I. ASAO ELECTION RESULTS

The terms of office on the Board of Directors of Vern Carroll, Mike Lieber, and Martin Silverman expire on 31 August 1974. In accordance with ASAO By-laws, these retiring members of the Board of Directors formed a committee to submit nominations to ASAO Fellows, with a request that additional names be proposed for election. A final list of nominees was subsequently mailed to ASAO Fellows with a mail ballot. The Secretary is pleased to announce the results of that election. Elected to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors (from 1 September 1974 to 31 August 1976) were:

Ivan Brady - State University of New York, Oswego
Robert Kiste - University of Minnesota
Robert McKnight - California State University, Hayward

Continuing as members of the Board are Karl Heider and Elli Maranda.

Also elected by majority vote of ASAO Fellows during this election were the following ASAO Honorary Fellows:

A.P. Elkin - University of Sydney
Leonard Mason - Honolulu, Hawaii
Harry Maude - Australian National University

II. THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The Third Annual Meeting of ASAO was held 14-17 March 1974 at Asilomar Conference Grounds on the Monterey Peninsula in California. In attendance were some forty-five members of ASAO and visitors. Local arrangements chairman was Robert McKnight; program chairman for the meetings was Mike Lieber. Two formal symposia, one working session, and four informal sessions were held between the 14th and 16th. A meeting of
A. Formal Symposium: Ponapean Anthropology

Chairman: Daniel Hughes (Ohio State University)

This symposium was convened in order to come to as thorough an understanding as possible of Ponapean culture by examining various aspects of contemporary Ponapean society and by discussing the historical background to that society. The focus was indicated by the original title of the symposia—'Changes in Ponapean Identity through Foreign Contact.' Papers were presented by Paul Dahlquist, Paul Ehrlich, Dan Hughes, Mike Lieber, Anthony Lord, and Roger Ward. The subjects of the papers included: an historic analysis of significant changes in Ponapean society during the German regime; contemporary changes in Ponapean food patterns and social organization, in traditional apology rituals, and in traditional values; and comparative analyses of Mokil and Kapingamarangi cultures with Ponapean culture.

Several specialists in non-Ponapean anthropology (including Vern Carroll, Karl Heider, and Mac Marshall) took an active part in discussions during the symposium and were most helpful. The main outcome of the discussions was to re-focus the symposium on two questions: First, what are the essential elements of Ponapean culture and how have these elements endured and been modified over time? and, Second, what are the contexts of relevance for these basic elements? The following features were identified as being essential to Ponapean culture: hierarchy, authority, titles, honor, sakau (kava), the Nanmwaruki-people relationship, love (limpok), competitiveness (the various forms in which it is expressed), bravery, endurance, the apology-forgiveness pattern, sharing, and marti-clans. It should be noted that this list is not intended to be exhaustive or mutually exclusive. Many of these elements are overlapping and it may be possible to group some of them together.

Barbary Demory, Jack Fischer, Saul Riesenberg, Paul Schaefer, and Walter Wilson have all agreed to contribute papers for another symposium. Martha Ward may also be a contributor. Once these papers have been distributed and reviewed by the co-chairmen, Dan Hughes and Saul Riesenberg, they will be revised for another formal symposium at the 1975 Fourth Annual Meeting.
B. Formal Symposium: Household Economic Strategies in Oceania

Chairman: J. Jerome Smith (University of South Florida)

Three sessions were held with the participants maintaining a consistently broad perspective on households as spatially specific domestic units involved in economic activities as producers, distributors, and consumers. Primary emphasis was placed on the role of households as minimal social units in larger socioeconomic systems. Major dimensions of variability emerging from the discussions were household composition, self-sufficiency, resources, and ideologies of identification. Essentially kin-oriented mechanisms for varying composition appear to be most significant as elements of strategy where household identity requires self-sufficiency dependent on access to land-based resources. Where alternate resources are available - especially wage labor and commercial activity - the criterion of self-sufficiency tends to be displaced by one of spatial isolation of nuclear families. It was suggested that under these latter conditions the need for on-going and collective production activities within households is reduced and a strain toward nucleation develops - perhaps in anticipation of the future, if not realized, economic independence of nuclear families from larger kinship units.

Although it was decided by the participants not to pursue these issues in hopes of producing an ASAO volume, we all felt the sessions were useful and occasionally exciting. Each of us have come away from the symposium with new insights into household economic strategies in Oceania. The participants and their topics were:

Shulamit R. Decktor-Korn - The Economics of Household Composition in the Tonga Islands.


