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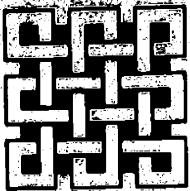
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Newsletter

**NOTICE TO FACULTY MEMBERS!**

LASA hopes to expand its membership considerably this year, and as part of this drive we are asking faculty members to help. Have as many copies of this page made as possible, validate the applications for Graduate Student Associate status by signing at the bottom, and distribute them to your graduate students. We trust that the many advantages of LASA membership will be impressed upon the student! Por ejemplo: subscription to LARR and the LASA Newsletter, receipt of special publications of the Association, early info and discount fees for the National Meeting, plus full voting rights.

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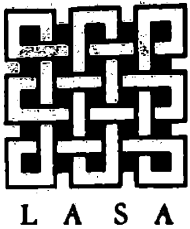
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# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter

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Diane Holloway-Vest, Editor

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of the 1972 Executive Council took place March 24-25 in Washington, D.C. Those attending were: Thomas Skidmore, President; Henry Landsberger, Vice President; John Saunders; Seymour Menton; Karen Spalding; Lewis Hanke; Diane Holloway-Vest, Executive Secretary; Felicity Trueblood, Executive Secretary-Designate.

1. Mailing List - Upon the recommendation of the Editor of LARR and the President of LASA, the Council approved the transfer of the LASA/LARR mailing list maintenance from UT Press to the LARR editorial offices at the Institute of Latin American Studies.

2. Absence of Officers - Arrangements were made for the periods when one or both of the officers will be out of the country. For the brief period from early April to June when both President and Vice President will be away, Prof. Saunders will become Acting President. Since he will be absent during a portion of his term as President, Prof. Landsberger offered his resignation but the Council rejected it. Prof. Landsberger will conduct LASA business during his absence by telephone and letter correspondence and with three trips to the U.S. The newly elected Vice President will act as President when urgent matters arise. The Council will instruct the Nominations Committee to inform potential Vice Presidential nominees of this situation.

3. Secretariat Report - The Executive Secretary presented a financial report to the Council for the calendar year 1971, prepared by a certified public accountant. [Report reprinted in this Newsletter]

A membership drive is planned to canvass persons listed in the National Directory of Latin Americanists. Prof. Trueblood suggested that LASA consider offering discount membership rates to members of the regional councils.

4. National Meeting - A financial report for the Third National Meeting was presented. Prof. Landsberger announced that plans to publish the papers presented at the meeting had been discontinued. The panel on "Male & Female in Latin America" will be published separately, however.

Plans for the Fourth National Meeting, to be held May 4-6, 1973, at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, are already underway with Peter Smith currently handling local arrangements. The Program Committee will meet April 22 and Council members made several suggestions to be relayed to the Committee for its consideration. It was decided to hold the business meeting on Saturday afternoon, as it was last year, and the Local Arrangements Committee will be instructed to publicize transportation schedules for departure so that members can make arrangements to attend. If there is further criticism of this time period after the meeting, the policy will be reviewed.

5. Ford Proposal - Professors Skidmore, Landsberger, Saunders and Trueblood reported on their March 23 meeting with Ford Foundation representatives in New York. The chances of LASA receiving a supplemental grant for the funding of activities seem promising, particularly for the two new committees (Scholarly Relations with Cuba and Scholarly Exchange in the Social Sciences). A revised written proposal and budget will be submitted to Ford and a decision announced soon.

6. Committees

It was announced that Prof. John Martz has resigned as Chairman of the Government Relations Committee and Pres. Skidmore will look for a replacement. [Note: The Government Relations has since been abolished.]

Nominations Committee Chairman John Thompson will send the nominations for Vice President and Executive Council to the Secretariat by April 15 and the preliminary ballot will be mailed to the membership in late August with six weeks for write-ins to be submitted (Sept. 7 - Oct. 19). The Council suggested that future elections be completed earlier in order to give those taking office more time for preparation. A new schedule will be formulated at the Fall Executive Council meeting.

Mary Ellis Kahler, Chairman of the Scholarly Resources Committee, is negotiating for publication of an acquisitions handbook for small libraries. As a new project, the Council suggested that the Committee might circulate an up-to-date guide to Latin American microfilm holdings in various libraries.

The LASA Prize Committee (John J. Johnson, Chmn.) met in Austin to investigate and formulate plans for the joint LASA-UT Press prize contest. The Executive Council recommended that the \$1000 award be called the Latin American Studies Association Award and that the manuscripts be read and judged by a LASA Committee consisting of five members from various disciplines. Competition will begin September 1, 1972, and close March 1, 1973. The winner will be announced October 1, 1973.

Jon Rosenbaum (Wellesley College) has been appointed Chairman of the Regional Liaison Committee. The Council reaffirmed its desire to increase the flow of information between the regional councils and LASA.

7. Role of Women in LASA - Prof. Spalding suggested that LASA gather statistics on hiring and promotion discrimination against women in academic institutions and issue a statement on the findings.

