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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	Jameson, Donald, L.	Roop, Haigh, D.
Allott, Anna, J.	Jensen, Khin Khin, Irene	Ropf, Irving
Amdur, David, H.	Jones, Robert, B.	Ryan, Joe
Ande, Diethard	Jones, W.	Sailer, Waldemar
Aung Nyunt	Jordt, Ingrid	Sarno, Paul
Bagshawe, L.Euan	Kammerer, Cornelia, Ann	Schober, Juliane
Bailey, Jane Terry	Kardell, Margaret, M.	Schochet, Joy
BaSaw Khin	Keeler, Ward	Shulman, Frank J.
Becker, Judith	Keyes, Charles	Simon, Susan
Behrens, Charles, E.	U Khin	Smith-LC, Ellis
Bernot, Denise, Madam	M.I. Khin Maung	Solheim, Wilhelm
Bigelow, Lee, S.	Kilthau, Jane	Sowards, Diana
Bockman, Harald	Kingsley, Sunda Khin	Spencer, George
Bradley, David	Kniskern, Alice, L.	Spiro, Melford, E.
Braun, Heinz	Korestsky, Elaine	Sprey, Jetse
Bresnahan, Roger	Kratoska, Paul, H.	Stermer, C. L.
Brown, Janet, Welsh	Tha Hla Kyaw	Stevens, Wilber
Brown, Norman, L.	Lacey, John, A.	Sturgis, Richard
Cameron, Mary	Lassers, Willard, J., Mr.	Takatani, Michio
Campbell, Lawrence, J.	Lassers, Willard, Mrs.	Tarn, Nathaniel
Cao, Thi Lieu	Leoshko, Janice	Taylor, Carl
Castelli, Helen	Liddell, Zunetta	U Thaug
Collins, Steven	York Y Lin	Thierry, J.A.
Cooler, Paul	Liner, Elsa, Cooler	Thomson, John, S.
Cooler, S.A., Mr.	Little, John A.	Thynn Thynn
Cooler, S.A., Mrs.	Lu, George	U Tin Hla
Courter, Sanford, R.	Lu, Sylvia E.	Torretta, Oscar
Cox Sherry, Lee	MacDougall, Eleonor E.	Trager, Helen, G.
Crank, John	Madha, Michael	Tsing Yuan
Crider, Donald, M.	Magdamo, Patricia, L.	Van Schendel, Willem
Daulton, Jack	Matthews, Bruce	Vinging, Kirby R.
Davis, John R.	Maule, Robert, B.	Vreeland, Frederick
DeLancey, Scott	McLean, Patrick	Wade, G.P.
Dessau, Erling	Meech, Alan	Wallace, Ben, J.
Dohrs, Larry, S.	Milne, F.W.S.	Weldon, Peter, D.
Donnison, F.S.V.	Moore, Elizabeth	Williamson, Robert
Douglas, Elisabeth	Moscotti, Albert, D.	Wilson, Constance
Engel, Rand, Zachary	Munro, Ross, H.	Wine, Pat
Fisher, George	Musgrave, John	Withey, J.
Forsyth, Mimi	Nash, Manning	Wittenborn, Allen
Green, Jonathan	Nides, John	Wolters, Oliver

Guyot, J	Okell, John	Won, Z. Yoon
Guyot, D.	Pal, Pratapaditya	Woodward, Hiram
Haney, Ted., J.	Parker, Barbara	Wright, Joyce
Hanks, Jane, R.	Parsons, Ann	Yan N.
Hansen, Lawrence, J.	Paterson-Lamb, Gaye	Young, Patricia
Hartung, Richard, L.	Petocz, Tom	Young, Todd Kate
Haury, Agnese, N.	Piness, Edith, L.	Zahorsky, George
Heikkila-Horn, Marja-Leena	Price, Eleanor	Zimmer, Catherine
Herbert, Patricia	Ramitanondh, Shalardchai	
Holloway, J. K., Jr.	Raschid, Bilal, M.	<b>New Members:</b>
Hopple, Paulette	Rastorfer, Jean-Marc	Mya Saw Shin
Hudak, Thomas, J.	Renard, Ronald, D.	Heder, Steve
Huff, W.G.	Rhum, Michael, R.	Yoshikazu Mikami
Ingersoll, Jasper	Rodell, Paul, A.	Shih, Virginia

Names of Nominees:

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