I. MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Arrangements for 1980 Annual Meeting

The ASAO Annual Meeting is set for February 26-March 2 at the Flagship Hotel in Galveston, Texas. The hotel is about 70 miles south of the International Airport in Houston. Limousine service is available from the International or Hobby Airports to Galveston at a cost of $10.50 and $8.50, respectively. A shuttle flight from the International Airport costs $27.00 each way.

A card for reserving rooms at the Flagship is attached to this issue of the Newsletter. Members planning to attend the meetings are asked to send in the reservation card as soon as possible.

B. Election of Honorary Fellows

Julia Hecht, ASAO Secretary, announces the election of Cyril Belshaw and Saul Riesenberg as Honorary Fellows of the ASAO.

II. OPEN LETTER TO ASAO MEMBERS

A letter from Vern Carroll concerning the shift of the meeting site to Galveston and the selection of future meeting sites is printed below. Although Vern's letter arrived prior to the publication of the Summer Newsletter, it was not included due to the press of time and space.

"Following the instructions of the Board, the search for a 1980 meeting site, conducted by Mike Howard, focused on the San Diego area. A thorough search failed to locate anything satisfactory. Mike will continue to scout this area for future years. Meanwhile, aided by Mac Marshall, Mike found us a site for 1980 in Galveston."
At this point I would like to call for volunteers to survey the possibilities in certain areas. (Recipes on how to do it are available from me on request.) Cathy Carlin has already scouted the Gulf Coast area between the Florida and Texas lines and has not found anything interesting. There are additional sites in Florida that need further looking into. Someone has suggested the Georgia-Carolina coast. Another suggestion was the Arizona-New Mexico desert. Mountain resorts are another possibility ASAO members may want to consider. What about the Los Angeles area? Is anyone out there willing to see what is available in any of these regions? If so, please contact me."

III. PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 1980 MEETING

A. Fred Myers, Program Chair, wishes to remind anyone planning a symposium, working session, or informal session of the necessity of contacting him as soon as possible in order to be assured of a place on the program. Session organizers are expected to keep the Program Chair informed of their progress. Papers for formal symposia should be circulated to all participants by January 1, with a copy of each paper being submitted to the Program Chair by the same date:

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ASAO Program Chair
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Pitzer College
Claremont, CA 91711

B. Symposia planned for 1980:

(1) Formal Symposium: Language and Politics in Oceania: the Social Ecology of Speech Events

Organized by: Don Brenneis/Fred Myers
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This symposium will encompass a range of issues central to the relatively fine-grained analysis of political discourse. Among these issues are the relationships between particular varieties of social organization and patterns of political communication, including the resources, opportunities for and limits on such specific genres as speechmaking and gossip. Other issues will include the consideration of verbal strategies for negotiation in societies with consensus/majority principles of decision-making and the relationship between formalization and creativity in political performances. A major goal of the symposium is some degree of comparative discussion; the range of societies represented by participants is considerable.
Current Participants: Peter Black (George Mason); Bradd Shore (Sarah Lawrence); Don Brenneis (Pitzer); Fred Myers (Pitzer); Eve Pinisker (Chicago); John Kirkpatrick (Chicago); George Marcus (Rice); Andrew Arno (East-West Center); Paula Levin (Virginia Commonwealth); Larry Cromwell (ANU); Michael Hamnett (East-West Center); and Jane Atkeson (Lewis and Clark).

(2) Formal Symposium: *Dependency and Development in Oceania*

Organized by: Paul Shankman and Michael Howard

Participants in this year's symposium will be focusing upon a more precise treatment of questions of dependency in Oceania. Particular attention will be given to various forms of dependency that have emerged in the Pacific. We will also be concerned with exploring the process of dependency and the new structural formations that appear to be developing.

Current Participants: Daniel Hughes (Ohio State); Sherwood Lingenfelter (SUNY, Brockport); Craig Severance (Hawaii, Hilo); Glenn Peterson (CUNY, Baruch); James Peoples (University of California, Davis); Richard Marksberry (Tulane); Jean-Marc Philibert (Western Ontario); Amy Burce (Stanford); and Ben Finney (Hawaii, Manoa). Immanuel Wallerstein (SUNY, Binghamton) has tentatively agreed to serve as a discussant.

