

## 1989 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF CONSCIOUSNESS

At the March 1989 meetings of the Association for the Anthropology of Consciousness, the Board of Directors voted to seek affiliation with the AAA. Although we had been an active and vital organization since 1980, with yearly conferences and a quarterly newsletter, we remained small, averaging under 100 members. Affiliation with the AAA had been raised at every yearly meeting; although most Board members were in favor, several feared the loss of independence. In 1989, however, the Board decided that the benefits of reaching large numbers of mainstream anthropologists with interests similar to our own far outweighed any disadvantages. A committee composed of Geri-Ann Galanti, Joseph K. Long, and Jeffery L. MacDonald were elected to pursue affiliation. At the November 1989 meetings of the AAA, the Executive Committee voted to authorize affiliation.

We became a unit of the AAA as of January 1990, at which time we changed our name to the **Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness**. Since we were not officially a unit during 1989, some brief information should suffice.

### **Election of Officers**

President: Geri-Ann Galanti (elected to 2 one-year terms)

Secretary: Lisa Ann Mertz

Treasurer: James G. Matlock

Newsletter Editor: Jeffery L. MacDonald

### **Election of Board of Directors**

Dan Alford

Matthew Bronson

Leslie Conton

Geri-Ann Galanti

Sidney Greenfield

Stephan Gunn

Ruth-Inge Heinze

Jack A. Kapchan

Jürgen Kremer

Jeffery MacDonald

James G. Matlock

Lisa Ann Mertz

Carol Patterson

Cynthia Siegel

### **Conference**

Our annual conference was held in Los Angeles, California from March 1-5. Fifty nine people attended. Cynthia Siegel and Michael Winkelman were Program Chairs; Geri-Ann Galanti and CJ Stuart were Conference Coordinators.

Geri-Ann Galanti was appointed Program Chair for 1990; James G. Matlock will serve as Conference Coordinator.

### **Publications**

Under the editorship of Jeffery L. MacDonald, the **AASC Quarterly** expanded to 16 pages. Each issue included two articles, along with book reviews, conference information, organizational news, and other items of interest. As of January 1990, the newsletter will change its name to **Anthropology of Consciousness**. We also plan to put out a yearly refereed volume of papers.