I. 1978 ANNUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

A. Location and Date

The Seventh Annual Meeting of ASAO will be held at Asilomar Conference Center, Monterey, California from February 15-19, 1978. As those of you who attended the Third Annual Meeting (1974), also held at Asilomar, know, we will be meeting at a superb conference center.

B. Advance Registration

All registration for the Annual Meeting will be handled by the ASAO Secretary, Sharon Tiffany. DO NOT WRITE DIRECTLY TO ASILOMAR TO REGISTER -- ASAO WILL BE CHARGED ADDITIONAL FEES IF YOU DO.

If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you are asked to fill out the advance registration form (found at the end of this Newsletter) and mail it to Sharon Tiffany at the address shown on the form. For each person listed on your registration form, you are to include a $3.00 deposit. Your deposit will be returned in full if reservations are canceled 90 days prior to the start of the meeting. (Since our meeting starts on

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February 15, the date for full reservation refund is November 17, 1977. If you cancel after November 17, your deposit refund will be prorated. Please note that all cancellations and/or altered plans should be reported immediately to the Secretary, especially the "last-minute" changes. If our estimates on attendance are not within 5% of the actual figure, ASAO will be charged. For this reason we also ask that you reconfirm your reservation to the Secretary in January -- preferably no later than January 25, 1978. You will find a reconfirmation form also attached at the end of this Newsletter.

C. Accomodations

Asilomar has reserved the deluxe housing at North Woods and Whitecaps for our use. Meetings will take place in the Heather, Toyon, and Acacia rooms. The surroundings are exceptionally attractive, the climate is always cool and invigorating. You should bring warm sport clothing and be prepared for walks on the nearby beach and grounds. The hardy might want to bring bathing suits for the Asilomar pool.

D. Rates

For a room with 3-4 persons -- $21 per day per person
For a room with 2 persons -- $35 per day per person
For a single room -- $32 per day

The above rates include three meals per day (there is no alternative plan for rooms without meals). At any rate, alternate eating facilities are not readily available for easy driving during the day time, thus breakfast and lunch will surely be group affairs. On the other hand, even though you must purchase a meal ticket, you do not have to eat at Asilomar -- Cannery Row and the rest of Monterey are close enough for some evening meals (ASAO members with cars are likely to be in great demand).

E. Transportation

The major alternative to driving to Asilomar is to come by air. You should book your flights to Monterey, California. The Asilomar Conference Grounds are nearby and commercial transportation (taxis or limousines) are available. You will find further details in the next issue of the Newsletter. Please note that arrivals before 3 p.m. on February 15, will be charged extra for the use of facilities. Checkout time on departure day, February 19, is 12 noon.

II. ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM NOTES

Plans for the Annual Meeting program are proceeding apace. Ivan Brady, announced in the last Newsletter as "interim" Program Chair, has now taken over the duties of planning the program completely. Anyone needing information on the upcoming program or wishing to submit information for the pre-meeting issue of the Newsletter should write Ivan at the following address:

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Oswego, New York, U.S.A. 13126

The sessions presently in the works include the following:
(1) Special Session: The Role of Anthropology in Contemporary Micronesia

Chair: Dr. Leonard E. Mason; 5234 Keakealani Street; Honolulu, HI, U.S.A. 96821

This session will involve both Micronesian and American panelists and discussants to examine the role of anthropology and anthropologists in current events of Micronesia. Plans remain essentially as presented in Newsletter XXIV (Spring/Summer 1977), with the spots for panelists and discussants now filled.

(2) Symposium: The Meaning of Sibling in Oceania

Chair: Mac Marshall; Department of Anthropology; The University of Iowa; Iowa City, Iowa, U.S.A. 52242

As noted in Newsletter XXIV, this session will explore the sibling concept in different Pacific cultures. The central theme of the session is: why have writers on Pacific kinship so frequently asserted the sibling bond to be "basic" or "central?" As of the middle of October, Mac has succeeded in getting 21 individuals to agree to prepare papers for the symposium. David Schneider has agreed to serve as a discussant. The names and geographic areas to be covered follow:

