New Orleans Meeting

The Burma Studies Group met at the Marriot Hotel, New Orleans, on April 13, 1991. Those present were: Josef Silverstein, Eleanor MacDougall, Hugh MacDougall, Richard Cooler, Kit Young, Michael Aung-Thwin, John Ferguson, Jim Guyot, Donald M. Seekins, Joyce Wright, May Kyi Win, Myathande Poe, Young S. Yoon, Won Z. Yoon, Steve Heder, Khin K. Htway, John Badgley, Virginia Jing-yi Shih, Mya Saw Shin, Yoshikazu Mikami, Richard Richie, Thein Han, Margaret Aung-Thwin, Lynn Silverstein, Kirby Vining, Kit Young, Juliane Schober, Patricia Young, Leslie Morris, Maureen Aung-Thwin, Ward Keeler, David R. Steinberg, R.H. Taylor, A.J. Little, Catherine Ferguson, Jane R. Hanks, Sarah Bekker, John Nides, and Mary McCoy.

Elected chairperson was Kris Lehman, and elected secretary and Bulletin editor was Juliane Schober.

John Musgrave has resigned from the Burma Studies Foundation for reasons of health, and the Foundation seeks to elect another trustee. The group was asked its opinion of the nomination process for trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation, and the group approved the past method. A list of current members of the BSG recorded by the Center for Burma Studies will be sent to each BSG member. A check should be placed next to the names of nominees and sent to the BSG secretary, who will ask the BSG to vote again on the top ten. The name of the person with the most votes (who is also willing to serve) is passed on to the Burma Studies Foundation trustees, who will vote on that nomination.

Kris Lehman requested cooperation with an effort from the Southeast Asia Council to produce an updated directory of members that would be more than a list and less than a biographical encyclopedia. The Council hopes to be able to list areas of members' specialties and interests. Please cooperate.

A 1992 Burma Studies Colloquium program committee was formed, consisting of Kris Lehman, Juliane Schober, and Richard Cooler. Discussion of where it should be held resulted in a vote to hold it at the Center for Burma Studies. Juliane Schober will write notes to people doing research to enlist their participation.

Adopted was a proposal from John Nides of Amnesty International to authorize the BSG chairperson to urge the Southeast Asia Council to urge the AAS directors to form a
committee for international academic freedom that would help scholars prevented from attending international meetings.

Hugh MacDougall expressed his thanks to the University of Illinois at Urbana for taking over the publishing of the *Burma Press Summary*. BSG also thanked Hugh for the labor of love involved in preparing the *Summary*.

Recently returned from Burma were John Badgley and Donald Seekins, both of whom spoke informally to their attentive group about their impressions. Comments were made about economic change and the way Burma appeared. John Badgley also stressed the human rights violations -- the abuse of women who work in embassies, for example, and he expressed his concern over possible Burmese military involvement in the drug trade for monetary ends. He believed the universities were moving toward opening up again.

Juliane Schober asked everyone to send news about their activities to her at the

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After the BSG meeting Kit Young performed some selections from her study of Burmese music as played on a piano. She explained the music and demonstrated concepts in response to questions. This was a special treat for those who could locate the room where the piano was hidden by the hotel staff.

Existential urgings were said to be leading our group to the streets of New Orleans for the Jazz Festival and other temptations; therefore, the Emerald Queen decreed that there would be no "big all-inclusive dinner" this year.

Since these are my last BSG notes, may I thank you for the privilege of serving you as your secretary and urge you to help Juliane by sending her a post card on which you scratch news of your last accomplishment as a BSG member.

John P. Ferguson
Dear Readers:

Our appreciation and thanks go to John Ferguson for his dedicated service as the Bulletin's editor. John kindly agreed to report on the most recent BSG meeting in New Orleans and it seems appropriate that this jointly edited, transitional issue of the Bulletin should be the collaborative effort a newsletter of this kind should reflect. It is in this regard that I solicit your input and assistance with future issues of the Bulletin of the Burma Studies Group.

As editor, I welcome news about all aspects of Burma studies. The publication of the Bulletin depends on the information you, the readers, make available to the editor. I therefore ask that you send me a note about your current activities and let me know when your Burma related publications appear in print. This is particularly important for articles which often are not as readily accessible as monographs.

With the aim of enhancing this forum of shared interests, I hope that future issues of the Bulletin will include contributions from correspondents reporting on topics such as developments in Burma scholarship abroad; conferences and public lectures; bibliographies of new publications; a section on queries and questions; occasional reports on recent developments in Burma or about Burmese communities abroad; news about the Burma Studies Foundation; and perhaps even brief substantive articles on special topics or points of interest explored in your research. And I want to encourage younger scholars to participate in this exchange of news on scholarship.

The Center for Burma Studies at Northern Illinois University will continue to publish and distribute the Bulletin. Richard Cooler and I will do our best to uphold the Bulletin's predictably unpredictable publication schedule.

Let me urge you, too, to begin giving thought to the Burma Studies conference in the fall of 1992. A call for abstracts will reach you with the next issues of the Bulletin. I would appreciate your letting me know now your interests in special sessions or topics.

I look forward to hearing from each of you and to receiving your contributions to the next issue of the Bulletin.

Yours,

Juliane Schober
Editor and Secretary Treasurer
BURMA STUDIES FOUNDATION TRUSTEE ELECTION

ELECTION PROCEDURE:

As a member of the Burma Studies Group, you are asked to nominate three persons on the list below by placing check marks next to their names. Kindly mail your nominations to me within two weeks of receiving this issue of the Bulletin. The membership will then be asked to vote a second time on the ten most frequent nominations. The outcome of this second election will then be voted on by the current trustees of the Foundation.

