I. INCORPORATION

We received word in late November that our Articles of Incorporation were filed with the office of the Secretary of State (Washington State) on 1 August 1973. ASAO has been, from that date, a duly registered corporation. Technically, then, our Executive Committee is now the Board of Directors and our Chairman of the Executive Committee is legally transformed into the Chairman of the Board. The two immediate consequences of this action are: (1) all contributions to ASAO are now deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code [which also allows us to seek funding as an Association for special tasks]; and, (2) we are now barred from any "substantial...activities" related to the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or, participating in, intervening in, or otherwise attempting to influence any political campaign. The task of revising our by-laws and applying for tax exempt status as a charitable, non-profit organization are underway and should be completed within the next two weeks.

II. ASAO GENERAL MEETING: NEW ORLEANS

A brief general meeting of ASAO was held in New Orleans at the American Anthropological Association 72nd annual meetings. Our evening session was an informational meeting conducted by Mike Lieber, Chairman of the ASAO Board of Directors. In addition to reviewing some general information about ASAO for those non-members present, Mr. Lieber especially urged that graduate students planning to do research in Oceania or who are interested in Oceania be encouraged to join. This is particularly crucial if the Association is to be in a position to continue to report up-coming research plans - a matter of

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considerable interest to a majority of our membership. Three new members were recruited on the spot following this plea. Jane Goodale (Bryn Mawr) reported on the progress of the search for a suitable location for our 1975 4th Annual Meeting, which will be held on or near the New England coast. The sites which are presently under consideration are Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Individuals who wish to suggest alternative sites or who would like to assist in the planning should send notice to Dr. Jane Goodale, Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010. The present plans for the 1974 meetings at Asilomar were also presented and several suggestions were made by Ivan Brady, Karl Heider, Henry Lundsgaarde, and Charles Urbanowicz for informal sessions at the coming meetings. The members and guests were pleased to welcome A.W.M. Hart to the meeting.

III. PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 1974 ASAO MEETINGS

The following information has been received from Mike Lieber, the program chairman for the 3rd Annual Meeting of ASAO: "This year's meetings promise to be active as the session schedule nears completion. There will be two formal symposia: Ponapean Anthropology, chaired by Dan Hughes (Ohio State), and Household Economic Strategies, chaired by Jerome Smith (U. Southern Florida). Each symposium will be open to all members who care to participate, but will end with a final closed session for contributors only. There will be one working session on Uses and Abuses of Alcohol and Kava, chaired by Mac Marshall (U. Iowa)."

"In addition, several informal sessions have been proposed. Charles Urbanowicz has suggested a photographic slide session and Dorothy Counts (Waterloo) has proposed an informal session on Myth, Ritual, and Cargo activities in Melanesia (details of these two follow). In addition to the above, Henry Lundsgaarde (Kansas) has suggested a working session on Conflict and Conflict Management. Individuals interested in this topic should write to Dr. Lundsgaarde as soon as possible at: Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. Karl Heider (UCLA) has also suggested that anyone interested in pursuing last year's discussions on missionaries in Oceania and chairing such discussions communicate with the program chairman about the possibility of scheduling an informal session."

"Scheduling of sessions will be done with an eye toward optimizing time allotted for sessions along with time for wandering about or socializing. I will try to leave at least one afternoon slot open for people who would like to visit Monterey. While some informal sessions will be scheduled for evening meetings, I will also try to get some of these in either morning or afternoon time slots if the schedule permits. All questions or suggestions for the program format should be addressed to: Mike Lieber; Dept. of Anthropology; University of Washington; Seattle, Washington, 98105."
IV. ADDITIONS TO THE 1974 ASAO PROGRAM

A. Details of the scheduled formal symposium on Household Economic strategies and the two informal sessions on Missionaries in Oceania and on Uses and Abuses of Alcohol and Kava are in Newsletter XII, Spring, 1973. Individuals who wish to participate in or learn about the plans for the scheduled formal symposium on Ponapean Anthropology are advised to contact Dr. Dan Hughes, Dept. of Anthropology, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210, as soon as possible.

B. Two new informal sessions now scheduled are as follows:

1. Dorothy Counts - Myth, Philosophy, and Cargo Activity

   It has been suggested that cargo activity is a manifestation of a philosophical system that seems to be common to the people of Melanesia. It has also been suggested that, among other things, mythology offers people a vehicle through which they explore the possible solutions to those of life's paradoxes that they find especially worrisome, and that the problems that perplex people will be reflected in the themes of their myths. It seems to me that, at least on one level, the philosophy of a people should be reflected in their mythology as well as in their overt behavior. My own data indicates that the themes of cargo belief are expressed in both the activity and the mythology of the people of Kaliai in northwest New Britain, and this leads me to wonder whether there is data from other societies to indicate that there is a correlation between cargo activity and the content of mythology. I am not concerned with myths that generate specific cargo activity so much as with myths containing sets of relations between men, spirits, and goods that are analogous to those expressed in cargo activity.

