

President's Report

March 1991 by Geri-Ann Galanti

1. Regarding the mailing of the Oct.-Dec. issue of the Anthropology of Consciousness: the issue was delayed several months because the AAA mail room mistakenly sent it out bulk mail. Since we were 18 issues too short (bulk mail requires 200), the post office sent them back and the AAA had to redo them. This delay cost us a couple of months. I am currently negotiating with the AAA to send an apology out to all our members.

Also, in the future, we will print the mailing date in AN column and direct people to call the AAA directly if they have not received their copy within a month's time. They will also be mailing them out in envelopes to prevent mangling.

2. Good news. The AAA has agreed to refund us the full 25% they took off of our gross profit from the 1990 conference. In the future, however, they will continue to collect 25% of our registration fees, so let's make them work for it! All conference organizers should contact Lucille Horn at the AAA well in advance to discuss what the AAA can handle for us. They need a lot of lead time, and should be notified at least a month prior, anytime we will be sending them anything to mail out. That way, they can schedule us on their calendar.

3. Membership total as of Feb. 1991 = 204 (+ 5 more expired 12/31/90) We're one of the few new units that is actually growing.

4. Plans for Chicago -- do we want a party? Cash bar?

5. According to Rick Custer, we are neither a newsletter or a journal, we are a review. At the April 19 AAA meeting, they will discuss getting new equipment and another staffer to work on typesetting. If they get that, they may publish our review.

Otherwise, we're on our own. (Lisa is willing to continue, but would be happy to let the AAA take over.)

6. Nancy Johnson (Membership at AAA) said that the membership rate on the conference registration form was mistakenly printed at \$35 instead of \$30. AAA will credit the extra \$5 as a contribution to the SAC unless the individual asks for a refund.

7. The following board members are unable to attend the conference: Jim Matlock, Jeff MacDonald, Lisa Mertz. Sid Greenfield and John Baker will be arriving later.

8. New brochures -- please pass them out.