



# Southwest Conference for Asian Studies

## NEWSLETTER

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### THE 1980 SWCAS CONFERENCE

The 1980 Annual Meeting of the SWCAS took place on November 7 and 8 in elegant surroundings high atop the Trade Mart in New Orleans. In sixteen scheduled panels more than fifty papers were presented. At the Friday luncheon the featured guest speaker, Prof. Eleanor Jordan, President of the Association for Asian Studies, reviewed the progress in international education since President Carter made his recommendations on international studies in 1979. Our thanks to Daniel Juhn, who handled local arrangements, and to Ed Lazzerini and Richard Williams, who did such a fine job with the program.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER'S STATEMENT (in lieu of a report)

The SWCAS at present has a bank balance of \$550.00. From this will be paid the costs of shipping all back issues of the SWCAS proceedings to San Antonio, and mailing for the 1979 Proceedings to the membership. We hope to receive a subsidy from the AAS in Ann Arbor this spring, but it will not offset these expenses. Dues notices will be going out to members who did not pay up at New Orleans. The secretary/treasurer is presently updating records of dues payments and membership. Since it appears that there has been a decline in membership over the past several years, we hope to embark on a membership drive by mail this spring. Please look around and be prepared to twist arms and make suggestions. Membership in the SWCAS is a bargain at \$5.00, and nobody has said anything (yet) about raising the fees.

### RESULTS OF

### ELECTIONS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors met Friday morning to tabulate ballots and take stock of the organization. The results of the 1980 election were as follows:

President-elect (serves 1981-82)--

Prof. Suk-soon Suh  
Southwestern University

Secretary-treasurer (serves 1980-83)--

Prof. Donald Clark  
Trinity University

Directors (1980-82)--

Prof. Daniel Juhn  
University of New Orleans

Prof. J. Frank Kenney  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Saturday morning at the annual business meeting, Prof. Roy Teele of the U. of Texas at Austin took over the Presidency for 1980-81 from Prof. Lester Bilsky, who deserves a round of applause from across the Southwest for his perseverance and steady service as the program chairman at Little Rock (1980), and then as president-elect and president. During the meeting thanks were offered Prof. Jordan for her participation, and suggestions were heard for organizing the 1981 SWCAS meeting in Austin.

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1981 MEETING

The 1981 SWCAS meeting will be in Austin at the University of Texas on October 16-17 (Friday and Saturday). Prof. Herman Van Olphen, of the UT Dept. of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures, is Program Chairman and will soon be sending out a call for papers. Please think about panels for this meeting.

1982 MEETING

At New Orleans the Board of Directors accepted an invitation to hold the 1982 SWCAS meeting at Oklahoma State University. Details to follow.

PROCEEDINGS UPDATE

1980 Proceedings are being edited by Prof. Edward Lazzerini of the University of New Orleans history department. He is in touch with authors, calling in papers for publication by mid year. All members who paid dues in 1980 will receive this volume.

1979 Proceedings, edited by Prof. Dennis Reinhartz of the history department at the University of Texas at Arlington, are enclosed with this newsletter if you paid dues in 1979.

1978 Proceedings and Proceedings from 1977, 1976, and certain preceding years are available for \$2.00 per volume. The next newsletter will provide a comprehensive bibliography of titles. Contact the Secretary/Treasurer for more information.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

We also hope to offer your library selections of Proceedings if your college/university will kick in an institutional membership. Institutional Memberships cost \$50.00 and have been crucial sources of support in lean years. Please show on the attached questionnaire whether (and how) to ask for an institutional membership from your school. Indicate, too, if the Proceedings would be useful: we have quite a backlist for certain issues.

FROM ANN ARBOR:Good news and a challenge

The long-hoped-for NEH challenge grant to the Association for Asian Studies was announced this month in a letter to the membership from Prof. Eleanor Jordan, AAS President. NEH will provide \$100,000 over three years to be matched by AAS on a 3-1 basis: we have to raise \$300,000 over the same period, meeting deadlines for increments. By June 30, 1981, AAS members and fundraisers have to raise \$30,000. No stone is to be left unturned, and the membership has been asked for tax deductible contributions toward this first increment.

Increasing AAS membership generally is part of the remedy to the financial straits AAS has been in during the last few years. If you belong to SWCAS and not to AAS, why not consider joining the parent body (whether or not you contribute to the fund)? Members pay \$25.00 dues and receive quarterly newsletters full of useful resource information, grants notices, and the like. Journal of Asian Studies is mailed to all AAS members four times a year. No Asian Studies professional should be without it.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Katharine S. Diehl's series, Printers and Printing in the East Indies to 1850, has been accepted into the series Europe and the Wider World, Donald F. Lach and Cyriac K. Pullapilly, eds. Her contribution is eight volumes of text and one of bibliography. We congratulate Miss Diehl on this major achievement, which represents more than twenty years' work.

"Professional Notes" solicits your reports of research, publications, grants, travels, programs, and scholarly production of all kinds. Whenever you write (and you don't need an excuse), please give us a few words on your activities and your institution.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us in the envelope provided. This will help us organize our records. If we show you owing dues there is a dues notice enclosed, and you should send along a \$5.00 check as well for 1981.