I. ELECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As announced in Newsletter VII (March 1971), the terms of William Davenport and Mike Lieber on the ASAO Executive Committee expire September 1, 1971. The first election of EC members under the recently adopted ASAO By-Laws was held in May. The following were elected for two-year terms:

Jane Goodale - Bryn Mawr College
Alan Howard - Bernice P. Bishop Museum

Vern Carroll, Bob Kiste, and Len Mason continue as members of the Executive Committee; their terms of office expire September 1, 1972.

II. ELECTION OF HONORARY FELLOWS

The first three ASAO Honorary Fellows were also elected in May. Elected were:

Gregory Bateson - University of Hawaii
Raymond Firth - University of Chicago, 1970-71; University of London
Douglas Oliver - Harvard University; University of Hawaii

III. ASAO MONOGRAPH SERIES

A. Progress Report

Series Editor, Vern Carroll, has made the following report on the overall progress of the ASAO Monograph Series:

Sales of our first monograph, Adoption in Eastern Oceania, seem to have stabilized at about 200 copies per year. This figure is disappointingly small. While the Series is in no immediate danger, we must all appreciate that the viability of our series in the long haul will depend upon reasonably economic sales.
patterns. Everyone with an interest in our organization should concern himself with the promotion of our monographs. In particular, it would be useful if everyone did the following:

1. Check local libraries, including specialized (or departmental) libraries and request acquisition if not there.

2. Encourage your local academic bookstores to stock our volumes (putting them on lists for courses as "recommended but not required" is useful in this connection).

3. If you have been assigned a review of one of our volumes, GET IT OUT! (This is the main means of advertising.)

4. If you know someone who has been assigned a review, harass him to get it in.

5. Encourage graduate students to volunteer reviews to journals that have not published them.

6. Mention our books in classes, to graduate students, and to colleagues. All other suggestions for promotion will be welcomed by the Series Editor.

B. ASAO Monographs in Progress

Ivan Brady reports that work is progressing steadily on his planned ASAO volume, The Economics and Politics of Adoption in Oceania (see Newsletter VII). The deadline for preliminary drafts has been extended to January 1, 1972. Persons interested as potential contributors should contact Dr. Brady at the Department of Anthropology, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221. A conference is tentatively planned for contributors in the spring of 1972. The contributors to date include:

Ivan Brady (Ellice), University of Cincinnati
Candace Brooks (Tuamotus), San Jose State College
Keith Marshall (Namoluk), University of Washington
Keith Morton (Tonga), University of Oregon
Garth Rogers (Tonga), University of Auckland
Michael Rynkiewich (Arno), Macalester College
Bradd Shore (Samoa), University of Chicago
J. Jerome Smith (Rota), University of Arizona
W. Scott Wilson (Kusaie), University of Guam

For a report on other volumes in progress, see Newsletter VII.

IV. OBITUARY

Regretfully, it was learned that Dr. Ann Fischer died in New Orleans on April 22. Jack Fischer has written that Ann continued to work on her own research and on book review editing for the American
Anthropologist until a few days before her death. Jack will complete the volume of readings on Micronesian ethnology that Ann was preparing for Chandler Publishing Company.

Individuals wishing to honor Ann's memory may do so by making a contribution to the scholarship fund of the Committee for Expanding Educational Opportunity (CEEO) of Tulane University. The fund is primarily used for scholarships for black students. Ann had been actively involved in the work of CEEO as long as her health permitted, and Jack notes that contributions supporting CEEO would certainly have pleased her. Any check should be made payable to "Tulane University" and designated "For CEEO Scholarship Fund in memory of Ann Fischer." Checks may be mailed to Dr. M. S. Edmonson, Department of Anthropology, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

The Provost of Tulane hopes to establish a scholarship in Ann's name.

V. NEWS OF RESEARCH

A. Polynesia

1. IVAN BRADY (University of Cincinnati) has returned to the ELLICE ISLANDS on an NSF grant to study economic change and adoption patterns on Funafuti from July through September, 1971. The study is oriented toward discovering the role of adoption and fosterage transactions relative to the changing constitutional demands of households and descent groups undergoing rapid assimilation by market exchange. The goal is to construct a decision model that reveals in context the importance of contemporary economic strategies in group affiliation-recruitment processes involving adoption and fosterage. ( Reported by Ivan Brady.)

2. MARGARET MACKENZIE (University of Chicago) commences research on RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS, during the summer. Her work will be centered on problems of health and illness and the study of native health practices and belief and customs related to health. She will be cooperating with a medical team from New Zealand in her study which will provide material for her Ph.D. thesis. (Reported by David Schneider.)

3. RICHARD FEINBERG (University of Chicago) plans to work on the island of ANUTA. During the past year, he has been taking advantage of Dr. Firth's presence at Chicago and has been learning Tikopean and related languages in preparation for his research. Feinberg plans to be in the field by the end of the year and his study will focus on problems connected with the native system of ethics. (Reported by David Schneider.)
B. Micronesia

1. DAVID and DOREEN LABBY (University of Chicago) have completed two years of research on YAP and have returned to Chicago where David is writing his doctoral dissertation. (Reported by David Schneider.)