**POLYNESIA**
Richard Feinberg
Eleanor Gerber
Julia Hecht
Antony Hooper
Judith Huntsman
John Kirkpatrick

Anuta
Samoa
Pukapuka
Tokelau; Tikopia
Tokelau
Marquesas

**MICRONESIA**
William Alkire
John L. Fischer
Bernd Lambert
Rick Marksbury
Mac Marshall
DeVerne Smith

Central Carolinian atolls
Ponape
Gilberts
Yap
Truk; Mortlocks
Palau

**ISLAND MELANESIA**
Jane Goodale
Jill Nash
Hal Ross
Robert Rubinstein
Annette Weiner

Kaulong, New Britain
Nagovisi, Bougainville, Solomon Islands
Baegu, Malaita, Solomon Islands
Malo, New Rebrids
Trobiands

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**
Richard Scaglion
Bambi Schieffelin
James Weiner

Western Abelam
Kaluli, Western District
Daribi & Etoro

**OTHER**
Robert McKinley

Malays
It is now too late for additional persons to join this symposium, but anyone interested in pursuing the matter beyond February's meeting should contact Mac Marshall.

(3) Symposium: **Middlemen and Brokers in Oceania**

Co-Chair: Bill Rodman; Department of Anthropology; McMaster University; 1280 Main Street West; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4L9

Dorothy Counts; Department of Anthropology; University of Waterloo; Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1

As noted in the report on a working session held this past spring (see Newsletter XXIV), a formal symposium on middlemen and brokers in Oceania will be held at Asilomar. The aim of this symposium will be to examine alternative approaches to the study of individuals who attempt to interrelate political structures or groupings in Oceania. Discussion will focus upon social and cultural factors affecting the role performance of middlemen, and the effect of middlemen upon processes of change and development.

Guidelines for symposia participants have been circulated, and as of October 21 seven of the ten participants have presented their papers to the co-chairs. Marc Swartz has agreed to be the major discussant for the sessions.

(4) Symposium: **Knowledge in Oceania**

Chair: Brad Shore; Department of Anthropology; Sarah Lawrence College; Bronxville, New York 10708

Newsletter XXIV contains the complete outline for contributions to this symposium, and interested persons should refer to that outline. Potential participants have already been contacted by Bradd, and a deadline of December 1, 1977 has been set for submission of papers. Others, not yet contacted by Bradd, who have an interest in the topic, should write directly to Bradd at the above address as soon as possible.

(5) Working Session: **Ritual Symbolism in Oceania**

Chair: Fred R. Myers; Department of Anthropology; Pitzer College; Claremont, California, U.S.A. 91711

The theme of this session will be the analysis of ritual symbols as part of a process of imparting "meaning" to participants. Papers should address the problem of the features on which the analysis of meaning should focus in their own data. Do areas such as Australia, Melanesia, Polynesia, Micronesia differ in regard to symbolic style, involution of symbolic forms, and so on? Participants should contact the chairperson as soon as possible. An abstract and an outline for papers must be in by September and final word on participation by January 1.
(6) Informal Session: Legal Anthropology

Co-Chair: Edwin A. Cook; Department of Anthropology; Southern Illinois University; Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A. 62901
Susan M. Pflanz-Cook; 1101 West Walkup Street; Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A. 62901

This session is primarily for people with extensive legal case histories such as trial transcripts for Oceania settings. In an informal setting, participants will discuss the pertinence of the above kinds of data for legal anthropology method and theory as well as their importance for ethnographic interests.

(7) Informal Session: Urbanization in the Pacific

Chair: David Counts; Department of Anthropology; McMaster University; 1280 Main Street West; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada n2L 3GL

This informal session is called to assess the possibilities for a formal session symposium at the 1979 ASAO meetings. As reported in Newsletter XXIV, a Working Session was held on Urbanization during the 1977 Annual Meeting. The informal session to be held at Asilomar will elicit further interest in the topic and try to set some specific directions for a formal symposium. Interested persons, especially if they cannot attend the Asilomar meeting, should contact David as soon as possible. Both Working Session contributors from 1977 and any newcomers are welcome to join.

(8) Possible Other Sessions

It is, of course, too late to organize either Working Sessions or Symposia for the Asilomar meeting. Anyone, however, who has a "hot" topic for discussion may ask for time on the program as an informal session. If you wish to be included on the program, contact both Ivan Brady (Program Chair) and Paul Dahlquist (Newsletter Editor) as soon as possible.

