

NEWS FOR THE ASSOCIATION

The Fourth Business Meeting of the ASN was held at the Sheraton-Park-Plaza Hotel in New Haven, Con., on October 12, 1979. Present were 17 members.

Stephan M. Horak, chairman of the Executive Board reported on the state of the Association, membership, finances (in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Andris Skreija) and on *Nationalities Papers*.

As of October 1, 1979, the membership of the ASN increased to 229, including 13 Lifemembers, 18 from Canada, four from Israel, and eight from Europe and Australia. Two members died: Professors Constantine Bida and Alex Simirenko. Since the third business meeting, held in October 1977, the membership increased by 49 individuals.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1978-1979

1978

Income

Dues and subscriptions	\$1,263.10
Sales	1,250.50
Contributions from the Shevchenko Scientific Society and E.I.U.	<u>1,250.00</u>
Total	\$3,780.00

Expenses

Printing N.P.	\$1,928.88
Manuscripts preparations	107.20
Miscellaneous & Postage	<u>279.25</u>
Total	\$3,514.08

1979

Income

Dues and subscriptions	\$ 435.00
Donations (Shevchenko Scientific Society & E.I.U.)	1,305.00
Sales	<u>1,286.70</u>
Total	\$3,026.70

Expenses

Printing N.P.	\$4,624.91
Manuscripts preparations	238.85
Miscel. & Postage	<u>1,639.81</u>
Total	\$6,503.57

Balance \$37.21

Cash as of October 1, 1979 — \$1,100.64. Collection of dues and subscriptions is in progress.

Volume VIII, No. 2 of the *Nationalities Papers* was printed in 640 copies, with 180 issues being distributed among the members of the Society for Slovene Studies, which contributed \$300.00 to cover additional expenditures.

Andrew Ezergailis, Book Review Editor, reported that he received 30 books for reviews in 1979. He is developing a pool of reviewers and urges ASN members to participate in writing reviews for N.P.

In order to meet the rising cost of printing and other expenditures it was decided to increase the subscription rates of the *Nationalities Papers*, beginning with vol. IX (1981) as follows:

Individual \$12.00 (two years \$20.00)

Institutions \$14.00

Overseas \$14.00

Life membership \$100.00

The Executive Board is authorized to increase the above for 1982 by up to \$2.00 if necessary.

Michael Rywkin and George Klein reported on the progress of their symposia to be published within the "Series in Issues Studies, USSR and East Europe."

Sidney Heitman has mailed 800 pieces of promotional material about *Nationalities Papers* to university libraries.

Edward Wynot has organized in 1979 two ASN sponsored sessions for the AAASS convention, one for AHA meeting and one special session for the 1980 conference in Garmisch, Germany.

Stephan Horak received a grant of \$12,200.00 from HEW to prepare a "Guide to the Study of the Soviet Nationalities," with seven collaborating ASN members.

During the discussion period several members made various suggestions concerning ASN future activities and further growth of the *Nationalities Papers*. Cooperation with professionally related associations and organizations has been recommended, especially in view of the useful collaboration with the Shevchenko Scientific Society and the Society for Slovene Studies.

The following members were elected to the Executive Board and Members at Large:

Executive Board: Chairman — Stephan M. Horak, Vice Chairmen — Edward D. Wynot, Jr. and Michael Rywkin. Secretary-Treasurer — Andris Skreija.

Members at Large: Yaroslav Bilinsky, Nicholas G. Bohatiuk, Andrew Ezergailis, Thaddeus V. Gromada, Sidney Heitman, James L. Heizer, George Klein, Edward Lazzarini, Andrew Lubanyi, and John S. Reshetar.

Members present at the meeting approved by a majority required the change of Article V, Section 3 of the ASN By-Laws from: . . . “no one may serve in both capacities more than three consecutive terms in office.” to . . . “four consecutive terms in office.”

Recording secretary of the business meeting was Milan J. Reban.

The re-elected chairman appealed to all ASN members to secure their respective library's subscription to the *Nationalities Papers* and ASN publications. Members are urged to participate, to contribute and to support ASN which enhances American East European scholarship while concentrating on the non-Russian nationalities of the USSR and national minorities in Eastern Europe. The association extends a standing invitation to all professors and experts to join and to contribute to N.P. which is being complimented for its high academic standard and performance.

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A special symposium on the Baltic Provinces of Russia between the Revolutions of 1905 and 1917 took place at the J.G. Herder Institute in Marburg, Germany, June 5 to 7, 1979. The following members of the ASN presented papers: Tõnu Parming (University of Maryland) “The Mediating Role of Population and Ethnic Processes in the 1905/1917 Revolution in the Russian Baltic Provinces.” Toivo Raun (California State University, Long Beach) “Estonian Social and Political Thought, 1905 — February 1917.” Andrew Ezergailis (Ithaca College) “The Causes of the Bolshevik Revolution in Latvia 1917.”