8. Mail Ballot - It was brought to the attention of the Council that several requests for a mail ballot on the resolutions passed at the National Meeting have been received by the Secretariat. Since most of the 90 day period for receipt of such requests had expired by the time the Newsletter reached the members, it was decided to extend the period this time to 90 days from the mailing of the Newsletter. In the future notice will be mailed immediately following the National Meeting, not necessarily via the Newsletter.

9. Fall Executive Council Meeting - The fall Executive Council meeting was changed from the first weekend in October to September 22-24 in Gainesville, Florida.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
Years Ending December 31  
Unaudited

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>		
Dues - Note		
LASA	\$10,780.50	\$16,886.33
CLASP	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>8,715.00</u>
Interest		
LASA	\$ 36.34	\$ 49.24
CLASP	<u>123.86</u>	<u>228.51</u>
Grant - Ford Foundation	20,000.00	20,000.00
Sale of publications	53.00	340.00
National meeting	5,240.56	5,380.60
Miscellaneous	645.21	428.69
Lambert Project	-	893.07
Office of Education	-	2,156.00
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$41,579.47</u>	<u>\$55,077.44</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>		
Salary and payroll tax	\$16,379.52	\$23,278.64
Office supplies and printing	869.70	481.39
Postage	930.00	1,975.00
Bookkeeping and legal	574.50	516.03
Publications		
Newsletter	\$ 863.10	\$ 335.50
LARR	9,000.00	12,252.50
Other	<u>6.00</u>	<u>1,060.24</u>
Equipment rental	1,023.20	1,266.26
National meeting	2,422.18	3,608.64
Special projects	863.72	66.20
LASA committees		
Executive Council	\$ 4,744.63	\$ 4,054.79
Other	<u>943.35</u>	<u>811.64</u>
CLASP		
Committee	\$ 3,763.76	\$ 3,793.56
Publication	<u>1,718.05</u>	<u>-</u>
Miscellaneous	360.09	981.23
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$44,461.80</u>	<u>\$54,481.62</u>
Excess of (Disbursements) or Receipts	\$ (2,882.33)	\$ 595.82
Cash Balance, January 1	17,135.78	16,539.96
Cash Balance, December 31	<u>\$14,253.45</u>	<u>\$17,135.78</u>
<b>Accounted for as Follows:</b>		
LASA savings	\$ 6,894.50	\$ 8,235.85
CLASP savings	4,309.45	7,279.21
LASA checking	3,628.89	1,620.72
Less: Payroll taxes paid January	(579.39)	-
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$14,253.45</u>	<u>\$17,135.78</u>
<b>NOTE: Obligations at December 31, consist of:</b>		
LARR	\$ 2,631.00	\$ -
National meeting and other	909.00	586.00
Subsequent years dues	2,566.00	8,476.00
Total Obligation	<u>\$ 6,106.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,062.00</u>

The above does not include receivables at December 31 from National meeting.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

[Editor's Note: The following is a complete report from the National Meeting Program Planning Committee, submitted after their New Jersey meeting April 21-22.]

### A. Introductory Statement

This is the initial report from the program planning committee required by the resolution passed at the LASA business meeting in Austin last year.

This program is tentative for several reasons. The LASA Executive Council may desire changes in those portions of the program, such as the business meeting, for which it has direct responsibility, or may decide that more time should be cleared for other official LASA functions. The local arrangements committee may decide that portions of the program as described here cannot take place as proposed because of technical reasons. The program planning committee may accept proposals from the membership for up to four additional panels according to the procedure included in the resolution passed last year; that is, if petitions are received within 60 days from the date of this mailing, signed by as least 50 members of LASA requesting such panels. (Or the other members of the committee, Ann Pescatello and June Nash, may correct my memory or my notes on what it was that we actually decided.) In accordance with the resolution under which we are operating, there will be a second report issued at the time of announcement of the final program, explaining its rationale in some detail.

Our approach in making up the program was in general to schedule worthwhile and interesting sessions that would represent fairly the interests of all the membership, scheduled so that, to the maximum possible, people of varying interests will at any time find a panel that they would like to go to and not find that all the panels that they are interested in are scheduled at the same time. We may not have succeeded in this, but we tried.

Highly conscious of the desire for maximum participation in the meeting program recognized by the resolution passed at Austin and by other expressions of opinion of the membership, we have introduced two innovations that we think will help. One innovation, proposed independently by John Saunders and Joel Edelstein, is for the scheduling of luncheon round-table discussion groups on specified topics, to be attended by up to 20 people each, in which there are no panelists or audience; everyone is a participant. This innovation has made it possible for us to schedule discussions on topics that could not be brought within the framework of the formal panels and thus take account of a broader and at the same time a more specific range of interests. In the final program, chairmen for each of these luncheon round-table discussions will be listed; at the time of registration, members will sign up for specific round-table groups so that if some groups are over-subscribed they can then be subdivided into more than one. It might also be mentioned that since these round-tables will be specifically listed in the meeting program, participation in them constitutes participation in the meeting program, which may help members pry travel funds from department chairmen and deans. Attendance at the round-tables will also be of value, as an indication of members' interests, for the committee planning the next national meeting.

