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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Results of the special election of new officers have been announced by Ben Bradshaw:

President Elect: Julie H. Martin,
University of Virginia

Director: William O'Hare, Population
Reference Bureau.

Terms of office began November 1, 1987.

NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of SDA was held October 14-16, 1987 at the Pierremont Plaza in Atlanta. Attendance at the meeting was about 70, somewhat lower than expected. (For details on logistical problems which presumably reduced attendance, see the reports later in this newsletter.) Nonetheless, attenders were treated to two informative luncheon presentations and a workshop on political redistricting, as well as the "usual" fare of a full list of paper sessions, interesting panels, and informal conversations among colleagues. Thanks to Omer Galle, Program Chair for all his efforts.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Julie Martin, President-Elect, will serve as program chair for the 1988 annual meetings, to be held at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, October 19-21. Comments or suggestions should be mailed to her at the Population Studies Center, Tayloe Murphy Institute, 2015 Ivy Rd., Charlottesville, VA, 22903. Ben Bradshaw, University of Texas Health Science Center, is serving as chair of the local arrangements committee.

The 1989 annual meeting will be held in Durham, NC. George Myers, Duke University, is making local arrangements.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report on SDA for fiscal year 1987 (October 1- Sept. 30) shows a \$198.17 excess of receipts (\$3752.38) over expenditures (\$3554.21) during the year. As of 9/30/87, the association had cash on hand in the amount of \$15,443.87. A budget with expenditures of \$6340 and income of \$4200 was approved. Costs of the annual meeting, a membership directory, and a special membership campaign account for the increased expenses.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 10/1/87 SDA had 253 dues paying members. This is a drop from the figure of 335 on 10/1/86. Some of the decline no doubt stems from membership renewals being sent with convention registration and thus, being delayed until after the cut-off. However, in response to the membership report, a committee was organized and funded at the business meeting in order to expand SDA's membership. Contact Julie Martin or Anne Lee to help with this effort.

RECENT DEATH

At the meeting in Atlanta, the SDA Board noted with sadness the death of JOHN REID, a charter member and active participant in the association. Everett Lee provided a eulogy for Dr. Reid at the SDA Business Meeting.

RFA AVAILABLE

NICHD and NIMH have issued a request for applications on "Behavioral Aspects of AIDS Prevention in Children and Adolescents." Applications are encouraged to carry out research on: (a) developmentally appropriate educational approaches to teach AIDS related information to children of different ages; (b) intervention methods for teaching high risk groups how to make decisions, resist peer pressure, and analyze the relationship between current behavior and future consequences; (c) reliable and valid methods for measuring behavioral change resulting from intervention to prevent AIDS; and (d) the consequences of HIV exposure upon the social and emotional development of children and/or adolescents. Up to 10 awards are anticipated. Contact: N. Krasnegor or S. Friedman, Room 7C18, Landow Building, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (301/496-6591), or L. Mitnick, Room 11C06, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857 (301/443-4337). Applications are due February 12, 1988.

REPORT ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Gladys K. Bowles, Chair

The local arrangements committee for the 1987 annual meeting (Gladys K. Bowles, Chair, Joan M. Herold, Anne S. Lee, and Stewart E. Tolnay) selected the Ramada Inn Central in Atlanta from among several observed or visited. A contract was signed in November 1986, and tentative plans were made for various functions at the

annual meeting. In May 1987, the Committee was informed by the Hotel that "due to the loss of a large amount of guest rooms and meeting space, we have to ask you to schedule this conference elsewhere." The Chair subsequently located space at the Pierremont Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, and a contract was signed in June.

In line with the structure of programs for meetings held in previous years, and advice from the Board of Directors and the Program Chair, the Committee made plans for three simultaneous paper or panel sessions, a chart display, two plenary luncheons, a business meeting, a reception, and a cash bar. Hotel registration cards were mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer in August, to be returned to the Hotel by September 14. As of September 22, there were 40 and 39 registrants for Wednesday and Thursday nights, respectively.

The Committee became very concerned about this modest registration. It was learned from various sources that people listed in the preliminary program had not been notified of the day and time of their participation. The Chair contacted the Program Chair, the President, and the Secretary-Treasurer. Responses were that the "letters were in the mail," "participants were being notified by telephone," etc. Copies of the October Newsletter containing the preliminary program, along with meeting registration materials, membership forms, etc. were mailed to the entire membership on October 6, only 8 days prior to the meeting.

