

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Business meeting:

9 April 2009

SAAP Business Meeting
14 March 2009
Texas A&M University

James Campbell called the meeting to order and Bill Myers and he recounted the developments that resulted in the creation of a new Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, one incorporated in Alabama, which then merged with the one that had been incorporated in Connecticut. The new SAAP bylaws will soon be posted on the Society's website and available for review and revision by the members as specified in the document. The constitution of the old SAAP will also be available for consultation. Every attempt was made to preserve the structure and provisions of the Constitution in the new bylaws. The changes that were made were ones that were made primarily to comply with the requirements of incorporation and the need to re-establish our tax-exempt status.

Larry Hickman moved and David O'Hara seconded a resolution that expressed confidence in and approval of the action of the old executive committee and the present board of directors and thanked the committee-board for their efforts. This resolution was approved unanimously.

John Lachs then moved, and Roger Ward seconded, that we elect by acclamation all the officers of the old SAAP to the same positions in the new Society. This motion was approved unanimously.

The chair of the nomination committee, Felicia Kruse, introduced and nominated four members serve on the board of directors—Elizabeth Cooke, John Capps, Jim Garrison and Todd Lekan. Members were asked to vote for three of the four, with one of those elected being designated to complete Nathan Houser's unexpired term.

Campbell reported on the report on teaching, research and professional specialization in American philosophy prepared by John Stuhr in 2007 and funded by the Society. Members can access the report, which is online, by contacting Michael Eldridge. Access is limited because the report is an internal document intended for the use of the Society's members. Also some of the data needs to be updated. The board of directors would like to have an archivist who could would do this updating and then maintain the data for public use.

Eldridge presented the minutes from the 2008 meeting. He then reminded members that the primary form of communication with the members is the SAAP List and urged everyone to subscribe. He also asked for assistance in securing a suite for the Society's annual reception at the Easter Division meeting of the APA.

Bill Myers presented the Treasurer's Report. Matt Pamental moved and Kruse seconded that it be approved, which it was.

Scott Pratt reported on plans for the Summer Institute, which will be hosted by the University of Oregon Philosophy Department July 13 to 16.

The 2010 annual meeting will be in Charlotte, with Mark Sanders of UNC Charlotte serving as local host. Sanders and Eldridge are in negotiation with the Omni Hotel for the meeting to be held the second weekend in March.

Terry MacMullen and Eastern Washington University will host the 2011 meeting.

Jackie Kegley presided over the memorial observances:

Arthur Burks (memorial read by André De Tienne in behalf of Nathan Hauser)

Abraham Edel (Larry Hickman)

Patrick Hill (James Campbell)

John Howie (Thomas Alexander)

Gerald Myers (John McDermott)

Stan Thayer (John Shook)

John Lachs moved and David O'Hara seconded that the board of directors appoint a task force to explore and develop continuing relations with Latin American philosophers by organizing meetings and through other means to promote communications with our colleagues. The motion was adopted.

Mat Foust announced that Kara Barnette was elected Graduate Student representative and Aaron Masecar graduate student session organizer.

The nominating committee reported that Todd Lekan, Jim Garrison, Elizabeth Cooke were elected to the board.

Prepared by Michael Eldridge, Secretary