The other innovation allowing for greater participation, proposed by Paul Doughty is the institution of a volunteer-paper panel. It should be made clear that all members of the association are of course at liberty to propose to the chairman of any panel their participation in it. However, since the panel chairmen will be operating under a variety of guidelines to insure that their panels represent different points of view or different aspects of the topic, and will anyhow have only a limited number of slots to assign, it is likely that they will be able to respond only to a limited number of such requests. The volunteer-paper panel, however, is not limited to a single topic, but can accept papers on any subject, with their quality the only consideration. This panel is designed especially for the needs of younger members of the association, who might not be well enough known to be invited to sit on one of the specific-topic panels. We are scheduling a coffee hour following that panel (and after the others scheduled at that time) so that younger scholars can meet each other informally and others interested in their work can discuss it with them.

Subject to the approval of the Executive Council, we have also shifted the business meeting to Friday afternoon "prime time", to allow for participation from both those who must leave early and those who can only come late. The length of the body of the meeting (i.e. exclusive of committee sessions) has been extended by half a day from what it was in 1971.

We have not scheduled individual lunch or dinner speakers.

We think the Association has moved past the point where there should be separate panels for radicals or women. We think that many of the panels will be of particular interest for those of radical orientation, and our injunction to panel chairmen to be conscious of the need for "balance" on their panels will mean, where questions of opinion or point of view are at issue, that radical viewpoints will be represented. We are also asking panel chairmen to bear in mind the availability of able female scholars in the subjects covered in their panels. We have also encouraged them to invite scholars from Latin America, including Cuba, where appropriate in the design of a successful panel, and I shall undertake to try to secure funding for the travel expenses of foreign scholars invited.

We have not attempted to secure a balance among regions of the country in the selection of panel chairmen, not wishing to detract from the primary criterion of the scheduling of a good, interesting, informative meeting. The committee feels on strong ground in taking this position, as its members are at institutions in the Southwest, the Midwest (moving to the Southeast in September), and the Northeast, respectively.

We have reached some fairly detailed decisions on the physical arrangements for the papers. All papers which are to be reproduced by the facilities of the local arrangements committee will have to be submitted to the panel chairman 6 weeks ahead of the meeting time for transmittal to the local arrangements committee. Papers should then be made available to the other members of the panel at least 2 weeks ahead of time of the meeting. Members of the panel who do not submit their papers in time are subject to being dropped from the panel by the chairman. Papers will be on sale at the meeting. Papers shorter than 25 pages will sell for 25¢, those numbering between 25 and 50 pages for 50¢, those between 50 and 75 pages for 75¢, and papers

over 75 pages will sell for \$1.00. The author will receive 20 copies of his paper free of charge, and a copy will go to each of the members of the program committee, who will select the best papers presented for publication. The precise form in which papers will be published will depend on which ones are selected; it will be open to people presenting papers to make other arrangements for their publication if they wish.

Within the program framework we have established, the panel chairman is responsible for the organization and membership of his panel. The ability of the people we have asked to serve as panel chairmen represents the guarantee of the quality of the individual panels, not the general organizational structure we have set up. We ask that the panel be "balanced", but the character of "balance" will vary in the context of each panel. In some cases, it will mean balance among political viewpoints; in others, balance among different aspects of the problem being dealt with.

In setting up the program and trying to see that different tastes and interests could find expression, we have tried to see that not only the more vocal interests, such as the radicals, were represented, but also that there was an adequate number of panels for those of conservative or apolitical tastes.

The introduction of the luncheon round-table discussion groups has made it possible to be unusually responsive to the program proposals we received. Of 48 suggestions for panel topics that were received by the time of the meeting of the program committee, we were able to accept no fewer than 39, either in whole or in part, either as panels or luncheon round-tables. "In whole or in part" because we combined some suggestions (or subdivided others). The suggestions not accepted came only from people who had made multiple suggestions; that is, at least one suggestion was accepted from every person who contacted me. The suggestions not accepted were felt either to be too narrow, at least by comparison with the alternative possibilities, to be of general interest, or they resembled topics included on the program last year or the year before, or the interest they reflected was taken care of elsewhere on the program.

I should add that most of the unsolicited suggestions came from political scientists, economists, and historians. However, I made a point of writing to solicit suggestions from people who represented fields or constituencies I was afraid might otherwise be unrepresented, or who were simply likely to produce imaginative ideas. The paucity of suggestions from people in literature and anthropology is especially to be regretted. However, we did elicit some ideas from literature people and were fortunate in having an anthropologist on the program planning committee.

There are several channels of action now available to members who wish to appear on or propose changes in the program.

1. If you wish to appear on one of the scheduled panels, contact the panel chairman listed as soon as possible, giving him as much information as you can on which to base a decision. That is, you should send a copy of the paper you wish to present, or a copy of an article or paper you have done in some related field together with an outline or synopsis of the paper you propose.