J. Jerome Smith - Household Economic Strategies on Rota, Mariana Islands.

Sharon W. Tiffany - Household Participation in Subsistence and Redistributive Activities in a Non-unilineal Descent System: A Case Study from Western Samoa.


C. Working Session: The Use of Alcohol and Kava in Oceania

Chairman: Mac Marshall (University of Iowa)

Of the eight papers presented, five dealt with drinking in Micronesia, two with drinking in Polynesia, and one with alcoholism in contemporary urban Honolulu, Hawaii. The session opened with Urbanowicz's interpretation of the persistence of kava drinking in Tonga despite the ready availability of alcoholic beverages, and moved on to MacKenzie's discussion of the conspicuous lack of addictive alcoholism in Raro-
tonga. Fischer then reported some results of a larger study dealing with blood pressure in Ponape that suggested kava drinking reduces the tension and anxiety associated with the competitive nature of Ponapean society, and that frequency of kava consumption is negatively correlated with blood pressure in the sample studied. Following this, Demory examined the differing perceptions Ponapeans have of alcohol bars versus kava bars. The paper by Severance linked the Ponapean data with the papers dealing with islands in Truk District by looking not only at the social control of alcoholic beverages on Pis-Losap, but also at the way Pis-Losap people homesteading on Ponape have adopted the kava ceremony. Nason next discussed the element of risk taking associated with the consumption of alcohol on Etal Island, and his paper was followed by Marshall's account of the local struggle over prohibition on Namoluk Island during 1969-1971. The working session concluded with Burtness's presentation of the results of an interdisciplinary study of alcoholics passing through a detoxification center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The participants plan to publish their papers en bloc in the relatively near future in either the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol or the American Ethnologist, and they are currently engaged in revising their manuscripts to this end. The papers read were as follows:

Barbara Demory - The Commercialization of Sakau (Ponapean Kava).
Margaret MacKenzie - Balance and Counterbalance: Alcohol but not Alcoholism in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, Polynesia.
James Nason - Sardines and Other Fried Fish: The Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on a Micronesian Island.
Craig J. Severance - Sanction and Sakau: the Accessibility and Social Control of Alcohol on Pis-Losap.
Charles Urbanowicz - Drinking in Tonga: Ethnohistorical-Ethnographic Data and Interpretations.

D. Informal Session: Myth, Cargo, and Philosophy in Melanesia

Chairman: Dorothy Counts (University of Waterloo)

Those who attended the informal session agreed that another meeting, a working session, should be held at the 1975 annual meeting of ASAO.
but that the scope of the session should be extended to include the general topic of oral tradition and change. This expanded topic would allow participation by Micronesian and Polynesian scholars as well as by those who have done work in Melanesia. Four persons have agreed to prepare working papers for the 1975 session: (1) Robert McKnight will discuss the generation of 'change strategies' through folklore, boundary maintenance, and rituals of maintenance and change; (2) Dan Woronkiewicz [UCLA] will discuss models for change contained in oral tradition, particularly in the context of personality configurations, relationships between 'types'; (3) Elli Maranda will prepare a paper present topic not available; and, (4) Dorothy Counts will discuss the philosophy of change that is found in common in the traditional mythology and the cargo mythology of a particular Melanesian culture.

Other papers are needed in order to form a working session. Anyone interested in participating should contact: Dorothy Counts, Department of Anthropology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1.

E. Informal Session: Conflict and Conflict Management

Chairman: Henry Lundsgaarde (University of Kansas)

This informal session convened on Friday afternoon and was chaired by Henry Lundsgaarde, who distributed a position paper on "Sanctions and Sanctioning Processes in Pacific Island Societies." About twenty persons attended the first portion of the session. The discussion focused on the relationship between general sanctioning theory and the ethnographic data on social control from a variety of Pacific cultures. After the recess the session continued with a smaller group of about ten persons who discussed the prospects for scheduling a formal symposium on the topic at the ASAO annual meeting in 1975. Sharon Tiffany graciously agreed to serve as symposium organizer. It was decided that all persons interested in contributing a formal paper should correspond directly with Sharon Tiffany [Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Wisconsin 53190]. It was also felt that suitable papers could range from the analysis of a single case of conflict resolution to a broader treatment of formal sanctioning procedures implemented by island courts, councils of elders, or forms of institutionalized legal authority. It was decided that detailed ethnographic description and analysis, analysis of reciprocity, exchange and shaming would contribute significantly to our understanding of the relationship between sanctioning processes and the maintenance of order in small-scale social systems.
F. Informal Session: Missionary Activity in Oceania

