I. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER 18, 1971 (submitted by Vern Carroll, Chairman)

The Executive Committee met to consider current business (discussed below) in an open meeting to which all members and prospective members were invited. The turnout was overwhelming: over a hundred people came! The Chairman talked at length to those assembled about the history and aims of ASAO—especially the monograph series and Newsletter—and about the possibilities for annual meetings (in the spring) consisting entirely of two-day-long symposia. The response was enthusiastic. A question period followed, in which it became clear that the main problem was that many had heard about ASAO but had not been personally approached about participating. This had led many to believe that the organization existed for the benefit of only a small group of founders who were not interested in expanding their core membership. It was explained that the priorities of the organizers had been (1) the establishment, on a firm footing, of research coordination (in the form of a monograph series, and a regularly-appearing Newsletter); (2) the building of an organizational infrastructure able to service an organization of wider membership; and, lastly, (3) annual meetings and a membership campaign to involve as many ethnographers as possible in the organization. This last phase is only now beginning, and thus it is understandable that many have felt "left out." However true this might have been in the past (for the reasons mentioned), it will not be true in the future. ASAO will try to reach everyone who has done (or plans to do) ethnography in Polynesia, Micronesia, or Melanesia (including all of New Guinea). For the moment at least, we shall not try to enlarge our areal scope, nor attempt to relate to those who are not primarily ethnographers. These limitations are merely to provide for measured, or orderly growth—lest we follow in the footsteps of comparable regional organizations which have tried for mass membership at the beginning and, in consequence, have become smaller versions of the AAA.
The Executive Committee discussed the following topics (in brief) and came to the conclusions indicated:

A. We are faced with the loss of our secretariat, hitherto located at Santa Cruz, and thus must find a new "home." Specifically, we need the following provided to ASAO on a long-term basis at no cost:

1. A (small) furnished office with files, etc., in which all organization records can be safely stored;

2. Access to office machines (electric typewriter, mimeograph machine);

3. The above located in a place where an ASAO supporter can provide responsible direction---preferably taking over the jobs of Secretary and Newsletter Editor for a year or so, in order to get the system organized---with a view toward eventually having a setup that would make it possible to have a Secretary and Newsletter Editor at another institution. Ideally our locus would have several resident ASAO supporters, who could spell each other when one is absent;

4. Ideally, also, the institution could furnish a little part-time secretarial help (e.g., Newsletter typing, correspondence routing).

Every reader of this Newsletter is requested to think about whether his own institution might be prevailed upon to provide this kind of support and investigate whatever possibilities are at hand. A final decision concerning this matter will be made by the Executive Committee at the forthcoming annual meeting; those with proposals to make in this matter are invited to communicate with Vern Carroll, or any other member of the Executive Committee (Jane Goodale, Alan Howard, Bob Kiste, Len Mason).

B. The response to a proposal to initiate an annual ASAO spring meeting was met with enthusiastic response. The meeting has been scheduled at Rosario's Resort-Hotel, Orcas Island (San Juan Group), Eastsound, Washington (State) from March 29 to April 1, 1972. The program has been planned by Leonard Mason, ASAO Program Chairman, and local arrangements have been made by Vern Carroll and Mike Lieber. All individuals on the ASAO mailing list have been notified by a special letter dated January 5, 1972. Everyone planning to attend has been requested to notify Vern Carroll by February 15.

C. The Secretary (Bob Kiste) was charged with undertaking a thorough membership campaign to include (1) the placing of announcements in journals and newsletters; (2) contacting all those listed in *Pacific Anthropologists 1971*; (3) appointing regional membership coordinators.
D. The question of whether or not to incorporate was discussed, and action was deferred once again until the question of a secretariat is settled (since some institutions appear legally unable to support incorporated organizations).

E. Several by-laws were discussed and approved. These deal with organizational matters and are reproduced at the end of this report.