While each chairman has the freedom to structure his panel as he wishes, it is anticipated that most panels will have four or five people giving papers and one or two people as discussants. The same ground rules apply to the volunteer-papers panel except that there will be no discussants and not necessarily any discussion from the audience so that the number of paper givers might be as many as 9 or 10.

2. If you want to participate in a round-table there is no need to do anything except to sign up for it at the time you register at the meeting. We have a list of round-table chairmen but have not yet had acceptances from them and so will not publish their names until the final program is announced. At that time, members may write to a round-table chairman, informing him of their wish to participate and receive a written acknowledgment from him that they are indeed scheduled to participate if they wish to have some documentary evidence that they will be engaged in serious academic activity at Madison.

3. If members wish to have other panels added to the program, under the terms of the resolution passed last year they should send me a petition signed by at least 50 members of the Association in good standing within 60 days of the mailing of the Newsletter. As I interpret the Austin resolution, although the program committee is not absolutely obliged to accede to such a petition, I think it is clear that the moral obligation would be very strong indeed.

4. Members who have films that they would like to show at the Thursday evening session should write to June Nash at the Department of Anthropology, New York University, giving appropriate details such as running time, subject, and equipment needed.

5. The Consortium for Latin American Studies (CLASP), which is the institutional affiliate of LASA, has 2 panels reserved in the meeting program. These will be on topics related to the actual nuts-and-bolts problems of teaching and working in Latin American studies, rather than subject-matter problems. People who have suggestions for the panels are invited to send them to the current chairman of the CLASP Steering Committee, Paul Doughty, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville 32601.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

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Division of Inter-Am Affairs  
University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

June Nash  
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B. DRAFT PROGRAM, May 3-5, 1973  
Madison, Wisconsin

Thursday, May 3

Executive Council and committee meetings

Afternoon sessions, 2:15-5:00

1. Special session marking 150 years of Brazilian independence: Nineteenth Century Brazil. Chairman, Stanley Stein (Hist., Princeton)
2. Volunteer papers. Joint Chairmen, James Wilkie (Hist., UCLA) and Edna Monzón de Wilkie (Romance Lang., UCLA)
3. CLASP-sponsored panel

Each session followed by get-acquainted coffee hour.

- 5:15-6:30 Meeting of CLASP institutional representatives  
6:30-8:00 Dinner meetings of committees and special interest groups  
8:15- Entertainment

Friday, May 4

Morning sessions, 9:15-12:00

4. Themes in contemporary fiction. Chairman, Ivan Schulman (Romance Lang., SUNY-Stony Brook)
  5. Inter-American Relations and the Multi-National Corporation. Chairman, Márkos Mamalakis (Econ., Univ. of Wisc.-Milwaukee)
  6. Ethical problems of scholars and public responsibilities of scholarly organizations. Proposed Chairman, Daniel Goldrich (Poli. Sci., Univ. of Ore.)
- 12:15-2:00 Luncheon round-table discussion groups (Chairmen to be announced)

- Topics:
1. Gabriel García Márquez
  2. The situation in Haiti
  3. The economics and politics of oil
  4. Puerto Rico and the United States
  5. Intra-Latin American relations
  6. The Peruvian military
  7. Problems of urbanization
  8. The Good Neighbor policy
  9. Social change among Indians of the Andes
  10. Christian Democracy
  11. Economic history of Gran Colombia
  12. Industrialization and tariffs in Argentina and Uruguay
  13. New trends in educational policy
  14. Colonial Central America
  15. Mexican literature

Afternoon and Evening

- 2:15-4:30 LASA Business Meeting  
4:30-6:30 Cocktail party  
6:30-8:00 Dinner dance  
8:30-10:30 A debate: The political character and significance of the Peruvian military regime (participants to be announced).

Saturday, May 5

Morning sessions, 9:15-12:00

7. The State of the Arts in Latin America. Proposed Chairman, Stanton Catlin (Hist. of Art, Hunter College)
8. The Allende Government at Midpoint. Chairman, James Petras (Poli. Sci. and Sociology, Penn. State; after Sept. 1972, Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton)
9. Ecological and environmental problems. Chairman, Warren Dean (Hist., NYU)

12:15-2:00 Luncheon round-table discussion groups.

Topics:

16. Contemporary Drama
17. European dependencies
18. Urban and regional planning
19. Religion in Latin America
20. Science and Technology
21. The status of the U.S. foreign aid program
22. The training of Latin American officers in the U.S.
23. Central American integration
24. Perón
25. Mexico and the Chicanos
26. Cuban Problems
27. Economic development strategies
28. New uses of quantitative data
29. Oral history
30. Methods in demography
31. Political thought

Afternoon sessions, 2:15-5:00

10. The Re-integration of Spain and Portugal into Ibero-American Studies. Proposed Chairman, Charles Anderson (Poli. Sci., Univ. of Wisc.-Madison)
11. Economic Development and Economic Inequality. Chairman, Clark Reynolds (Econ., Stanford)