The Hotel was very cooperative in extending the date of room registration, and providing names of other hotels, in case they could not accommodate late registrants. The contract stated the number of guest rooms, meeting space, and complimentary arrangements to be provided. It added: "Based on the number of guest rooms blocked and your current schedule of events, we are pleased to compliment function space as outlined (in the contract letter). However, should the number of guest rooms utilized each night fall below 25, we reserve the right to renegotiate appropriate rental charges." We were not worried about meeting the 25 guest room stipulation, but we were concerned about the "Banquet Contract" which was separate from the main contract. It called for 58 luncheons for each day, Thursday and Friday. It was possible to change the number for Friday, but we could not change the number for Thursday.

About 70 people registered for the 1987 annual meeting, 50 for the Thursday luncheon and 40 for the Friday luncheon. Hotel facilities, meeting rooms, audio-visual aids, and all types of service were excellent. Participants indicated that the food was delicious (although there were a few comments that the tables were too crowded). One complaint was voiced about the sleeping rooms, and this was transmitted to the Hotel Management.

The Local Arrangements Committee heard many complaints about the lack of or lateness of notification of members about the annual meeting. We join with others in pointing out the need for appropriate action to prevent the occurrence of such problems in the future.

MINUTES: BOARD MEETING OF 10/14/87

Ben Bradshaw, Secretary-Treasurer

The SDA Board of Directors met at 2:00 pm. All members were present: P. Frisbie (President), O. Galle (President-Elect), J. Evans (Past President), S. Smith (Vice President), B. Bradshaw (Secretary-Treasurer), B. Wilson and

I. Eberstein (Directors). Also present were G. Bowles (Former President and Local Arrangements Chair) and A. Lee and W. Serow (Former Presidents).

1. Election of 1988 Officers: Frisbie stated that due to a variety of problems, the annual election of officers had been delayed past the dates specified in the association's by-laws. Ballots had been mailed and were to be returned by October 31. Discussion as to the acceptability of this procedure was deferred to later in the meeting.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: The Board approved the budget as proposed. (An amendment was added in the general SDA business meeting to expend \$1000 for compiling and distributing a membership brochure.)

3. Audit Committee: Frisbie appointed Board members Smith and Wilson to undertake the annual audit of the association's financial records.

4. Nominations Committee: The following were appointed: J. Evans (chair), Steve Murdoch, and Richard Irwin. The committee was instructed to report their nominations in writing to the President, with copies to be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the newsletter.

5. Preparations for the 1987 Meeting: G. Bowles, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, had prepared a written statement which summarizes problems encountered in preparing for the meeting. (Her final report is reproduced elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.)

6. Future Meeting Sites: As the Board agreed at the Spring meeting during PAA, the 1988 annual meeting will be held at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, October 19-21. A contract has already been signed for those dates. Bradshaw will serve as Chair for local arrangements. He reported that renovations on the Hotel are proceeding on schedule and should be completed several months before the meeting. No site for the 1989 meeting has been chosen. Smith reported that, in response to an earlier request by the Board, he had investigated the possibilities of holding the meeting in Savannah or Charleston. While both these cities had satisfactory hotel accommodations, there was no member of SDA located in either city, and, therefore, local arrangements would be difficult. General discussion followed, and several cities were suggested as possible sites. The Board agreed that George Myers would be asked to investigate meeting places in the Durham, North Carolina area. If no suitable place could be found, or if he were unwilling to serve as local arrangements chair, then Memphis and Nashville would be considered. It was noted that Myers had earlier suggested Durham, and also that there were several SDA members in the areas around Memphis and Nashville.

7. Applied Demography Committee: No report.

8. Archivist: No report.

9. Newsletter: Eberstein described problems encountered in publishing the newsletter in a timely fashion. At present, the text is sent to the Secretary-Treasurer for printing, addressing, and stamping, and at least a week's delay is introduced by this procedure. He and Bradshaw suggested that it would be more sensible to have the entire operation under the care of the editor (Eberstein), and that Bradshaw could send an up-to-date set of address labels for each issue of the newsletter. For reasons of economy,

Bradshaw had tried insofar as possible to tie his mailings to the newsletter, but it was decided that the Secretary-Treasurer's mailings and the newsletter would in general be separate.

10. Old Business -- Name Change: Evans reported that although the membership had approved the change of the name of the association from "Southern Regional Demographic Group" to "Southern Demographic Association," the change had not yet been registered with the State Corporation Commission of Virginia, the state in which the group was incorporated. Evans asked the Board to "ratify" the change, and this was done. He also reported that it is necessary for the association to have a "resident agent" in Virginia. He moved that the Board create the office of "Communications Officer," to be filled by a member of the association residing in Virginia. The Board approved this motion and requested that Evans ask Julie Martin to assume this position. Evans will then proceed to register the name change with the Corporation Commission.