III. A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN OCEANIA
(Installment #1)

By James Nason

I. Impetus for Development

In 1966 and 1967 a group of social anthropologists who had recent research experience in Eastern Oceania (Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia) began discussions aimed at the development of symposia around common shared theoretical interests and concerns. The goal sought in organizing these symposia was essentially to provide a forum for the comparison of ethnographic data from Eastern Oceania within a framework of a central theoretical focus. It was also considered important that Oceanists have a recurrent conference event where a maximum of intellectual business could take place with a minimum of external distraction. In a sense, the desire for this type of conference format grew out of a growing dissatisfaction with the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association as a useful time to accomplish this kind of task. Accordingly, it was decided to organize conferences that:
(a) would be scheduled in the Spring, so as not to conflict with AAA annual meetings and, further, to offer Oceanists an alternative meeting to attend;  
(b) would focus on a central theoretical concept that would be examined from the comparative focus of Eastern Oceanic ethnography;  
(c) and, that would emphasize the scholarly rather than business or vacation aspects of such conferences, while also not failing to completely neglect the aesthetics of the physical setting for the conferences.

II. The First Symposium

To further the realization of these goals, a symposium focusing on systems of adoption and fosterage in Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia was organized for March, 1967 at the Center for Pacific Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, California. Dr. Vern Carroll of the University of Washington was the organizer of the symposium, which also witnessed the discussion of wider questions of social anthropology in the Pacific. Dr. Roger Keesing of the Center for Pacific Studies provided the host institution facilities and coordination. Sixteen social anthropologists took part in this first effort as contributors. They were: Vern Carroll; John Fischer; Ruth Goodenough; Ward Goodenough; Antony Hooper; Alan Howard; Paul Kay; Roger Keesing; Bernd Lambert; Michael Lieber; Robert Levy; Henry Lundsgaarde; Paul Ottino; Harold Scheffler; David Schneider; and, Martin Silverman.

III. ASABO is Established

One major conclusion reached at this first symposium was that the intensification of modern social anthropology in the Pacific had not been very systematic. Instead, individuals or team project members had entered into field research largely out of touch with their colleagues and had pursued not only diverse research interests but had published the results of this research in scattered bits and pieces. Organized comparative studies like those that brought African social anthropology into focus had been lacking in Oceanic research.

Concurrent with the decision to publish the results of the first symposium on adoption and fosterage was a further decision that an association would be formed as a means of organizing research, disseminating information about research, and arranging recurring symposia on topics relevant to Oceanic social anthropology. The name chosen was the "Association for Social Anthropology in Eastern Oceania." This name reflected the primary scope decided upon for the association, in area, as being insular Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and, in subject, social anthropology.

The relegation of New Guinea to the periphery of ASABO's concern was not meant to exclude colleagues working in this area or to deny the importance or shared interest in the many ethnographic or theoretical concerns common to New Guinea research elsewhere in Oceania. Rather, this exclusion reflected the recognition of the different strategies entailed in New Guinea research and of the great advance in recent years for scholars engaged in such research towards organization and systemic comparison of the type intended and needed for ASABO and its membership. By the same token, the exclusion of research in Oceanic linguistics, archaeology, and physical anthropology was a result of the concern that sociological problems in Oceania be brought into sharp focus.
IV. The First Organizational Structure

The first organizational structure of the association consisted of a four-person Executive Committee and a Secretary. Serving on the first Executive Committee were Vern Carroll, Ward Goodenough, Roger Keesing, and Harold Scheffler. Roger Keesing also served as the first Secretary, whose duties were also to include the organization, production, and distribution of an ASAEO Newsletter.

The first ASAEO Newsletter appeared on 15 May 1967, with the announcement of the formation of ASAEO, its scope and intent, and matters relating to membership. It was provisionally decided by the Executive Committee that membership in the association would be in two categories: Members and Associate Members. Members were to include all participants in ASAEO symposia while Associate Members would include other professional anthropologists who were interested in the goals and plans of the association. Membership annual dues of $5.00 for Members and $2.00 for Associate Members and other subscribers were established to cover the costs of Newsletter production and mailing. In the meantime, the Center for Pacific Studies generously agreed to cover the initial expenses incurred by ASAEO.

At the same time, Vern Carroll, the editor of the first symposium, prepared a grant request for submission to Wenner-Gren for funds to establish an ASAEO publication fund that would subvent costs associated with the transformation of symposium papers into published volumes. It was also decided that any royalties from an ASAEO volume would be placed back into the publication fund to support further volumes.