7:30 Film showing

C. Summary of Program Suggestions Received

TOPIC SUGGESTED	SUGGESTED BY	DISPOSITION
1. Regional planning(in Venezuela)	JC Garcia-Zamor	RT
2. Peronism	S Menton	RT
3. Mexican & Mex-Am Lit	S Menton	RT
4. Revolution & the Arts	S Menton	P
5. Intra-Lat Am Relations	W Agor	RT
6. Military & Change in Peru	A Lowenthal	RT
7. Contemporary Novel	Joan Ciruti	P
8. Econ Dev & Income Distrib.	C Reynolds	P
9. Development Strategy	C Reynolds	RT
10. Chilean experiment	C Reynolds	P
11. Allende's first year	Wm Manger	P
12. Urban & regional planning	PJ Schweizer	RT
13. The Guianas	Edward Dew	RT
14. Brazilian Regency politics	N Holub	P
15. Environment & Ecology	M Mamalakis	P
16. Inter-American Relations	M Mamalakis	P
17. Urbanization	M Mamalakis	RT
18. Social Security	C Mesa-Lago	NA
19. Economic Inequality	C Mesa-Lago	P
20. Use of Quantitative data	W Tyler	RT
21. Economic history(Venezuela)	RL Allen	RT
22. Puerto Rico	FP LeVeness	RT
23. Socio-political linkages	J Petras	P
24. The Service Sector	J Petras	NA
25. Good Neighbor Policy Reassessed	J Petras	RT
26. Apologetic Literature	J Petras	NA
27. Role of Small Groups in Policy	J Petras	NA
28. Myth & Reality in New Fiction	M Stabb	P
29. Christian Democracy	DL Herman	RT
30. Sci & Technology in Brazil	T Berson	RT
31. Religion	R Millett	RT
32. Industrialization & Tariffs	C Solberg	RT
33. Spain & Portugal	M Needler	P
34. Haiti	M Needler	RT
35. Oil	M Needler	RT
36. Plantation Crops	M Needler	NA
37. Nobel prize for lit	M Needler	NA
38. Arts	A Pescatello	P
39. Brazilian Independence	A Pescatello	P
40. 19th Century Brazil	A Pescatello	P
41. Ethics of research	L Hanke	P
42. Recent developments in Peru	H Handelman	RT
43. Peasant political behavior	H Handelman	RT
44. Ecology	J Nash	P
45. Education policies	J Nash	RT*
46. Dependecy	J Nash	NA
47. Political thought	WE Davis	RT

\*Has also been proposed to CLASP for their sponsorship as a full panel.

REQUEST FOR OPINIONS ON LASA BY-LAW

The Executive Council would like to hear opinions from the membership regarding present regulations for placing a write-in candidate on the ballot for Vice President. According to Section I4b of the By-Laws, "Members of the Association may propose additional candidates by submitting petitions signed by at least 100 members in good standing for each such candidate."

If the number of signatures required seems too high, what figure would you suggest? Do you think the time limit for receiving such petitions at the Secretariat (six weeks from the mailing of the preliminary ballot) should be extended?

Your opinions and suggestions will be greatly appreciated for the review of the policy.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT LASA ELECTION

The Nominations Committee has obtained the agreement of the individuals listed below to participate as candidates in the forthcoming election of LASA officers and Executive Council. The panel is thought to well represent the range of particular constituencies within the organization. Each was our first choice within the particular category of constituency (discipline, region, institution, ideology) that we sensed should be reflected in the panel of nominees.

The nominees for Vice President:

Paul Doughty, Anthropology, University of Florida  
Gilbert Merckx, Sociology, University of New Mexico

The nominees for Executive Council:

Donald Bray, Political Science, Los Angeles State University  
Eugenio Chang-Rodriguez, Literature, Queens College of CUNY  
Joel Edelstein, Political Science, Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
Donald Freebairn, Economics, Cornell University  
A. David Hill, Geography, University of Colorado  
Martin Needler, Political Science, University of New Mexico

The Committee recommends that the nominees be asked to submit a bio-bibliographical statement to the Executive Council to be published in the Newsletter prior to the election. An alternative might be to enclose the statements with the preliminary ballot mailing. Whether this statement should be accompanied by a brief statement concerning the nominee's perception of the organization's role and priorities, we leave to the appropriate authority to decide. At least one nominee considers that the latter statement would be inappropriate.

Nominations Committee:  
John Thompson, Chairman  
Dale Johnson  
Marshall Nason

CLASP: NEWS, NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) sponsored three symposia at the recent national meeting of LASA in Austin, Texas. These covered topics of broad concern to university programs and were intended to provide for the exchange of information, experience and news affecting Latin American studies, particularly from an institutional point of view. The topics revealed by the panels were: library resources, the educational philosophy of area studies, and the organization and content of interdisciplinary courses.

This coming year (Spring 1973) the Fourth National Meeting of LASA will again include CLASP-sponsored programs dealing with institutional members' concerns and interests. Paul L. Doughty, Chairperson of the CLASP Steering Committee, requests that ideas for panel topics be sent to him by September 15, 1972 (Dept. of Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. 32601).

