40 adjourned the meeting so that all might enjoy some liquid spirits.