Copies of symposium papers should be in the hands of Paul Shankman or Michael Howard by December 1. Anyone else interested in participating should contact one of the organizers as soon as possible.

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(3) Formal Symposium: *Women in Oceania*

Organized by: Denise O'Brien and Sharon Tiffany

Twenty papers were presented at the 1979 Working Session on a wide range of topics. The formal symposium planned for 1980 will be restricted to a limited number of themes centering around models of women in society, power, and historical change.
Current participants: Sharon Tiffany (Wisconsin, Whitewater); Dorothy Billings (Wichita State); James Boutilier (Royal Roads Military Academy); Leslie Conton (Alaska); Dorothy Counts (Waterloo); Shulamit Decktor-Korn (Wooster); Charles Forman (Yale); Deborah Gewertz (Amherst); Julia Hecht (Lawrence); Alan Howard (Hawaii); Karen Ito (Center for Health Sciences, Los Angeles); Jared Keil (Carleton); Ineke Maria Lazar (UCLA); Mac and Leslie Marshall (Iowa); Nancy McDowell (Franklin and Marshall); Jill Nash and Don Mitchell (SUNY, Buffalo); Lorraine Sexton (Temple); Rebecca Stephenson, Lolita Leon Guerro Huxel, and Eulalia Huri-Walsh (Guam); Marilyn Strathern (Cambridge); and Denise O'Brien (Temple).

Interested persons should contact both organizers at the addresses below:

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Temple University
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Sharon Tiffany
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Whitewater, Wisconsin 53190

C. Working Sessions Planned for 1980

(1) Working Session: Sorcery and Social Change
Organized by: Marty Zeleneitz

Sorcery and Social Change will examine the interplay between indigenous beliefs and practices about supernatural malevolent and beneficent phenomena and the forces of change imposed on and generated by newly independent and developing nations in Oceania. People interested in participating should immediately get in touch with Marty Zeleneitz, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CANADA. Although formally classed as a Working Session, Sorcery and Social Change will be conducted as a symposium; i.e., formal papers will be circulated in advance.

Likely participants: Amy Burce (Stanford); Jack Fischer (Tulane); Rolf Kuschel (Copenhagen); Shirley Lindenbaum (New School for Social Research); William Mitchell (Vermont); Steven Nachman (Western Carolina); Bill and Margaret Ročman (McMaster); Paul Sisney; Bob Tonkinson (Oregon); Roger Ward (Loyola, New Orleans); and George Westermark (Washington, Seattle).

(2) Working Session: Personal Names and Naming
Organized by: Bradd Shore
A list of participants was not available to the Program Chair at the time the Newsletter went to press. Interested persons are asked to get in touch with Bradd Shore, Department of Anthropology, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY 10708.

D. Informal Sessions Planned for 1980

Informal Session: Images of the Anthropologist in Oceania

Organized by: Robert Tonkinson
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III. RESEARCH, BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES, AND OTHER NEWS

A. In response to a request from Bob Tonkinson, Chairman of the ASAO Board of Directors, Renagi R. Lohia, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Papua New Guinea, has made available a list of Papua New Guineans now engaged in post-graduate training in the United States and Canada. Bob asks that ASAO members close at hand make contact with those listed below, acquaint them with the purposes and activities of the organization, and invite their participation. The names and addresses of the Papua New Guinean teaching fellows are:

Mr. & Mrs. J. Kaniku (Literature and Pacific History)
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University of Mississippi
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B. Mac Marshall has accepted a two year position as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Applied Social and Economic Research in Boroko, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The position is to conduct research into problems of alcohol abuse in Papua New Guinea, with a view to the formulation of practical solutions to problems which are identified and to provide policy-makers with information and advice to assist them with decisions relating to the use and abuse of alcohol. Mac would appreciate hearing from ethnographers or others who have data on any aspect of alcohol use in Papua New Guinea. He can be reached before December 15 at the University of Iowa. After this date, the address is Papua New Guinea Institute of Applied Social and Economic Research, P.O. Box 5854, Boroko, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

C. Doug Munro of Macquarie University has returned to Tuvalu and is working in that country's first national census. He (with Dr. R.D. Bedford, University of Canterbury, New Zealand) is preparing the historical introduction and the migration chapter for the eventual census publication. Doug expects to return to Australia in August with his Tuvaluan wife.