Chairman: James Boutilier (Royal Roads Military College)

The session began with a brief review of the history of this session (previously known as the Missionary Position in Oceania) and the presentation of a paper by James Boutilier on the role of the Administration and the missions in the provision of medical and educational services in the Solomon Islands in the period 1893 to 1942. The discussion that followed the paper ranged on a wide variety of ideas and basic themes connected with mission activities in the Pacific. Twelve such themes that emerged from this discussion were: (1) the diversity of mission objectives and modes of operation and the impact of this diversity on local groups; (2) the relationship between missionary and Western commercial activities; (3) the impact of social Darwinism on missionary attitudes and perspectives of natives; (4) the degree of variation in different local regions of any one mission; (5) the extent to which the anthropologist's view of missionaries is a biased one and the lack of studies on current missionary activities; (6) the way in which different islanders view the missions; (7) the problem of how religious metaphors were received by islanders, especially the factor of selective adoption; (8) factors relevant to the adoption or rejection of imposed theologies; (9) the role of native teachers in local communities and in the mission enterprise; (10) the influence of factors external to mission-native relations, e.g., wars; (11) the potential or actual extent of and impact of ecumenism; and, (12) the extent to which and manner in which mission culture is altered through contact with native peoples. The twelve areas briefly described above often overlap or blur imperceptibly into other areas. In short, missionization presents us with variations on a theme of interaction.

Some twelve individuals have agreed to submit papers for a symposium at the 1975 Annual Meeting. They are: Charles Urbanowicz, Shulamit Decktor Korn, Sharon Tiffany, Dorothy Counts, James Nason, Amy Burce, Dan Hughes, Karl Heider, Paul Schaefer, Peter Black, Jeremy Beckett, and James Boutilier. The tentative submission date for papers to be circulated among participants is 1 October 1974. Individuals who wish to submit a paper may send an abstract to: James Boutilier, Department of History, Royal Roads Military College, FMO Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8S 1BO.

G. Informal Session: Photographs from the Pacific

Chairman: Charles Urbanowicz (California State University)

This evening session lasted some three and one-half hours with slides
from nine areas shown: James Boutilier - Solomon Islands; James Nason - Mortlock Islands; Robert McKnight - Palau Islands; Barbara Demory - Ponape; Charles Urbanowicz - Tonga; Sharon Tiffany - Samoa; Candace Brooks - French Polynesia; Dave Eisler - New Guinea; and, Peter Black - Tobi. The general conclusion was that this should be a continuing feature of the annual meeting at an informal level and involving, at any one session, no more than 7 to 10 people. Arrangements for obtaining slides were made between specific individuals and there are no plans to institutionalize the availability of copies. It is suggested that anyone who wishes to do this in the future number their slides and hand out a prepared sheet listing the slides with a brief description for each. This would facilitate requests for copies.

H. Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called by the chairman, Mike Lieber, on 14 March 1974. In attendance were: Elli Maranda, Karl Heider, Vern Carroll, James Nason and invited participants Mac Marshall, Henry Lundsgaarde and Robert Kiste. A summary of the actions taken at this meeting follows:

(1) A discussion was held on the possibilities of ASAO acting as the printing and distribution agency for research materials that have been produced by the Micronesian Seminar, a Jesuit endeavor. It was agreed that ASAO would defer this matter pending an investigation as to arrangements for broader distribution of these materials through other channels.

(2) Vern Carroll, ASAO Series Editor, announced his intention to resign as Editor effective September of this year. On his recommendation, the Board of Directors appointed Mac Marshall (University of Iowa) to succeed him as Series Editor. Vern Carroll will complete the editing and submission of volumes that are now in progress and ready the files for Marshall to take over in September.

(3) The desirability and feasibility of establishing an ASAO publication series for Pacific ethnography (on single societies) was discussed. A decision on this matter was deferred at this time, although some consensus was reached about the need for such materials.

(4) The ASAO Secretary, James Nason, presented a summary accounting of ASAO funds and expenditures for the period 8 March 1973 to 1 March 1974, as follows:

- Balance of ASAO General Fund, 8 March 1973 $467.07
- Income, 8 March 1973 to 1 March 1974 $1021.34

$1488.41
The Secretary also expressed concern over the recent lack of response for news of research being carried out or planned. Various suggestions were made, including that each Newsletter include a back-sheet inquiry form to simplify the submission of such news and to remind our readers that research news is of vital interest and importance to ASAO.