V. ASAEO Activities: 1968 - 1970

Membership in ASAEO grew slowly during this period, although the activities of the association increased with considerable vigor. By 1968, there were approximately forty members in the association, with about the same number of members in 1970. Symposia held from 1968 to 1970 included: (a) Colonialism in the Pacific - twelve participants, April, 1968 (b) Kinship Terminology in Oceania - eight participants, November, 1968.

In addition, plans were discussed for the possibility of holding an ASAEO conference at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji in order to permit a large number of native Pacific Islands' scholars and students, as well as non-native colleagues in the Pacific to participate. (Although this conference did not occur, the idea represents a significant interest in the association that remains today.)

Five Newsletters were issued to members from 1968-1970 informing them of recent research, changes in the organization of the association, plans for symposia, and news of conferences to be held. In addition, the first association monograph, "Adoption in Eastern Oceania," edited by Vern Carroll, was completed and submitted to several publishers for review. By late 1969 it had been accepted for publication by the University of Hawaii Press (now the University Press of Hawaii). Vern Carroll, appointed as the Monograph Series Editor of ASAEO in 1968, had also concluded an agreement with the Press to publish future volumes resulting from our symposia and had acquired a grant of $1800 from the Wenner-Gren Foundation to assist with the editorial expenses of producing volumes in the series.
VI. ASAEO Becomes ASAO: 1970

A second Executive Committee of ASAEO was elected in the spring of 1969 and given the task of drafting a constitution for the association. This constitution draft was ratified by a vote of the members of the association in the summer of 1969 and reflected a number of changes in the character of the association. First, the name of the association was changed with the deletion of the word 'Eastern' so that it now became Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO). This was done because of the growing desire of the association to include New Guinea as a part of the primary area of interest. The identified purpose in the new constitution was: "To advance the study of comparative social anthropology in Oceania through symposia, joint publication, and research coordination." Membership categories were changed so that now a member was simply anyone who wished to join on the basis of sharing an interest in the association's purposes, while the category of Fellow was established for individuals who had authored contributions to a monograph, served as an officer of the association or as a member of the executive committee, or who had edited a monograph. In addition, the category of Honorary Fellow was established to allow the association to honor distinguished scholars in the field by election of the association's Fellows. Besides the Secretary and Series Editor positions, that of Program Chairman was added in accord with the intent of the association to establish a regular annual meeting at which time symposia would be held. By now, there were eighteen Fellows as qualified by the above criteria.

A symposium on Relocated Communities in the Pacific was organized by Michael Lieber at the University of Washington's Lake Wilderness conference center in April, 1970 and had ten participants with many others in attendance. Papers were also solicited from nine scholars for a proposed symposium and future volume on Land Tenure in Oceania organized by Ron Crocombe and Henry Lundsgaarde.

Perhaps as a direct result of a better organizational plan and symposia activities, the 1970 calendar year saw a doubling of membership in the association with some eighty members by year's end. At the end of 1972, membership had grown to approximately one hundred and thirty, with an increasing number of non-U.S. scholars joining the association.

While the Center for Pacific Studies continued to serve as the secretariat for the association through 1972, both Robert Kiste and William Davenport assumed the duties of association Secretary at the end of Roger Keesing's service in this post. Four additional Newsletters were issued between 1971 and the end of 1972 and contained news of the fourteen association by-laws adopted by the executive committee and fellows. These by-laws further clarified the administrative organization of the association by defining the duties of officers, the election of executive committee members, and other facets of our operation, including matters such as dues and annual meetings. To further develop potential members' interests in the association, an informational brochure titled "Questions and Answers about ASAO" was published in 1971 and widely distributed.

VII. The First Annual Meeting

No ASAO symposia had been held during 1971, but planning had gone on during the year for the first ASAO Annual Meeting. This was held at Rosario's Resort, Orcas Island, Washington, in late March, 1972, and marked the beginning of our
regularization of symposia - long a goal of the association. Symposia held at the first Annual Meeting were:
(a) Adoption and Fosterage in Oceania, chaired by Ivan Brady with ten participants.
(b) Political Development in Oceania, chaired by Sherwood Lingenfelter and Daniel Hughes, with ten participants.
and,
(c) Sex Roles in Oceania, chaired by Jane Goodale and Martin Silverman. In addition, informal exploratory sessions were held on names and naming (Bradd Shore), the ideology of change (Robert McKnight), Oceanic peoples as minority groups (Marion Kelly), and medical problems peculiar to Oceania (Marjorie Whiting).

