

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

At its spring meeting on April 14, the Board of Directors voted to transfer the editorship of this Bulletin from the Executive Secretary to the Research and Training Committee as a body. This was done in recognition of the Bulletin's special value as a vehicle for articles on research tools, state of the art surveys, book reviews, and so forth, and in response to the financial and editorial problems its growth over recent years has posed. Henceforth, the Bulletin's managing editor will be drawn from the Research and Training Committee, which has concerned itself for several years with questions of research tools and the like. The first to serve in this capacity will be Professor Jere Bacharach of the University of Washington, the chairman of the RAT Committee.

In order to continue the direct communication of Association news from the secretariat to the membership, a Newsletter will be instituted containing Association news and other timely announcements and communications. Since this will diminish the accustomed content of the Bulletin, the Bulletin will henceforth be published twice instead of three times a year. This will be done without diminishing its scholarly content. The desired result is that the Bulletin should become more purely a scholarly organ specializing in research and teaching aids with the Newsletter providing a more flexible and timely vehicle for communicating with the membership.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge with deepest thanks the many letters and contributions that were received in response to my request for Bulletin support. A total of \$944.50 was received from more than fifty individual members. This strong support has confirmed our assessment of the Bulletin's value and has contributed to the decision to make the above mentioned editorial changes.

Richard W. Bulliet
Executive Secretary

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

At the Eleventh Annual Meeting in New York last November, the following constitutional amendment was accepted, and, in accordance with the by-laws (article 8), was submitted to the voting membership. The results were tabulated April 1, and the amendment was voted in by an overwhelming majority. Thus, the constitution has been changed to read as follows:

Amendment to Article II, Section 1 (Preamble)
Types of Membership. There shall be one category of associate member, one category of institutional member, and four categories of full members: Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Regular Members, and Student Members.

After the paragraph headed "Associate Member," the following has

been inserted:

Institutional Member. The Board of Directors may admit as Institutional Members without the voting privilege academic or philanthropic institutions which meet such qualifications as may be established by the Board of Directors. Representatives of the Institution shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association and shall receive all publications of the Association.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

According to MESA's revised nominating procedures, candidates for the Nominating Committee were submitted to the membership by mail ballot. Those elected were: Barbara Aswad, Wayne State University; Edmund Burke, University of California at Santa Cruz; William Cleveland, Simon Fraser University; and Michael Suleiman, Kansas State University. The committee members will nominate two candidates for President-Elect and four candidates for the Board of Directors. The election for those offices will take place in the fall.

ANNUAL MEETING -- 1978

MESA's twelfth annual meeting will be held from November 8th through November 11th, 1978, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The February Bulletin included information for submitting abstracts for papers, and the deadline for submissions is May 15. Forms for the abstracts are available from the MESA Secretariat.

All submissions and inquiries regarding the 1978 program should be addressed to:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF A WORKSHOP SYMPOSIUM:

The Program Chairman of the 1978 Annual Meeting of MESA is planning, contingent on funding, a simulation of the Arab-Israeli conflict to be played by computer conferencing across North America during the course of 1978-79. The project will be launched at a Simulation Workshop to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Thursday afternoon, November 9, 1978, within the framework of the Annual Meeting. Participants will be trained in computer conferencing techniques on Friday afternoon, November 10, and will be expected to devote two full weekends, one in early February 1979, and one in May, to playing two intensive diplomatic games. They will also be hooked up with one another via computer conferencing during the entire year (from November 1978 to November 1979) and will be expected to prepare final reports on their respective country team experiences and perceptions of possibilities of settlement of the conflict for presentation at a Simulation Workshop at the 1979 Annual Meeting of MESA (to be held at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City).