F. The reports of officers (Program Chairman, Secretary, Monograph Series Editor) were received and approved. A summary of these follow:

1. Secretary

The main problems facing us concern the secretariat, membership, and participation in the Newsletter. The status of the ASAO General Fund is as follows:

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2. Monograph Series Editor

The initial grant to Vern Carroll ($1800) and royalties from the first volume ($511 so far) have been offset by costs (for preparation of future volumes) of $549.75, as of October 25, 1971, so that our balance is $1761.25. We have been extremely fortunate in that all of our early volumes have cost us very little, owing to the volume editors' diligence in securing grants or institutional support. Future volumes will be more expensive. Even so, with the five or six volumes now underway or in print, royalty income should prove sufficient to provide complete editorial expenses for as many volumes as we care to undertake. It is the Editor's hope that we can get ten monographs in print within five years, for with ten volumes generating royalty revenue, ASAO could afford to sponsor wholly one symposium a year (providing transportation and maintenance of the conference). Members are reminded that the present state of affairs results from our custom of assigning all royalties from ASAO monographs to the ASAO Publications Fund.

The only problem with the series is the matter of sales. ASAO members are reminded to do what they can to increase our sales.

G. A Nominations Committee was appointed: William Davenport, Michael D. Lieber, Martin G. Silverman.

H. Notice was taken of the elevation to the status of FELLOW of Jane Goodale, in virtue of her election to the Executive Committee (see Newsletter V for the constitutional provisions governing FELLOW status) and of the election of the following to the status of HONORARY FELLOW: Gregory Bateson, Raymond Firth, Douglas Oliver.
I. A vote of thanks was recorded for the loyal service of our outgoing Executive Committee members, Michael D. Lieber and William Davenport.

II. THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS WERE PASSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 18, 1971 IN NEW YORK CITY AND BECOME EFFECTIVE, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 5 OF OUR CONSTITUTION, ONE MONTH AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE ASAO NEWSLETTER.

(N.B. The by-laws listed in Newsletter VII were inadvertently lettered, rather than numbered; each of them (headed by a capital letter) should be numbered, in sequence, from #1 through #18 with subsections thereof lettered, instead of numbered.)

ASAO By-law #9

A history of the Association shall be kept by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and passed on to his successor. Copies will be prepared for all members of the Executive Committee, and each new member shall be given a copy. From time to time, an abstract of this history shall be prepared by the Chairman of the Executive Committee for publication in the Newsletter. For a start, the present Chairman shall prepare a draft history and circulate it to all Fellows and others present at the various organizational meetings (Santa Cruz 1967, 1969). On the basis of comments received, the draft will be revised and recirculated to these same individuals. All commentary from this second round will be incorporated verbatim into the final text. Thereafter, each year the history will be brought up to date (through addition, not revision) by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who will first circulate a draft to the other members of the Executive Committee, then prepare a final draft, to which shall be appended the additional comments of other Executive Committee members. The Chairman of the Executive Committee is responsible for passing a copy of this history to his successor and to all members of the Executive Committee elected during his tenure as Chairman.

ASAO By-law #10

The Pacific National Bank of Seattle is designated as the official repository for funds belonging to the ASAO Publications Fund. The Series Editor and (in an emergency) the Secretary are authorized to write checks on this account, in keeping with Association policies as set forth by the Executive Committee.

ASAO By-law #11

The Secretary shall promptly communicate the results of all elections to all members of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible for promptly and formally notifying those so honored. In addition, the Secretary shall commission a certificate, suitable for framing, to be prepared for each newly-elected Honorary Fellow.
The Secretary shall try to arrange for this certificate to be delivered in person by a Member or Fellow, preferably in the context of a public or semi-public ceremony (e.g., a meeting of a local anthropology society or anthropology department colloquium). If this be unfeasible, the certificate shall be mailed (in a sturdy wrapping).

**ASAO By-law #12**

Prior to each regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee each ASAO officer shall prepare a written report and circulate it to every member of the EC at least two weeks prior to that meeting. In addition to reporting on that segment of Association affairs for which he is responsible (accomplishments, problems, etc.), each officer who supervises the administration of one or another of our funds (i.e., the Series Editor, Program Chairman, and Secretary) shall prepare a written summary report on the status of these funds, indicating (1) balance shown on last report; (2) expenditures (by category) during reporting period; (3) income (by category) during reporting period; (4) current balance; (5) any present or foreseeable financial difficulties.