2. PAUL A. DAHLQUIST (Ohio State University) will complete one year's field work on PONAPE in August and begin preparation of his doctoral dissertation "Changing Food Patterns in a Ponapean Community." (Reported by Dan Hughes.)

3. KEITH MAC MARSHALL (University of Washington) returns this fall from his second field trip to NAMOLUK ATOLL (Truk District) where his study focused on cooperation and kinship. He will be completing his dissertation and job-hunting during the coming year. (Reported by Vern Carroll.)

4. MIKE LIEBER (University of Washington) spent the spring and summer at the Pacific and Asian Linguistics Institute, University of Hawaii, preparing a grammar and lexicon for KAPINGAMARANGI. He plans a brief field trip to PONAPE in September. (Reported by Vern Carroll.)

5. VERN CARROLL (University of Washington) has spent the past year at the University of Hawaii working on an analysis of NUKUORO communication, especially communication about emotional states. He is currently editing his Nukuoro Lexicon for publication. He will return to the University of Washington September 1st. (Reported by Vern Carroll.)

6. MIKE RYNKIEWICH (University of Minnesota) has completed the first draft of his doctoral dissertation on land tenure and politics of ARNO ATOLL in the southern MARSHALL ISLANDS. This thesis should be completed during the forthcoming academic year, and he has taken the position of Assistant Professor at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

7. PAUL SCHAEFER (University of Minnesota) continues his preparation for field work on KUSAIE which will begin about January 1972. As indicated in the last Newsletter, he is concerned with the development of the Protestant Mission on Kusaie and the effect of the mission effort upon Kusaien political organization. Permission to conduct the study has been received from the Council of Kusaie and the Trust Territory government.

VI. SAMOA BIBLIOGRAPHY

Lowell D. Holmes (Department of Anthropology, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas 67206) is compiling a Bibliography of the Samoan Islands for the Pacific Monograph Series (Australian National
University Press in association with the University of Hawaii Press) and would like to have references on any articles concerning Samoa that readers have published during the last ten years.

VII. ASAO SYMPOSIA at AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS 1971

At the AAA meetings in New York, November 18-21, 1971, the ASAO is sponsoring two symposia and will convene an Executive Committee meeting which will be open to anyone interested.

The symposia are scheduled as follows, on the basis of information received from the AAA Program Chairman:

November 18, Thursday, morning session. Political Development in Micronesia, co-chairmen Dan Hughes and Sherwood Lingenfelter.

November 19, Friday, morning session. Incest, chairman Vern Carroll.

The Executive Committee of ASAO will meet, tentatively, at 7:00 p.m., November 18, in a room to be assigned, to conduct essential business. All ASAO members and prospective members are invited to attend. Vern Carroll is chairman.

VIII. ASAO MEETING - SPRING 1972

Program Chairman Len Mason asks that members of ASAO give their attention to the questions on the following page to assist in planning the time, place, and agenda for the ASAO meeting in Spring 1972.

See Newsletter VII (March 1971), pp. 4-5, for details set out by the Executive Committee for planning the annual meeting.

At this time it is proposed to schedule a three-day meeting (with one or two days before for any formal conference based on papers being prepared for a volume in the ASAO Monograph Series), in early April or late March at some location on the West Coast or in Hawaii. All ASAO members are eligible and encouraged to attend and in general will come at their own expense.

The questions on the following page are presented for your reactions in order to assist the Program Chairman in more precise planning. He will present a plan to the membership at an ASAO membership meeting in November 1971 in New York just prior to the AAA annual meeting for final action.

The agenda of the Spring 1972 meeting will include, besides specially arranged formal conferences in connection with ASAO Monograph Series publication, (a) informal conferences of a regional or interdisciplinary nature, (b) Executive Committee meeting, (c) preliminary discussions on potential monograph subjects, (d) "strategy" meetings on special problems, and (e) other ASAO business.
Please return the following form with your reactions to:

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I. Place (check your preference)
   ___ Pacific Northwest (e.g. Seattle)
   ___ Bay area (e.g. Santa Cruz)
   ___ Hawaii (e.g. Honolulu)
   ___ Other: __________________________________________
   ___ Any of the above

II. Dates (check your preference; add specific dates you could attend)
   ___ Between Winter and Spring quarters (Include dates__)
   ___ During Spring semester vacation (Include dates__)
   ___ Any dates in late March or early April

III. I definitely will plan to attend the Spring 1972 meeting. _____
     I can attend this meeting only if it is held at: _____
     (place __________________) and during (dates__________)
     I cannot or do not intend to attend the Spring 1972 meeting. _____

IV. I have the following suggestions for inclusion in the agenda, and
    will take responsibility for convening a session on ___________.
    (Elaborate your suggestion on the back side of this page.)

Signed________________________________________

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