At the December meeting, the Steering Committee decided to hold only one meeting (aside from the one held at the national meeting). The Steering Committee will therefore convene early in the fall of 1972 to consider the participation in the Madison meeting and to respond to other matters of concern to the CLASP membership. Agenda suggestions are welcome.

The next CLASP publication, prepared under the direction of Kempton Webb, is entitled "Opportunities for Study in Latin America: A Guide for Group Programs". It is currently in press and will be distributed to CLASP members in May. The fifth CLASP publication is also in preparation under the direction of Jane Loy and Lewis Hanke at the University of Massachusetts. It will be a guide to audiovisual materials on Latin America.

LASA NEWSLETTER

It is hoped to begin publishing a much-expanded LASA Newsletter in the fall of 1972. Felicity M. Trueblood Executive Secretary of LASA, will serve as General Editor, and Charles M. Nissly, Associate Professor of Geography and Latin American Studies at Louisiana State University (New Orleans), will be Associate Editor. In addition, other Latin Americanists will be asked to edit sections of the Newsletter devoted to their special fields of interest. Persons interested in serving as special editors, correspondents, or columnists should write Ms. Trueblood. Comments and suggestions are solicited from the membership, as well as news items, short articles, reports, opinions, letters to the editor, etc., of interest to our profession. Further details of the Newsletter's content and format will be announced after the Secretariat's transfer to Gainesville.

OMNIBUS HIGHER EDUCATION BILL: STATUS

Action has been taken by both the House and the Senate to send the Omnibus Higher Education Bill to conference committee. This enormous bill faces considerable hassling before its some 250 differences are reconciled.

Perhaps best known for its controversial busing proposals, the bill has major significance for the international education community as well since it contains within it the legislation for NDEA Title VI programs and Ethnic Heritage studies programs. Differences between the House and Senate versions are as follows:

- (1) Senate Version
  - (a) Eliminates the category NDEA VI and includes its functions in broader category of Graduate Programs.
  - (b) Supports graduate centers for the study of language and cultures of foreign countries, areas or regions and for study and research in international studies.
  - (c) Supports programs designed to prepare graduate and professional students for public service.
  - (d) Supports only those undergraduate programs which are designed to prepare graduate students.
- (2) House Version
  - (a) Continues NDEA VI category
  - (b) Supports graduate and undergraduate centers and programs in language and area studies and research and training in international studies and the international aspects of professional and other fields of study.

[Information provided by David Merchant, Committee on the Future of International Studies, 1755 Mass. Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.]

NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF LATIN AMERICANISTS

The long-awaited second edition of the National Directory of Latin Americanists is now available. The Directory, compiled by the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress, contains biographies of 2,695 specialists in the social sciences and humanities. Besides the alphabetical listing of biographies, there is also an index by subject specialties.

Those interested in purchasing a copy of the Directory may write to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 3013-004, Price \$4.25).

## INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

The Latin American Institute and Sociology Department of Livingston College, Rutgers University, sponsored the "Crisis Conference: Revisionist Interpretation of U.S. Militarism - Imperialism and the Ethics of Scholarship". The Conference was held March 9-11, 1972, on the Rutgers campus.

April 17-18 the University of Nebraska Institute for Latin American and International Studies held "An Inter-American Symposium on the Scientific and Technological Gap in Latin America".

Rockland Community College (Suffern, NY) is planning a center of Latin American studies for September 1972, possibly located in the Spanish-speaking community of a village named Haverstraw. The possible location would provide an Hispanic setting; the mixture of Spanish and English speaking students is hoped to create a true "international house".

The University of Alabama is offering a field seminar in Colombia's Upper Amazon Basin during July 19 - August 17, 1972, under the direction of Dr. C. Fiske Smith. "Ethnobiology of the Amazon" will be the research focus of the seminar which will be based in Puerto Narino, in the Leticia Corridor.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Consortium for International Education, sponsors a Latin American Seminar in Buenos Aires each year during July and August. Up to six semester hours of credit may be earned by students registered through the Summer Session at I.U.P. Cost of tuition is \$26.00 for Pennsylvania residents and \$43.00 for out-of-state students. The 1972 Seminar will be accompanied to Buenos Aires by Prof. Edward Chazzer of the Political Science Department at I.U.P.

With assistance provided by a grant from the Tinker Foundation, the University of Florida is expanding its capabilities in demography and population geography. This expansion includes a formal program which will award certificates in Latin American studies with emphasis upon demographic aspects of Latin America. Applicants who hold the M.A. may apply for special university assistantship support under the Tinker Foundation grant for studies leading to the Ph.D. by writing to: The Director, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. 32601. Applicants working for the M.A. degree may apply for University of Florida assistantships and graduate fellowships by writing to: Chairman of Dept. of Geography or Chairman of Dept. of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. 32601. The Certificate Program is open to any qualified candidate, regardless of citizenship.

The Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia, Pa.) sponsored a conference to assess major trends in Brazilian foreign policy during the 1970's. The conference, held May 19-20, 1972, at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, brought together a group of experts to discuss the major foreign policy options available to Brazil over the next decade, with particular emphasis on Brazil as a power of increasing importance in Latin America and the likely consequences of the relationship between Brazil and the United States.