**ASAO By-law #13**

The ASAO Series Editor may appoint one or more Series sub-editors—to be known as "Associate Series Editor"—to supervise a category of technical matters (such as cartography) pertaining to volumes in the series. Service in this capacity shall qualify the sub-editor for the status of Fellow. Similarly, service as Newsletter Editor (see By-law #1) for a year or longer shall qualify the person serving as a Fellow.

**ASAO By-law #14**

Officers serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. No less frequently than once each year, the Executive Committee shall review the work of each officer (see By-law #12 concerning reports required from each officer) and decide whether or not to reappoint him for an additional year. If any Fellow has a complaint about the work of any officer, he is requested to bring it to the attention of any member of the Executive Committee, who will cause it to be placed on the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting.

### III. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT ASAO

The following items in question and answer form have been prepared by Vern Carroll and are being published as a brochure to provide basic information about ASAO as we launch our membership campaign. The items should bring all of us up to date on ASAO affairs and the development of the organization. You can help the membership drive
by passing along the following to your colleagues who have interests in Oceania:

Q. What is "ASAO"?

A. The Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania is an organization designed (quoting from our constitution) "To advance the study of comparative social anthropology in Oceania through symposia, joint publication, and research coordination."

Q. What are the implications of the word "social" in the title?

A. We are an organization of ethnographers with regional comparative interests.

Q. How large is ASAO?

A. As of November 1971 there were about 80 paid-up subscriptions from individuals. A list of members is available to any member, on request to the Secretary, with the understanding that the list will not be used for any commercial purpose, or for the purposes of solicitation. In time, we hope our membership will extend to all of those who are actively engaged in ethnographic work in Oceania, which at the present writing, comprises not more than a few hundred.

Q. Who can become a member of ASAO?

A. (To quote from our constitution) "Any person or organization sharing an interest in the Association's purposes may become a MEMBER upon the payment of annual dues." The organization exists primarily for the benefit of those who have done (or expect to do) ethnography in one of the three culture areas of Oceania (Polynesia, Micronesia, or Melanesia—including New Guinea).

Q. How does one become a member of ASAO?

A. Send a check for $5 (current annual dues) to the Secretary, whose name and address will be found in any recent Newsletter, or contact any member, or member of the Executive Committee.

Q. What do I get in exchange for my $5?

A. A Newsletter (issued quarterly at present) which contains news of the Association, research plans of members, and such other contributions as members wish to make. Also, one obtains the right to attend annual meetings of the Association (which are not open to non-members, except by invitation).
Q. Frankly, I do not find the Newsletter very informative.

A. A Newsletter such as ours is only as good as the contributors make it. If everyone would devote a few minutes a year to thinking about how it could be made more useful, and either preparing copy to send to the Newsletter Editor or suggesting what sorts of things he might do, then we would have a much better Newsletter. At the very least each member should insure that all students known to him, whether working under his direction or not, send a statement of their field work plans to the Newsletter Editor as soon as possible. Also note that the ASAO Newsletter does not compete with MAN IN NEW GUINEA to which ASAO members may wish to subscribe.

Q. Isn't ASAO part of some larger organization or affiliated with some institution?

A. No, ASAO is entirely independent of any other organization or institution. Its activities are entirely financed by contributions from members (and grants and royalties, in the case of its publications). The various officers of the Association serve without any support from their home institution, although the Secretariat may receive some limited help (without obligation) from the institution in which it is housed. ASAO exists solely to serve the needs of its members, and the Executive Committee is ever-watchful that the organization be not subverted to narrower interests.

Q. Who runs ASAO?

A. A five-person Executive Committee is constitutionally empowered to administer the Association and make by-laws in amplification of the constitution. The Executive Committee also appoints Association officers (Secretary, Program Chairman, Monograph Series Editor), receives periodic reports from them, and sets policy guidelines for their functions.

Q. How can ordinary members or fellows have an influence on the policy decisions of the Executive Committee?

A. All meetings of the Executive Committee are open to all fellows and members. In addition, an open meeting of all members present will be held each year at both the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association and the annual meeting of ASAO. On all of these occasions, members of the Executive Committee will be present to answer questions, receive suggestions, and take straw votes on the feelings of the membership. Moreover, any member or fellow may communicate in writing at any time with the Chairman of the Executive Committee (or any other member of the Executive Committee) requesting the Executive Committee to consider any matter, or take any action, that falls within the purview of our constitutionally-defined goals as an organization.
Q. How does one get on the Executive Committee?