(5) The Chairman and Secretary reported on the current status of our incorporation proceedings, necessary changes in our By-laws, and requested the resolution of two new banking statements. One resolution identifying the Pacific National Bank of Seattle as the official depository for the ASAO General Fund, with use authorization for the Secretary and, in an emergency, the Chairman, was approved. A similar resolution regarding the Series Fund was also approved.

(6) A discussion of ASAO meetings at the time of the American Anthropological Association meetings was also held, with a Board decision that we would no longer attempt to convene a general meeting of ASAO during the AAA meetings each Fall. It was also decided that ASAO would not sponsor symposia at the AAA meetings. A meeting of the Board of Directions may be held at the AAA meetings should a quorum be present to consider necessary ASAO business.

(7) Mac Marshall presented a final report to the Board on initiating an ASAO 'Proceedings'. It was clear that such an undertaking would require an additional subscription or separate subscription collection due to the costs involved, would have to be an annual undertaking, and would most reasonably include a variety of materials not otherwise available in currently produced literature. Following a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the 'Proceedings', it was decided to bring this matter before the members at the Plenary session for their comments.

(8) The discussion of the 1975 Fourth Annual Meeting of ASAO was hampered by the unavoidable absence of Jane Goodale, but proceeded on the understanding that a suitable site had not yet been located. The Board appointed Mike Lieber as program chairman for the 1975 meeting. Discussion as to potential sites to be investigated in the coming weeks narrowed down to the following: New England (Salem, New Bedford, or Block Island); the South Carolina coast (no specific sites mentioned); or, the Florida area (no specific sites mentioned). These areas represent the Board's determination that an eastern seaboard
meeting remains a top priority for 1975, with the exact site to be determined by our ability to locate a resort facility suitable for our requirements.

The meeting ended with the Board extending its thanks to Mac Marshall for his work on the feasibility of a Proceedings and to Vern Carroll for his noteworthy efforts as Series Editor.

I. ASAO Plenary Session

The Plenary Session was convened the evening of 15 March by ASAO Chairman Mike Lieber, who welcomed members and visitors to the Third Annual Meeting and gave a brief report on recent ASAO activities. The Secretary reported to the members on the ASAO treasury and accounting and Vern Carroll reported on the current status of the Monograph Series. A discussion of the potential for an ASAO Proceedings was led by Mac Marshall. The final decision on the Proceedings was that we would not regularly publish a Proceedings but would collect materials as they were submitted to the Secretary, who would then appoint an editor for that single issue. A subsequent discussion by members of potential names for such a publication included: 'Occasional Papers of the ASAO', 'Trivial Papers of the ASAO', 'Occasional Trivia of the ASAO', 'Trivial Occasions of the ASAO', and 'Insular Occasions of the ASAO'. This ended the formal business meeting, at which time Mike Lieber had the honor of introducing Gregory Bateson, who gave the first Plenary address on the topic: "The Epistemology of Anthropological Research, or, How Not to be Co-opted into Your Natives' Mythology."

III. RESEARCH NEWS

A. A recent report in the Micronesian Independent (V.4, #48:5, 28 December 1973) detailed current archeological research on Tol Island, Truk Islands, U.S.T.T.P.I. A team of 15 headed by Jun Takayama (Tokai University) was investigating a basalt walled site with shell mound on Mt. Fauba. The preliminary report suggests occupation by approximately 150 persons about 1000AD. Materials recovered included a Tridacna ax, coral pestle, fish and human bones. All materials will be returned to Truk following their analysis.

B. Mac Marshall (University of Iowa) reports that he has received an NIH Junior Faculty Research Grant to conduct archival research at the Bishop Museum and the Sinclair Library during the summer, 1974, on the history of the introduction of alcoholic beverages into
Micronesia. This research is preliminary to a planned study of the place of alcohol in contemporary Trukese culture to be carried out jointly by Mac and Leslie Marshall in the port town on Moen, Truk, during 1975-1976.