COFIS, the Committee on the Future of International Studies, held a membership meeting April 17, 1972, in Washington, D.C., to discuss the future of COFIS. The meeting was held as a result of a decision by the American Council on Education (the decision is still subject to the approval of the ACE Board of Directors) to establish an international office concerned with relationships between the educational community and the Federal Government. It was resolved to send three proposals to the COFIS membership for a vote: (1) that COFIS remain in existence as it is now (2) that COFIS exist only until the ACE takes over its function (3) that COFIS continue its functions on a member campus even after ACE takes over.

The Committee on Brazilian Studies of CLAH (Conference on Latin American History) has, as a gesture of goodwill, designated the Instituto de Estudos Brasileiros (Universidade de São Paulo) as depository of American works pertaining to Brazil. All Brazilianists are urged to send copies of their dissertations, articles, and books to the following address:

Instituto de Estudos Brasileiros  
Universidade de São Paulo  
Cidade Universitária Armando de Salles Oliveira  
Edifício Geografia-História  
Caixa Postal 11154  
São Paulo, S.P. Brasil

Problemas Internacionales, successor to the Spanish language edition of Problems of Communism, is actively seeking manuscripts for publication. According to Associate Editor Anne Carson, "at least half of the articles in Problemas Internacionales will deal exclusively with Latin American affairs, and will be ordered especially for the Latin American edition. Articles will be devoted not only to Marxist political movements, but will also include broader topics related to Latin American economic, political, and social situation". An honorarium of \$300 is paid for a 5,000 word manuscript. Address inquiries to Ms. Carson at USIA, OPS/MC, 1776 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington DC 20547.

#### NEWS FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCILS

The XIX annual Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) was held April 27-29, 1972, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The theme of the conference was "Cuba and Chile: Latin America's Two Marxist Regimes", and guest speakers included Dr. Pablo Valdés, Minister Counselor of the Chilean Embassy in Washington. Nestor A. Moreno, University of South Carolina, was elected President-elect of SECOLAS (1973-74) to succeed John D. Martz, University of North Carolina, President of SECOLAS 1972-73. Next year's conference will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with Richard B. Gray (Florida State University) as Program Chairman. Annals of the XVIII SECOLAS are available from West Georgia College, Carrollton, at \$3.00.

NECLAS held its second joint conference with the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) on April 29 at the Fairfield University (Conn.) campus. The date for the annual meeting of the New England Council has been tentatively set for November 11, 1972, at the University of Connecticut, Storrs.

MALAS, the Midwest Association of Latin American Studies, will hold its annual meeting October 20-21, 1972, at Southern Illinois University (Carbondale).

The 18th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies will be held at the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies, Monterey, California, on October 26-29, 1972. Interdisciplinary sessions to be presented include such topics as: The Teaching of Latin American Studies, Regionalism in Latin America, The Northeast of Brazil, several one act plays by the Teatro Leido (UCLA), the Latin American film: New Visual Perspectives, Latin American Foreign Policy. Also projected are sessions on the Woman in Ibero America, and the Latin American City.

#### SCHOLARLY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

For those interested in Brazilian studies, it should be good news that microfilm issues for the periods January 4, 1875 - December 31, 1939 and January 1940 - August 1956 of Estado de São Paulo, a leading newspaper of this important period, are now available. A number of university libraries are acquiring copies of the microfilm file from the Photoduplication Service of the Library of Congress.

The possibility of another cooperative microfilming venture, covering two Colombian newspapers, El Siglo (February 1936 to the present) and El Nuevo Tiempo (1900-1930) is being explored. LASA members who are aware of the whereabouts of extensive runs of these newspapers, of microfilm copies meeting technical standards, or of potential interest in a cooperative project, are urged to report this information to the Committee on Scholarly Resources.

A new issue of the National Register of Microform Masters, which indicates the existence and location of the master negatives for over 62,000 monographic works and serials (excluding newspapers) will be sent out in May 1972 to the college and university libraries that subscribe to the Library of Congress book catalogs. Later this year a new edition of Newspapers on Microfilm promises to at least double earlier published information on the location of microfilm newspaper files.

A recent issue of the Microfilming Clearing House Bulletin of the Library of Congress discloses that current microfilm issues of the Times of London will be filmed. Further information can be obtained from Karl Horowitz, The New York Times, Library and Information Services Division, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.

The Committee on Scholarly Resources plans to collect more information concerning useful resources that are now available in any of the many microforms. A similar effort to inventory quantitative and textual data that have been put into data banks in machine-readable form and are capable of machine manipulation is also contemplated. Reports of such resources will be welcomed by the Committee. (Mary Ellis Kahler, Chairman of Scholarly Resources Committee, Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540).

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

National Meeting: Now that the dust has finally settled from LASA's Third National Meeting, we can report the concrete results of the Austin gathering.

There were approximately 425 registrants. This figure of course does not include the large number of local students, faculty and other interested persons who attended one or two sessions without registering. On the whole, we were quite pleased with the turn-out.