   I would like, in an exploratory session, to discover whether other people have data that would bear on this question and whether there is enough material and interest to generate a symposium. If you are interested, and especially if you have data that could be presented as a basis for discussion, please contact: Dorothy Counts; Department of Anthropology; University of Waterloo; Waterloo, Ontario; Canada.

2. Charles Urbanowicz - A Photographic Slide Session

   It is proposed that an informal slide session be held, possibly one evening, for the purpose of mutual enjoyment and information. Individuals should bring from 20 to 40 35mm slides of a Pacific locale they are familiar with and be prepared to briefly discuss them. This will afford individuals amongst us who have had little travel opportunities in Oceania to see and possibly make arrangements for obtaining copies of slides with their owners (e.g., for use in Oceania courses). For example, Urbanowicz will bring 20 slides on Tongan land formation, town and village life and will be happy to arrange for copies should anyone
so desire. Specific slides will illustrate Tongan 'tapa' making from tree to finished ngatu product.

V. 3rd ANNUAL MEETING OF ASAO

A. General Information

The 3rd Annual Meeting will be from 13 - 17 March at Asilomar Conference Grounds, a part of Asilomar State Beach located on the northern section of the Monterey peninsula. This is a facility operated by the state of California and offers a wide variety of meeting facilities and scenic attractions. Program chairman is Mike Lieber (U.Washington) and Local arrangements Chairman is Robert K. McKnight (California State University, Hayward, 415-884-3168).

The grounds encompass an area noted for its natural beauty, including a 60 acre forest of Monterey Pines, beach, and sand dune area. A swimming pool and other recreational features (e.g. billiard and pool tables) are available at Asilomar. Horse-back riding, golf, and deep-sea fishing are readily available off the grounds in the nearby communities of Pacific Grove, Monterey, Carmel, and Carmel Valley. A local bus service operates throughout the entire peninsula. The climate should be invigorating but mild, so plan on bringing warm sport clothes.

B. Accomodations

We have reserved space in the View Crescent, a complex of three buildings constructed in 1968. Rooms in these guest lodges are set up with twin-beds for double occupancy (a few rooms have a double and a single); each room has running water, and maid service is provided. Some rooms will be available as singles at an increased rate. We have reserved, as of now, space for 85 guests.

Prices for the accomodations are on the basis of occupancy only (i.e., there is no distinction between de-luxe and standard rooms) and include three meals per day, beginning with dinner at 6pm on the 13th and ending with lunch at noon on the 17th. These rates are:

- Single occupancy - $25.00/day (or $100.00 for the 4 days)
- Double occupancy - $21.00/person/day (or $84.00 for the 4 days)

Meals will be taken in the Crocker dining hall, which is located directly across from the View Crescent. No food may be prepared in rooms.

Individuals visiting the meetings but not staying at Asilomar will be charged a $1.00 fee. This is a Ground’s Fee required by Asilomar. No pets are permitted on the grounds.
Parking areas are available at Asilomar, but vehicles will not be required on the grounds. A minibus is available (at no cost) to transport guests and luggage from the administration building to the guest lodges. Visitors may obtain individual meals at the following rates: breakfast - $1.35; lunch - $2.25; dinner - $3.50.

C. Transportation

There are several transportation options available for individuals who intend to fly to the meetings:

1. If you arrange for connecting flights (e.g., on United or Hughes Air West) into Monterey airport, you can take an airporter bus directly to Asilomar. This service is available for every arriving flight and costs from $2-3.50 per person depending upon the number of persons in your group.

2. Individuals arriving on flights at either San Francisco or San Jose airports can make airport connection with a Greyhound bus that will take you to Pacific Grove, the town where Asilomar is located. The trip from San Francisco to Pacific Grove is 125 miles and takes approximately 3 to 3 1/2 hours and costs about $6.00 per person one-way. The current schedule is as follows:

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NB: Bus schedules and flight schedules, particularly for connecting flights into Monterey, are subject to change as fuel allotments change in the coming months. Individuals would be wise, in this uncertain situation, to obtain the latest information available prior to their departure and to notify Robert McKnight of any resulting change in their plans.

3. We no anticipate that at least some cars will be available to pick up individuals who for some reason cannot make the necessary bus or flight connections or who will require transport from the bus station in Pacific Grove to Asilomar. Anyone who now anticipates having a problem or desiring, if available, car transport from Pacific Grove to Asilomar should notify Robert McKnight on the appropriate place on the form at the end of this newsletter.

D. Registration

1. Participants will register upon arrival in the Asilomar administration building with our local arrangements people. There is no registration fee.

2. However, the fact that Asilomar is a state-operated facility has introduced several conditions that vary from practices in privately owned resorts. First, it will be necessary for ASAO to pay Asilomar for the total room and board billing for all participants. This means
that participants must pay ASAO at the time they register (please note also that this precludes the use of credit cards). We will, of course, provide refunds for anyone who leaves earlier than they had originally anticipated.

Second, we are required to provide Asilomar with accurate estimates of the prospective attendance at several times prior to the meetings. There is an allowed shrinkage of 5% two weeks before our meetings and we will be billed for any unused rooms. It is imperative, then, that you notify Robert McKnight immediately (and no later than 1 March) if your plans alter and you will be unable to attend.