C. Sr.M. John Paul Chao, SmSm, writes of current plans to do fieldwork in the Fiji Islands on the tentative topic: "Psychological Needs and Cultural Systems in the Changing Fiji." The research will involve a comparative study of two Fijian communities, a traditional village and an urban group. The research will begin in the first half of 1974 and is expected to be continued until 1976 or 1977. Interested individuals may correspond c/o: Sr.M. Charlene, SmSm; Marist Missionary Srs.; Box 97, Suva; Fiji Islands.

D. Ivan Brady (SUNY-Oswego) reports that the second volume on Adoption is nearing completion for the ASAO Monograph Series. He is also co-editing a volume (non-ASAO) titled: "Extinction and Survival in Human Populations", with Charles Laughlin (SUNY-Oswego). A spin-off from this work will be Brady's research this summer in Funafuti, Ellice Islands, to study the effects of a recent tropical cyclone that devastated nearly all of the island's natural resources. Brady requests that fieldworkers in Oceania and elsewhere on the effects of natural disaster, prolonged resource deprivation and related conditions on socio-cultural structure and organization communicate with either he or Laughlin at: Department of Sociology and Anthropology, SUNY-Oswego, New York 13126. Of special interest are first-hand accounts of disaster and deprivation on coral islands in the Pacific (published or unpublished material).

E. James Nason reports that he is finishing the preliminary draft of a research bibliography on Oceanic material culture and technology, including materials relevant to Australasia, Micronesia, Polynesia, and Melanesia. Individuals who have written about material culture or technological topics in journals or series with limited distributions are encouraged to write to Nason with the appropriate bibliographic entries since such materials are difficult to locate in his area. Interested parties may write to: James Nason, Burke Museum, University of Washington, Seattle, WN 98195.

IV. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

A. Two new works on Polynesian linguistics from Mouton are:
M.A. Salmond - "A Generative Syntax of Lungiaua", Janua Linguarum, series practica, 152. approx. Dfl 55. Described as an account of a Polynesian Outlier language based on the model outlined by
Noam Chomsky in 'Aspects of the Theory of Syntax.'

Described as a brief survey of research carried out so far, both in general and in particular fields, i.e. phonology, comparative study, morphology and syntax, lexicography, etc.

B. Vern Carroll reports that his Nukuoro Lexicon has just been published by the University Press of Hawaii. Since the press run was very limited, those wishing to purchase copies (or ordering for their libraries) are urged to do so now. Michael Lieber's Kapangamarangi Lexicon will be published in the same series soon, with dictionaries of the remaining languages of the United States Trust Territory to follow.

C. James A. McDonough, Editor, reports the initiation of *Pacific Asian Studies*, the annual journal of the Pacific Asian Studies Association. The first issue should be published in early September, 1974. Scholarly articles dealing with literature, language, social and behavioral sciences, education, geography, science, etc. on East Asia and the Western Pacific are welcomed. Articles should range from about 4,000 words to 8,000 words in length. Text should be typewritten on 8-1/2 by 11 inch pages following the format of the MLA Style Sheet. Articles mailed overseas should be airmailed. The deadline for the first issue was 15 March. Interested parties may write to McDonough at: Pacific Asian Studies, University of Guam, P.O. Box EK, Agana, Guam, U.S.A. 96910.


E. A news release that has just come to our attention also might be of interest to readers: "Lover's Paradise Lost - The ecology of primitive sex is one of the most poignant problems facing the world today, warns anthropologist K.G. Willey in an article on the Trobriant Islanders in the May issue of Penthouse-Forum." "Depraved or liberated? This is a question western science and morality have long posed about the lissom brown Trobrianders, who take sex as much in their stride as breathing. ...these simple tribespeople lack many of the so-called advantages of the white man's civilization, and they remain free of his neuroses. Rather, they pursue their erotic pleasures in pacific leisure, natural opulence, and savage innocence of urban niceties." "Can we save this tropical last resort of free love and harmless hedonism?" [Penthouse-Forum: The International Journal of Human Relations, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.]
V. ASAO ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues for Fellows and Members of ASAO for 1974-1975 are now payable. The Secretary would like to ask that this sheet be used for submission of dues with any necessary corrections in mailing address. Please make checks or money orders payable to ASAO. Foreign members are urged to remit their dues either in U.S. funds or their exchange equivalent. Your canceled check will serve as your receipt unless a specific request for a receipt is made.

Dues recently paid will be for the period 1974-1975 unless otherwise noted by the member. Your colleagues, students, or friends who wish to join may write to me directly for information or may submit their membership dues directly. There are no forms necessary for joining ASAO.

Please remit to: James D. Nason
Burke Museum
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195

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