In addition to these formal symposia, the fifty-some Fellows and members who attended also participated in four informal discussion sessions designed to assess interest in the possibilities of further symposia development. These were:
(a) Names and Naming in Eastern Oceania, convened by Bradd Shore;
(b) The Ideology of Change in Non-Western Societies, convened by Robert McKnight;
(c) Oceanic Peoples as Minority Groups, convened by Marion Kelly;
and,
(d) Medical Problems Peculiar to Oceania, convened by Marjorie Whiting.

VII. 1972 - 1975: ASAO Incorporation and Growth

The period from 1972 to 1975 in ASAO's history can best be described as one during which the association both formalized and regularized its existence and operations as a scholarly entity.

In March of 1972 the Executive Committee started to centralize the office of Secretary and Newsletter Editor with the relocation of the association's secretariat from Santa Cruz, California, to the Burke Museum, University of Washington, where James Nason assumed the duties of Secretary and Newsletter Editor. The relocation was finally accomplished in September of 1972 and did initially aid in the regularization of newsletter issuance and handling of association accounts and correspondence, although as time went on the expected benefits from centralization were not realized.

The formalization of ASAO as a scholarly organization began to take place early in 1973 when ASAO Executive Committee member, Michael Lieber, and Secretary, James Nason, began the re-writing of the association's constitution and by-laws for purposes of legal incorporation. Aided by Seattle attorney Phillip Williams, this task was completed by Spring, 1973, and the results were approved by the Fellows of the association and subsequently submitted to the Secretary of State's office in Washington State. ASAO became a legally incorporated organization on 1 August 1973.

In the meantime, ASAO continued to be in evidence via symposia held at its own annual meetings and at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association. In November, 1972, ASAO members and others participated in a symposium on "Recent Work in Samoa and Tonga: Methodological Situations and the Data," chaired by Charles Urbanowicz, at the annual AAA meetings held in Toronto. A general meeting of the ASAO was also held with some one hundred in attendance, where the history, goals, and plans of the association were discussed, and informational brochures distributed to interested individuals. It was decided at this meeting that the Second Annual Meeting of ASAO would be
held in March, 1973, at Rosario Resort, the location of the First Annual Meeting. An announcement that the University Press of Hawaii had accepted for publication the second monograph, Land Tenure in Oceania, edited by Henry Lundsgaarde, was also made at this time.

The Second Annual Meeting of the association was held from 21 to 25 March, 1973, on Orcas Island, Washington, and drew over eighty participants, representing about thirty-six percent of the total current membership of two hundred and twenty. Two major symposia were held:
(a) Colonialism and Political Change in Oceania, chaired by Sherwood Lingenfelter with thirteen participants;
and
(b) Male and Female in Oceania, chaired by Jane C. Goodale and Martin J. Silverman with three formal papers and many participants who did not present formal papers.
In addition, there were three working sessions held:
(a) The Missionary Position in Oceania, chaired by Karl Heider;
(b) Cultural Variations in Marine Exploitation, chaired by Candace Brooks; and,
(c) Indigenous Reactions to Anthropological Research, chaired by Torben Monberg.

Another general meeting of ASAO was held at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association at New Orleans in November of 1973. Further discussion of the planning and newly established criteria for symposia, working sessions, and informal sessions for the 1974 ASAO annual meeting took place with a general report on the status of the association.

The Third Annual Meeting of the association was held from 14 to 17 March, 1974, at Asilomar Conference Grounds on the Monterey Peninsula of California. The forty-five some participants took part in two formal symposia, one working session, and four informal sessions. The two symposia were:
(a) Ponapean Anthropology, chaired by Daniel Hughes, thirteen participants.
(b) Household Economic Strategies in Oceania, chaired by J. Jerome Smith, with five participants.
The single working session was:
(a) The Use of Alcohol and Kava in Oceania, chaired by Mac Marshall, with eight participants;
Informal sessions were:
(a) Myth, Cargo, and Philosophy in Melanesia, convened by Dorothy Counts;
(b) Conflict and Conflict Management, convened by Henry Lundsgaarde
(c) Missionary Activity in Oceania, convened by James Boutilier and,
(d) Photographs from the Pacific, convened by Charles Urbanowicz, and intended as a regular feature of all future annual meetings to allow researchers to informally present slides of their own research area.