A. Any MEMBER may be elected to the Executive Committee (but only those who are FELLOWS may vote in Association elections).

Q. What is the difference between MEMBERS and FELLOWS?

A. Anyone can become a MEMBER simply by paying dues; no further participation in the Association is required. A FELLOW is someone who has demonstrated commitment to the Association by having served as a member of the Executive Committee, or as an officer; or by having contributed (as author or editor) to the Association's monograph series. The obvious purpose of this distinction in classes of membership is to keep voting control of the Association in the hands of those who care enough about it to contribute to its goals. (N.B.: Professional standing—e.g., whether or not one is an "anthropologist" or a "Ph.D."—has nothing to do with qualification as a FELLOW.)

In the absence of an invitation to contribute to one of the Association's monographs (announcements concerning which appear regularly in the Newsletter) a prospective fellow may always undertake to edit a volume himself, or propose to the Executive Committee that his name be sent to the Nominations Committee for consideration, or volunteer to serve as an officer.

Q. Why are there so few FELLOWS of ASAO?

A. Owing to the manner in which the status of FELLOW is achieved, relatively few have qualified up to now. However, when the monographs now underway are accepted for publication, and increasing numbers of volunteers are found to serve as Association officers, the number of FELLOWS should increase four or five-fold within the next two years.

Q. What sort of "Annual Meeting" does ASAO hold?

A. Our aim is to have meetings that are (1) relaxing; (2) good opportunities to get to know each other better; and (3) intellectually profitable, hopefully with some measurable output. Thus we aim to have three-day meetings in quiet, scenic surroundings (away from large cities), with two full days devoted to each symposium. There will be a limited number of symposia (e.g., four). Discussions at these symposia will center around previously circulated position papers and will represent one stage of monograph preparation.

Q. How are ASAO monographs organized?

A. Anyone who wishes to organize a volume is invited to communicate with the Series Editor, who will provide helpful information about the details of planning and executing a publishable symposium. Some financial help with editorial expenses (but
Q. What are HONORARY FELLOWS of ASAO?

A. Once each year all FELLOWS (only) may participate in the election of distinguished scholars in the field to this honorary status. HONORARY FELLOWS have all of the rights of FELLOWS, but do not pay dues.

Q. I am a member of ASAO but am not receiving my Newsletter. What's wrong?

A. Do you keep the Secretary advised of changes of address and pay your dues? If so, bring the matter to the Secretary's attention.

Q. I am a new member of ASAO and do not understand the Newsletter references to the "Constitution," previously enacted "by-laws," and other parts of ASAO's ancient history. How can I inform myself on these matters?

A. Everything of any importance to any ASAO member will be found in one or another of the old copies of the Newsletter (from which appeared right after our last metamorphosis). If you do not own a complete set, try to borrow one from a friend and xerox it, or write to the Secretary, who will offer you a xerox set at cost. From time to time the Secretary will codify all these documents into a single package and circulate them to all members.

Q. I have been a member of ASAO for some time and notice from my reading of the Newsletter that there are many functions and activities; yet I am never asked to become a part of them. Why?

A. As in any organization, there is a limit to the amount of "personal solicitation" which is possible. For example, announcements of the various symposia are made in the Newsletter. Naturally, the organizer solicits participation from those best known to him; but if you are interested in participating in an announced symposium, perhaps you will have to take the initiative in making your wishes known. The same holds for other Association functions. When an announcement about annual meetings is made in the Newsletter, only those who respond to this announcement will wind up participating. Likewise, for all other Association activities. Of course, those who do the most organizational work will have more knowledge of what is happening, and a greater sense of meaningful participation, BUT it is important to stress that everyone is welcome and needed in the "inner circle."