It is also important that individuals who plan to attend so indicate by mailing the last sheet of this newsletter to McKnight no later than 10 February. We now have room for 85 persons reserved and will have to either increase or decrease this estimate in mid-February. Last-minute arrivals who have not previously made housing arrangements may find that rooms are not available at Asilomar, and will, accordingly, have to locate their own accommodations. (Note: there is no camping allowed at Asilomar State Beach.)

If individuals have questions concerning rates, accommodations, or transportation, they are urged to contact Robert McKnight as soon as possible for clarification.

VI. RESEARCH NEWS

A. Rolf Kuschel (Copenhagen U.) writes that his fieldwork in 1968 and 1971-72 on the Polynesian outlier Bellona, BSIP, focused on social changes after the introduction of Christianity in 1938. He continues: "There is one topic I would be very pleased to know more about, and that's whether it would be possible to get some information about anthropologists who have made studies or have come across deaf-mutes or deafs who have developed a sign language. I myself found one deaf-mute only on the island of Rennell who has developed his own sign language. Since it seems that this is a neglected field of study I would be very happy to have contact with anyone who has done some work on it." Dr. Kuschel recently presented a paper at the 4th International Congress of Deaf-Mutes detailing his Rennell material and may be reached at: Psychological Laboratory; Copenhagen University; Studiestraede 6; DK-1455 Copenhagen K.; Denmark.

V. NEWSLETTER PLANS

Karl Heider (UCLA) has written to suggest that we consider publishing our Summer, 1974, Newsletter as a special issue devoted to the teaching
of Oceania area courses. It is proposed that individuals who have
developed innovative or interesting course outlines, reading lists,
or instructional models for the teaching of area courses on Oceania
as a whole or on one of the constituent culture areas send the
materials they have available (with whatever comments are necessary)
to the Newsletter Editor. It would be advisable to submit such
materials by 1 June so that they may be included in our summer issue.

VI. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

A. The Anthropology Museum, University of Queensland (St.Lucia, 4067,
   Australia) now has an Occasional Papers series of interest. Number
   1 in the series was published in January, 1973 and contains articles
   on the museum, North Queensland artifacts, participant observation
   and research in New Guinea ecosystems and ethnobotany from the
   Wellesley Islands, Gulf of Carpentaria. Number 2, October, 1973,
   has articles on ethnographic collections, pottery manufacturing
   on Goodenough Island and Wani Güela, economic change in New Guinea,
   etc. Number 3 (expected in March, 1974) will be a special mono­
   graph by Dr. Peter Lauer on the Pottery Traditions in the D'Entre­
   casteaux Islands of Papua. These are available for US$3.00 each.

B. Members are advised of the availability of the "Coral Reef News­
   letter" prepared by the Pacific Science Association Scientific
   Committee on Coral Reefs. Number 2 was issued July, 1973. Articles
   focus primarily on the biology and geology of coral reef ecosystems.
   For information write: Dr. F. H. Talbot, the Australian Museum,
   6-8 College Street, Sydney, 2000, Australia.

C. We have received notice of the publication of: Baegu, Social and
   Ecological Organization in Malaita, Solomon Islands - Harold M.
   Ross. Illinois Studies in Anthropology #8, University of Illinois
   Press, Urbana. $8.95.

D. "Amerika Samoa", a magazine published monthly by the Office of
   Samoan Information, Government of American Samoa (Pago Pago, Amer­
   ican Samoa, 96799) published its silver jubilee edition in November,
   1973. The magazine is devoted to articles about contemporary and
   traditional politics, economics, and social life in Samoa and is
   apparently available on request.

E. Another magazine that recently came to our attention is "Sea
   Frontiers", published by the International Oceanographic Founda­
   tion (10 Rickenbacker Causeway, Virginia Key, Miami, Florida 33149). It
   contains a wide variety of articles on the history, biology, anthropology, meteorology, geology, economics, and oceanography of
   the oceans and island areas of the world. Annual subscription for this
   bimonthly publication is US$7.50.
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE THIRD ASAO ANNUAL MEETING, 13-17 MARCH
RETURN THIS SHEET NO LATER THAN 10 FEBRUARY TO: DR. ROBERT K.
McKINIGHT, DEPT. OF ANTHROPOLOGY, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA  94542

*****Yes, I will attend. My name and mailing address is:

Please reserve the following accommodations for me:

   ____ Single   ____ Double

(If multiple occupancy is desired, check one of the following)

   ____ I will find my own room mate and advise you.
   ____ Please assign me a room mate.
   ____ I expect to bring my family, consisting of_____________________

My transportation plans are:

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   ____ Airporter bus from Monterey airport to Asilomar.

   ____ I intend to drive to Asilomar and will( )/will not ( ) be able
to pick people up at Pacific Grove for transfer to Asilomar.

   ____ Other. Please specify.

I plan to attend, but only for the following dates:

I plan to attend, but am not sure of what I will informally participate in.

I plan to attend and will participate in:

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