Further planning by the Executive Committee as to the manner in which the association could provide scholarly services for members and the discipline centered from 1973 through 1974 around discussions of an additional publication. Originally suggested as an ASAO publication series for Pacific ethnographies, the concept slowly evolved to a final report by Mac Marshall on the prospects and problems of issuing an ASAO 'proceedings.' While no action was taken on this new publication program at this time, the Third Annual Meeting was the occasion for an ASAO 'first' that had long been discussed, a major address at a plenary session. The first plenary session at this meeting welcomed Gregory Bateson, who spoke on "The Epistemology of Anthropological Research, or, How Not
The Fourth Annual Meeting of the association was held at Stuart, Florida, from 26 to 30 March, 1975 with approximately eighty participants taking part in two symposia and other sessions. The two symposia were:
(a) Ponapean Identity, chaired by Daniel Hughes and Saul Riesenberg, with eight formal papers presented;
(b) Missionary Activity in Oceania, chaired by James Boutilier, Sharon Tiffany, and Daniel Hughes, with twenty-two formal papers presented.
Working sessions were:
(a) Conflict and Conflict Management, chaired by Sharon Tiffany with eight participants;
(b) Medicine in Oceania, Roger Ward convener, with five participants. In addition, an informal photo session was held with the presentation of slides from Atiu and Pukapuka by Rebecca Stephenson and Julia Hecht.

By the end of 1975, seven Newsletters had been issued since 1972. In order to correct this rather inadequate issuance record and strengthen the operations of the association, the Executive Committee approved the transfer of the editorship of the Newsletter to Paul Dahlquist at Ohio Wesleyan University and, for the forthcoming spring, of the secretariat to Sharon Tiffany at University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, thus reversing the decision to centralize these offices that had been made several years before. 1975 was also eventful in the administration of association in other respects as well. First, membership had by year's end grown to over two hundred and seventy-five, with new members being added regularly each year. Second, the association's Executive Committee and officers were, for the first time, composed entirely of individual scholars who had not been a part of the original 1967-1968 membership corps that had established the association. And, finally, with the issuance by the University Press of Hawaii of the third ASAO monograph, "Pacific Atoll Populations," edited by Vern Carroll, and the forthcoming status of the fourth monograph, "Transactions in Kinship: Adoption and Fosterage in Oceania," edited by Ivan Brady, the association stood on the brink of a new period of further development and extension of publications and scholarly activity.

IV. ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

A. ASAO Board of Directors Election Results

Elections for the ASAO Board of Directors were held last May. Dan Hughes being elected and Bob Tonkinson re-elected for terms of two years. Other current Board members are Chairman Ivan Brady, Gene Ogan, and Jim Boutilier. Stepping down from the Board at this time is Karl Heider, who has made extensive contributions to the Association, undoubtedly will continue to do so in the future, and to whom the Association owes a real vote of thanks.

B. New Honorary Fellow

Also in the May elections, the ASAO Fellows voted to make Ian Hogbin an Honorary Fellow. Hogbin's election brings the total number of Honorary Fellows to thirteen. Other Honorary Fellows are: Gregory Bateson; Homer Barnett; A. P. Elkin; Kenneth Emory; Raymond Firth; Reo Fortune; William A. Lessa; Katharine Luomala; Leonard Mason; H. E. Maude; Margaret Mead; and Douglas Oliver.

C. Change in Editorship of the Newsletter

Martha and Roger Ward have agreed to jointly take over the Editorship of the ASAO Newsletter from the present Editor, Paul Dahlquist. Paul assumed
the Editorship in 1975, and this issue represents the last one for which he is solely responsible. The Winter issue will be transitional, and Martha and Roger will take over full responsibility for the Spring issue to be published soon after the Annual Meeting. Meanwhile, please continue to send items for the Newsletter to Paul at the address given on the first page. The next issue will give the Ward's address for future communications.

V. RESEARCH NOTES

A. Mark Mosko (University of Minnesota) has completed 26 months of fieldwork among the Bush Mekeo of Papua New Guinea. He is now writing a dissertation analysing and elucidating the components and forms of meaning for Bush Mekeo sacrificial death feast exchanges according to structuralist techniques and assumptions.

