

President Jim Campbell on the state of SAAP

Colleagues,

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As I hope you are aware, a number of major changes will occur with the beginning of the new SAAP membership cycle in 2010.

First, the Society will end its formal relationship with the *JOURNAL OF SPECULATIVE PHILOSOPHY*. This has been a good relationship for SAAP, resulting in the publication of the highlights of our annual meeting since 2003 and increasing the profile of the Society. I know that we are all grateful to the editors of JSP for these years of cooperative interaction, and wish the journal well in the future. It is my personal hope that the members of SAAP will continue to support JSP with their contributions and subscriptions, so that it will remain an important journal for all of us working in the American tradition.

Second, the Society will begin a formal relationship with *THE PLURALIST*, which will become the official journal of SAAP. This relationship will continue the publication of highlights from annual meetings; but it will also contain other possibilities. SAAP also intends to publish other papers from the meeting there: Presidential Addresses, Founders' Addresses, perhaps some of the Coss lectures and responses, etc. The journal will further incorporate the book reviews that now appear in the *SAAP NEWSLETTER*, as well as the various memorials and informational announcements that have appeared there. Other possibilities remain to be realized.

THE PLURALIST will thus become the print-voice of the Society, and the success of each will depend in large part on the other. In particular, because the Society has adopted the journal, it has also accepted a large level of economic responsibility for the journal. The financial realities of the new situation will require that annual SAAP dues be increased to \$65/45 for paying members, who will now receive the paper version of *THE PLURALIST*, and \$15 for those graduate students, retired and other non-paying members who would like to receive access to the e-version of the journal.

The Board of Directors recognizes, of course, the financial realities of our current world. At the same time, it is of central importance to the well-being of SAAP and its new journal that the Society retain, and even expand its membership base. Consequently, when in late November you receive the request to renew your dues for next year, please do so as soon as it is convenient. Your support is especially vital as we begin this new venture.

It is the intention of the Board to use the next few years to insure the long-term economic stability of the journal and to discover the possibilities that it will afford the Society. We believe that *THE PLURALIST* holds great promise for the future of SAAP, and we hope that you will continue your vital support.

Jim Campbell, SAAP President, 2008-10