D. Sherwood Lingenfelter of SUNY, Brockport, has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to investigate changes in Yapese family life. The focus of the research is the effects of population growth, education and wage employment on households, family structure, and male/female roles. Sherwood and his wife, Judy, expect to be in Yap from September of this year through February 1980.

E. Lin Poyer, a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan, is currently working on Ngatik Atoll, Ponape. She is investigating perception in an atoll environment and is also interested in the history and ethnohistory of Ngatik. Anyone who has historical information, especially primary sources which refer to the contact history of Ngatik (Raven Island, Passion Islands, or Seven Islands) is asked to get in touch with Lin. Her address is Ngatik Atoll, Ponape Eastern Caroline Islands, 96941.

F. Becky Stephenson, University of Guam, spent the month of July in the Cook Islands, principally on Atiu, gathering additional data for two papers presented at the XIV Pacific Science Congress at Khabarovsk, U.S.S.R., August 20 through September 5, 1979. Other ASAO members who were delegates to this Congress and the papers they presented are
listed below:

Bill Alkire. "Traditional exchange systems and modern political developments in the Yap District of Micronesia."

Peter Black. "Man and fish on Tobi: Culture, technology and the sea's bounty in Western Caroline society."


David Counts. "Taming the tiger: Ecology and exchange in West New Britain."


Roland and Marianne Force. "The persistence of traditional exchange patterns in the Palau Islands, Micronesia" and "Project MAB No. 7 in the USA."

Ken Knutson. "Adaptational persistence in the Gilbert Islands."

Rebecca Stephenson. "Environmental perception on Atiu" and "Sociocultural determinants of fresh water uses on Guam."

Annette Weiner. "Replacement, reproduction and regeneration: Adaptive systems in Melanesia."

Other contributions of interest to Pacific scholars were made by delegates from Australia and the United Kingdom.

W. R. Ambrose (Australia). "The state of flux in Admiralty Island exchange systems" and "The impermanence of obsidian sources in Melanesia."

Tim Bayliss-Smith (United Kingdom). "Scientific results of Project MAB No. 7."


Peter C. Lincoln, University of Auckland, announces the publication of Our Custom Way Vanikoro, by Benjamin Tua, the chief of Vanikoro (Santa Cruz Islands). This illustrated booklet contains notes on place names, history, instructions for the manufacture of some artifacts, and song texts. The prose sections and some of the songs have been translated into English by the editor, P.C. Lincoln. The booklet is available at a cost of NZ $0.75 plus postage from
H. Three books on which Alexander Mamak (University of New South Wales), has worked either as editor or author, have recently been published:

(1) **Paradise Postponed: Essays on Research and Development in the South Pacific**, edited by Alexander Mamak and Grant McCall, consists of essays based on the Proceedings of the Young Nations Conference in Sydney in 1976, the major participants to which were from the Pacific Islands. Thus, in addition to examining the concepts of development and research, this publication gives an insiders' understanding of the problems of development and research in these countries (New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, and Western Samoa) and reflects the demand for social responsibility in research work. Among the contributions made by Westerners are essays by Margaret Mackenzie and Henry Lundsgaarde.

(2) **Colour, Culture and Conflict: A Study of Pluralism in Fiji** by Alexander Mamak, explores the extent of sectional separation or pluralism in a newly independent country and its major city, Suva. Topics include urban migration, roles of trade unions and political parties, religious and educational activities, and the 1972 General Election.

The two books above are available from Pergamon Press, Inc. Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, NY 10523 at a cost of A$9.95 each for the paperback editions; the hard-backed editions are A$16.00.

(3) **Race, Class and Rebellion in the South Pacific**, edited by Alex Mamak and Ahmed Ali (with Richard Bedford, Hugh Laracy, Daniel Lyons, and Hannah Middleton), is an account of instances of rebellion involving the Aborigines, the Maori, Fiji, and the Solomons. The contributors provide detailed descriptions of actions taken against colonial powers; and... the editors focus on common themes among these movements of protest and attempt to give a coherent picture of the record of colonial treatment. The book is published by George Allen and Unwin of Australia. The cost is A$13.50 (hardback) and A$6.95 (paper).
IV. A WORD FROM THE EDITORS AND THE SECRETARY

Do any of you have letters, reports, editorial comments or observations on the organization or events in the Pacific which would interest some segment of the membership? If so, please send these to us, the Newsletter editors.

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