B. The Smithsonian Institution announces its program of higher education and research training in Anthropology for 1978-1979. Smithsonian Fellowships are awarded to support independent research using Smithsonian collections, facilities, and laboratories and pertaining to Smithsonian professional staff research interests. Proposals for research may be offered in fields in which the Institution has collections and research strengths: physical anthropology, archeology, ethnology, ethno-history, and carbon-14 dating.

Smithsonian Fellowships, supported by a stipend of $10,000 per annum and research allowances, may be granted to postdoctoral scientists to pursue further training in research. Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellowships, supported by a stipend of $5,000 per annum and research allowances, may be granted to doctoral candidates to conduct research for their dissertations with the approval of their university departments. Applications are due January 15, 1978.

In selecting individuals for participation in academic programs, the Smithsonian Institution does not discriminate on grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin of any applicant. For more information and application forms write: Office of Academic Studies, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560. Please indicate the particular area in which you propose to conduct research and give dates of degrees received or expected.

C. Jeff Marck has just completed nine months of field work on Saipan (October, 1976 to June, 1977) researching the Carolinian language. A year of computerization of the materials collected is anticipated followed by a second field session in fall of 1977 and spring of 1978. The dictionary should be published towards the end of 1979. Linguistic field notes and general observations on the Carolinian community are available for interested persons at this time.

D. During April, May and June, Jeff Marck led an archeological project on Saipan, working on weekends with Saipan residents. The site was found to be quite old and was judged by Marck to date at approximately 2000 B.C. Professor Jun Takayama visited the site during the first weekend of June and offered an identical opinion as to the age of the site. Design elements on pottery from the lower levels were identical to some reported from sites in the Philippines dating to the second millennium B.C. (see Asian and Pacific Archeology Series #2 for the Philippine report). Rim types on the Saipan site were similar to some of the Philippine types but did not include the range of types described for the Philippines. Vessel construction from the two areas seems very similar.
The Saipan site excavation encountered a former beach some 1.75 meters higher than the present beach and work will resume next year to look for older materials higher on the old beach. An initial settlement for the Marianas dating to between 2500 B.C. and 3000 B.C. from the Philippines now seems likely. No pig, dog or chicken bones were encountered making the Marianas an unlikely point of departure for movements of peoples from Island South East Asia into the Pacific Basin.

E. Lin Poyer (The University of Michigan) is planning field study on Ngatik Atoll, Ponape District, Trust Territory of the Pacific, beginning in Fall, 1978. The research will focus on symbolic and affective aspects of human-land relationships, including the historical demography of Ngatik, social and biological analogies of the environment, and native perceptions of ecological relations.

VI. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

The Center for South Pacific Studies in their newsletter, "CenterSPacificS" notes the following publications and forthcoming works that may be of interest to ASAO members:

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE:
Monograph Series: (each $US 5.00 postpaid)

Data Paper Series: (each $US 1.00 postpaid)

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS:
Monographs:
A New Kind of Sugar, A Reprint of the East-West Center publication, from a symposium on Tourism held in Honolulu, 1975.
The Impact of Tourism on Pacific Communities, From papers presented at the CSPS-sponsored symposium on Tourism, 1975.

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A. Len Mason was Senior Fellow for six months at the East-West Center's Technology and Development Institute, ending in mid-April. The Institute was in process of developing a prototype curriculum for training project managers in Asia and the Pacific, and needed someone to assist in completing a series of Case Studies in Public Policy Implementation and Project Management, drafts of which had already been commissioned from a number of Asian and Pacific authors about projects either in process or completed. The general idea was to put together some case study material on the successes and failures of project planning and management which could be utilized in a series of training institutes in various countries in East Asia and New Zealand.

From April 17 to May 3, Len was in eastern Micronesia, mainly to participate as a social/cultural resource person in the Conference on Youth convened by the Micronesian Seminar, directed by Father Francis X. Hezel, S.J., and held on Ponape in Kolonia at the Catholic Mission from the 19th to the 24th. All districts and Guam were represented including people of all ages, both public and private agencies concerned with youth bringing the total in attendance to about 100 persons. Dr. Cecilia Cooper, staff psychologist with the Division of Mental Health Services, TTPI, Saipan, provided models for understanding the psychological dimensions of the subject, while Len did the same in the social and cultural areas and with change processes. (Len Hezel has now completed his report on the Conference, "Micronesia's Youth Today" -- copies of which are available to interested persons by writing to him, c/o Micronesian Seminar, Xavier High School, Box 220, Moen, Truk, Caroline Is. 96942.)