Members of the Burma Studies Group presently serving as trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation are F.K. Lehman, John P. Ferguson, Maureen Aung Thwin, Michael Aung Thwin, John H. Badgley, Richard M. Cooler, Hugh McDougall, Josef Silverstein, Jon Wiant, and Sarah Bekker. They are not included in the list below to avoid duplication.

A consensus concerning these election procedures emerged in my discussions with several trustees. This consensus indicated that - instead of ten votes initially suggested - members should nominate only three persons. This simplification appears appropriate in view of the low likelihood that you should feel equally strongly about all of ten candidates.

Please mail your three nominations list to Juliane Schober at:

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Thank you for your input.
MEMBERSHIP LIST OF THE BURMA STUDIES GROUP
ELECTION ROSTER FOR TRUSTEE OF THE BURMA STUDIES FOUNDATION
(7/5/91)

Please indicate your three nominations by placing a check mark next to their names or by spelling out their names in the spaces provided below.

Alex, Gary
Allott, Anna, J.
Amdur, David, H.
Ande, Diethard
Aung Nyunt
Bagshawe, L. Euan
Bailey, Jane Terry
BaSaw Khin
Becker, Judith
Behrens, Charles, E.
Bernot, Denise, Madam
Bigelow, Lee, S.
Bockman, Harald
Bradley, David
Braun, Heinz
Bresnahan, Roger
Brown, Janet, Welsh
Brown, Norman, L.
Cameron, Mary
Campbell, Lawrence, J.
Cao, Thi Lieu
Castelli, Helen
Collins, Steven
Cooler, Paul
Cooler, S.A., Mr.
Cooler, S.A., Mrs.
Courter, Sanford, R.
Cox Sherry, Lee
Crank, John
Crider, Donald, M.
Daulton, Jack
Davis, John R.
DeLancey, Scott
Dessau, Erling
Dohrs, Larry, S.
Donnison, F.S.V.
Douglas, Elisabeth
Engel, Rand, Zachary
Fisher, George
Forsyth, Mimi
Green, Jonathan

Jameson, Donald, L.
Jensen, Khin Khin, Irene
Jones, Robert, B.
Jones, W.
Jordt, Ingrid
Kammerer, Cornelia, Ann
Kardell, Margaret, M.
Keeler, Ward
Keyes, Charles
Khin Khin, Irene
Jones, Robert, B.
Jordt, Ingrid
Kilthau, Jane
Kingsley, Sunda Khin
Kniskern, Alice, L.
Koretsky, Elaine
Kratoska, Paul, H.
Kuang Shing, E.
Kratoska, Paul, H.
Kuang Shing, E.
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Lacey, John, A.
Lassers, Willard, Mr.
Lassers, Willard, Mrs.
Leoshko, Janice
Liddell, Zunetta
Liner, Elsa, Cooler
Little, John A.
Lu, George
Lu, Sylvia E.
MacDougall, Eleonor E.
Madha, Michael
Magdamo, Patricia, L.
Matthews, Bruce
Maule, Robert, B.
McLean, Patrick
Meech, Alan
Milne, F.W.S.
Moore, Elizabeth
Moscitti, Albert, D.
Munro, Ross, H.
Musgrave, John
Nash, Manning
Nides, John
Roop, Haigh, D.
Ryan, Joe
Sailer, Waldemar
Sarno, Paul
Schober, Julianne
Schochet, Joy
Shulman, Frank J.
Simon, Susan
Smith-LC, Ellis
Solheim, Wilhelm
Sowards, Diana
Spencer, George
Spiro, Melford, E.
Sprey, Jetse
Spencer, George
Sturgis, Richard
Tarn, Nathaniel
Taylor, Carl
Thierry, J.A.
Thynn Thynn
Torretta, Oscar
Trager, Helen, G.
U Tin Hla
Vinging, Kirby R.
Vreeland, Frederick
Wade, G.P.
Wallace, Ben, J.
Weldon, Peter, D.
Williamson, Robert
Wilson, Constance
Wine, Pat
Withey, J.
Wittenborn, Allen
Wolters, Oliver
Guyot, J
Guyot, D.
Haney, Ted., J.
Hanks, Jane, R.
Hansen, Lawrence, J.
Hartung, Richard, L.
Haury, Agnese, N.
Heikkila-Horn, Marja-Leena
Herbert, Patricia
Holloway, J. K., Jr.
Hopple, Paulette
Hudak, Thomas, J.
Huff, W.G.
Ingersoll, Jasper

Okell, John
Pal, Pratapaditya
Parker, Barbara
Parsons, Ann
Paterson-Lamb, Gaye
Petocz, Tom
Piness, Edith, L.
Price, Eleanor
Ramitanondh, Shalardchai
Raschid, Bilal, M.
Rastorfer, Jean-Marc
Renard, Ronald, D.
Rhum, Michael, R.
Rodell, Paul, A.

Won, Z. Yoon
Woodward, Hiram
Wright, Joyce
Yan N.
Young, Patricia
Young, Todd Kate
Zahorsky, George
Zimmer, Catherine

Names of Nominees:

1.______________________ 2.______________________ 3. __________________

New Members:

Mya Saw Shin
Heder, Steve
Yoshikazu Mikami
Shih, Virginia