Financially, the meeting was a success as well.

Income	\$5,240.56
Expenses	<u>- 3,331.18</u>
Net Profit	\$2,309.38

Income represents revenue from book exhibitors, program advertisers, registration fees, luncheon and sale of papers. Expenses include the conference center rental, duplication of the papers, luncheon, printing the program, Program Committee meetings and phone calls, and speakers' per diem, etc.

Mailing List: The transfer of the LASA mailing list to a computer at the University of Texas is nearly complete. We would like to apologize to those members who are still experiencing difficulties and ask you to please bear with us while this system is being perfected. Those of you who have paid your 1972 dues but have not yet received the Spring edition (Vol. VII, No. 1) of LARR, should notify the Secretariat immediately and we will see that your copy is mailed.

Membership Roster: A 1971 List of Members is being compiled by the Secretariat and will be sent to all members as soon as it is printed. The list contains only individuals and institutions who paid 1971 dues as of November 1, 1971; anyone joining after that time is credited with 1972 membership and will be listed in the next edition. The lengthy list of Inactive (unpaid) Members has been dropped this year, so if your name is missing consult your check book! We will welcome any corrections of address, discipline or membership category in order to up-date our records.

Reminder! LASA members are reminded that the Secretariat will move to its new home at the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, in middle August. Felicity Trueblood will become Executive Secretary officially on September 1. Any correspondence should be sent to: LASA Secretariat, Box 13362, University Station, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

As the out-going Executive Secretary, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Adios"! It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Association for the past year and a half and to finally meet many of you at the National Meeting. The experience has been invaluable (although I leave with a few gray hairs and worry lines!!), and I am rewarded with the prospect of LASA's bright future.

STATEMENT ON WOMEN AND LASA by KAREN SPALDING:

The following paragraphs constitute what I hope will begin a continuing dialogue among the members of LASA on the problems faced by women in LASA and, by extension, in the academic profession in general. Obviously, these problems are essentially the same as those which are being considered by other professional organizations such as the American Historical Association, the American Sociological Association, and so forth, as well as by the universities themselves. Further, my personal view is that the obstacles faced by women in the academic world are intimately related to the role assigned women, as well as men and the family unit in this society, and to some degree can be resolved only by confronting the basic social institutions and their function in structuring exploitation and prejudice. This is not to say, of course, that there is not a great deal that can be done before we reach such basic levels of social organization.

There have already been some suggestions by LASA members regarding moves that LASA might take to overcome the essentially male profile of the organization, made in response to a request for comments and suggestions from Francine Rabinovitz, incoming member of the Editorial Board of the Latin American Research Review. It was suggested that more women be given an active part in the organization and direction of LASA, a proposal which some moves have been made to implement. In addition to the appointment of Ms. Rabinovitz, women have been named to the elections committee and the program planning committee for the next LASA meeting, and I was recently elected as the first -- and so far the only -- woman on the Executive Council. There were eleven women on regularly scheduled panels of the last LASA meeting in Austin, Texas (out of a total of thirty-three panelists), but nine of those women were grouped on one panel on women in Latin America, and it was noted that there are competent women scholars working in fields other than women's studies. Other suggestions included the organization of forums in the Review dedicated to the discussion of discrimination, a study of the presence of women -- and the lack of it -- on all levels of the organization throughout its history, and the formation of a committee for an informal exploration of all areas in which reforms could be made to better allow for the functioning of women scholars in LASA.

The participation of women in the direction of LASA is essential, and the importance of increasing the volume of that participation cannot be overlooked. Yet -- and I suspect that few if any people would disagree with me here -- such measures, while a move in the right direction, are not in themselves the solution to the problems and tensions that we all feel. I feel that the roles assigned women -- and men -- are an essential part of the economic and social character of American society. If this is the case, the push by women for equivalent numerical representation in the academic and professional world might contribute to the struggle for basic structural changes in the organization of that society -- unless such representation is limited to a kind of tokenism.

I would like very much to try to avoid a repetition of the "star system" that has meant token representation for minority groups of all kinds while avoiding major structural issues. I would like to confront the formalism, the insistence

upon meeting all academic norms without determining for ourselves whether we agree with or believe in them or not, that has traditionally molded members of minority groups who succeeded in the academic world into some approximation of the model constructed in the image of the white, elite, anglo-saxon male professor. Obviously, the issue of pure numbers remains real even here; if there were more women in meetings, on committees, in the Executive Council, on editorial boards, those of us who are in such positions would probably feel less alone, less conspicuous, more able to act effectively on our own terms. Some of the tendency toward the "star system", too, would be overcome by pure numbers, although since the academic world in general is afflicted with this disease I doubt if we could eliminate it without altering the set of attitudes and behavior patterns underlying all of academic life.

I would like to ask for an open discussion of priorities, programs, and perspectives for change among the women of LASA, in addition to the suggestion of a committee made by other members. I hope that we can make the newsletter a forum for the discussion of such questions among ourselves, and the participation of all of us in the construction of a broad-ranging program for changing the role of women in LASA.