(After Ponape, Len stopped for several days each at Ebeye and Majuro in the Marshall Islands to update an understanding of political and economic developments in that District mainly through M. I. District Legislative sessions.)

Back in Honolulu, Len was able to sit in as observer on the "round-table" talks between a delegation from the US Government and delegations from Micronesia which crystallized during the talks as Palau, Marshalls, and Congress of Micronesia which represented by agreement the remaining districts: Ponape, Truk, Yap, and Kosrae. One recommendation which came out in Micronesia in July, 1977, in two parts: (1) talks among the various Micronesian delegations (by Districts) and including the Congress of Micronesia, to be followed immediately by (2) talks, both multilateral and bilateral as required, between the US Government and Micronesians.

Earlier in the year, Len had applied and was accepted to participate in a US State Department Scholar/Diplomat (East Asia and Pacific), which had been described in an issue of the AAA Anthropology Newsletter (February 1977). Len went a week earlier and sat in on the United Nations Trusteeship Council review of the U.S. administration of TTPI. (Statements by members of the US delegation, including the new High Commissioner Adrian Winkel and the Resident Commissioner of the Northern Marianas Erwin Canham, were followed by strong presentations by petitioners from the Marshall Islands and from Palau on their desire for immediate self-government through separate negotiations with the US.)

The following week in Washington, D.C., at the State Department Seminar, the group of fifteen scholars (most of them East Asia specialists) were briefed by officials from various bureaus and offices on US foreign policy concerns and procedures. Opportunities were also available for many interviews with individuals in Government were most closely involved in US policy in the Pacific; Outside the State Department talks included officials in the interior Department and the
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations, as well as with key members of the US Congress.

B. The following is a summary of recent and current research in the Pacific by faculty and students at the University of Iowa:

MARK BORTHWICK finished 14 months of field research on Lukumor Atoll and Moen Island, Truk during 1975-1976 and received the Ph.D. in July 1977. The title of his dissertation is, "Aging and social change on Lukumor Atoll, Micronesia."

PAUL FREUND completed 13 months of fieldwork among the Kasua in the Southern Highlands District, Papua New Guinea during 1973-1974. At present he is finishing his dissertation which is entitled, "Social change among the Kasua, Southern Highlands, Papua New Guinea."

STEPHEN LENSINK received the Master's degree at the December 1976 commencement for his thesis entitled, "Environmental factors affecting the areal size of regional populations in Melanesia," and is continuing his studies in the Ph.D. program at Iowa beginning fall 1977.

MAC MARSHALL carried out another 7 months of fieldwork in Truk during 1976, this time in the community of Penyese on Moen Island. He is engaged in writing up the results of his study of alcohol use and drunken comportment during the summer of 1977 with a faculty fellowship from the University of Iowa.

STEPHEN PISARIK earned the Master's degree with a thesis called, "Micronesian atoll populations: A path analysis," and has taken a teaching position with the public school system in Des Moines.

RICHARD SHUTLER, JR. recently returned from a successful salvage archaeology dig on Fefan Island, Truk, in which he was assisted by Yosi Sinoto, Jun Takayama, Jeff Marck and Jim Moses. This dig yielded the first reported pottery from Eastern Micronesia and Shutler is in the process of preparing the final report for the National Park Service, co-authored with Sinoto and Takayama.

DEAN THOMPSON is spending July and August 1977 on Saipan under the auspices of the Northern Mariana Archaeological Society, excavating a site from which he will draw material for his Master's thesis.

C. Margaret Mackenzie reports the following concerning three UC Berkeley students: Monty Lindstrom is currently at the Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra (Australia), where he will be studying for 6 months before going on to his fieldwork in Tanna. Maria Lepowsky is leaving to do her fieldwork in Misima. Rosemary McHardy is completing an honors thesis on "Elite White Attitudes Toward Australian Aboriginais."

D. De Verne Reed Smith has completed her dissertation written under Jane C. Goodale at Bryn Mawr College, the title is: The Ties That Bind: Exchange and Transactions in Kinsmen in Palau. DeVerne will be a Visiting Lecturer next semester at the University Museum, University of Pennsylvania.
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