Q. Where is ASAO going, as an organization?

A. That will be up to the Executive Committee, which will be guided considerably by the suggestions of members and fellows which are communicated at open meetings or expressed in writing.
IV. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES (submitted by Vern Carroll)

Attention is invited to the recent publication of PACIFIC ANTHROPOLOGISTS 1971, a valuable directory of all anthropologists interested in the Pacific, which is published by the Pacific Science Information Center, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818. Changes of address, names of omitted field workers, etc., should be routinely and regularly forwarded to PSIC to maintain the usefulness of periodic revisions.

Further to the list of theses compiled by myself and Jim Nason in Newsletter #4, many omissions have been brought to our attention. Rather than attempting to continually update this list, we refer readers to the recently published WORLD CATALOG OF THESES ON THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, by Carol E. Dossor and Diane Dickson, which is published by The Australian National University. The closing date for entries in this work was 1968. In addition, Mrs. Dossor reports that she is keeping a current list of theses, completed and in progress for the JOURNAL OF PACIFIC HISTORY and an eventual addendum to the WORLD CATALOG. She is interested in Masters' theses as well. Her address: The Research School of Pacific Studies, The Australian National University, Box 4, P.O. Canberra, A.C.T., Australia.

On the subject of theses, I have recently discovered something of interest to those comparativists who share my view that most of the real goodies are buried in theses: University Microfilms (Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106) has instituted a new policy whereby a copy of any thesis (regardless of length) which is on file with them can be had for the sum of $10 bound in paper covers, or $12.25 bound in hard cloth covers (plus $1 postage); a microfilm copy of any thesis is $4. Some universities do not give up their theses to University Microfilms (notably Chicago and Harvard); arrangements for these (invariably expensive) must be made through the respective college libraries.

Anthropologists working in the Trust Territory may not have heard that the judicial opinions of the High Court have been codified by several recent Peace Corps lawyers and are now available from Equity Publishing Corporation, Orford, New Hampshire 03777 under the heading:

"REPORTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
Vol. 1 -- 1951-58 $10
Vol. 2 -- 1959-64 10
Vol. 3 -- 1965-68 10
Vol. 4 -- 1968-69 15

"Current cases service is now available on a quarterly basis for keeping Trust Territory Reports current. Per year, $20."
V. NEWS OF RESEARCH

A. Micronesia

1. DeVERNE REED SMITH (Ph.D. candidate at Bryn Mawr College) plans to study adoption and parenthood in Palau, beginning in July 1972.

2. KEITH MAC MARSHALL and his wife LESLIE (University of Washington, Seattle) completed 18 months' research on Namoluk Atoll, Truk District, in the fall of 1971 and is now in Seattle preparing his dissertation on Namoluk kinship and marriage. Field research also included complete botanical collections for Ray Fosberg (Smithsonian) and Doug Yen (Bishop Museum), collection of lizards and geckoes from Namoluk for the Bishop Museum, a collection of vertebrate ectoparasites for Dr. Nixon Wilson (University of Northern Iowa), and a collaborative investigation into the epidemiology of the blood parasite Toxoplasma gondii with Dr. Gordon D. Wallace of the Pacific Research Section, NIAID, Honolulu. A collection of items of material culture and surface archaeological materials was also made for Dr. James Nason, Curator of Ethnology, Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum.

3. JACK CARTER (University of Kansas) was resident on Moen, Truk Atoll, for three years as a teacher at Mizpah High School. He recently spent one and a half months investigating kinship and land tenure on Eot Island, Truk for his M.A. thesis.

4. JERRY SMITH (University of Arizona) who conducted research on Rota, Marianas District, reports that an archaeological crew from Tokai University, Japan completed a preliminary site survey on Rota during the spring of 1971 and will be returning for a program of intensive excavation in the near future.

5. PAUL SCHAEFER (University of Minnesota) departed for field work on Kusaie, Ponape District, in January 1972. As reported earlier his research will focus on the development of the Protestant Mission and the effect of the mission effort on Kusaieen political organization.

B. Polynesia

1. MARGARET MACKENZIE (University of Chicago) commenced field work on Rarotonga, Cook Islands during the summer of 1971. She initially collaborated with a medical team organized by the South Pacific Medical Committee of the Medical Research Council of New Zealand in a medical survey of preschool children. In September, 1971 she initiated her own study on practices and belief systems related to health.