11. Other Business:

A. Affiliation with Population and Environment: Serow reported that the editor of this journal had asked him to request that the association consider an affiliation with the journal as a sponsor. No supporting funds would be required. Several members described past issues of the journal to be rather poor quality. Serow responded that he believed the editor was aware of earlier problems, and that an affiliation with the association resulted from an interest in improving the publication. Serow was asked by the Board to gather more information.

B. Problems with the 1987 election of officers: Bradshaw reported that several problems had caused the delay in the election, but they largely originated in his failure to observe (by forgetting) the constitutional requirement to announce the nominating committee's selection of candidates by March 1. As a consequence, members were not given the opportunity to nominate candidates by petition. Of more practical significance, however, ballots should have been sent to members by August 31 and returned to the Secretary-Treasurer by September 30. For a variety of reasons, the ballots were not mailed to the membership until October 1, with a request that they be returned by October 31. Questions were raised about the standing of the candidates and the validity of the election results. Lengthy discussion ensued. It was decided that the Board could declare a special election for the office of President-Elect, the rationale being that no ballots had been received by September 30.

Specifically, Evans moved, and several members seconded, that "A special election be declared under Article VI, Sections 1 and 3 of the By-Laws. The procedure of the election shall be to ratify the results of the currently outstanding ballots which are received by October 30, 1987. The winner of the Director position shall be appointed as Director of the Association." (The rationale for the appointment of the director is that the constitution allows only for special elections of the President-Elect; the Board may appoint persons to the office of Director should a vacancy occur.) The motion carried. After further discussion, it was recommended that the editor of the newsletter should change the publication schedule so that announcements such as nominations could be made on a timely basis.

C. John Reid, Deceased: The Board noted with sadness the death of John Reid, a long-time, active member of the association. The members agreed to ask Everett Lee, a friend of John's, to give a short eulogy at the Business meeting. A notice was also to be given in the next newsletter.

12. Adjournment: There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned about 4:30 pm.

FAME AND FORTUNE

Director, CACI Demography Center. CACI is seeking a well-qualified individual to serve as Director of its Demography Center. Based in Fairfax, Virginia and reporting to the Vice President - Director for the Division, this individual should be experienced in applied demography (particularly small area estimates and forecasts) and have abilities for team leadership and serving as a spokesperson to the Census Bureau and its user community. Starting salary: \$45-60,000 range, depending on experience. Nominations or inquiries to F. James O'Neill, Chief Operations Officer, Market Analysis Division or (Dan Huck) at (703) 876-2312 (collect). Mailing address, 8260 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, Virginia, 22031.

University of Michigan. Population fellowships are available to students admitted to the PhD programs in sociology or economics with population as their field of concentration. Funding is provided through grants from NICHD and NIA, as well as the Hewlett Foundation. Fellowships consist of full tuition and an annual stipend, plus a travel allowance for attendance at professional meetings. Applications for the fall of 1988 must be received by January 15, 1988. Awards are announced in late April or early May. Contact Professor Barbara A. Anderson, Associate Director for Training, Population Studies Center, The University of Michigan, 1225 South University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2590. Information about postdoctoral opportunities is also available from Professor Anderson. AA/EOE

Nevada State Demographer. The State of Nevada is soliciting applications for its first State Demographer. The Demographer will work out of the University of Nevada-Reno for the College of Business Administration, Bureau of Business and Economic Research. The position will be responsible for developing population estimates for counties and cities, coordinating with the Census Bureau and doing other special population studies. A bachelor's degree in demography or a related field such as sociology, economics, or statistics and two years experience in developing population estimates and forecasts is required. Preference will be given to those applicants possessing an advanced degree in demography or a related field and to those applicants with experience in giving presentations, report writing, and micro-computer and main frame systems. Starting salary is \$30,000 annually. Send letter of application addressing why demographic analysis is needed for planning and budgeting in the public sector, resume, and copy of transcripts by December 11, 1987, to State Demographer Search Committee, Department of Taxation, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710-0003. ATTN: Craig Sweeney. Starting date for the position will be January 14, 1988. AA/EOE.

Princeton University. Junior positions in Demography:

Economic Demographer: Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Department of Economics, and Faculty Associate, Office of Population Research

Migration/Planning Demographer: Assistant Professor of Public and International Affairs, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and Faculty Associate, Office of Population Research

Applicants must have an interest in both

research and teaching in one of the fields described above, and they should have completed the PhD by September 1988. In addition, they should have a keen interest in demographic methodology. Candidates should submit by January 1, 1988, a letter of application giving details of their present and likely future research and teaching interests and a resume to the Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544. EOE

Princeton University. Senior positions in Demography:

Professor of Demography and Public Affairs, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and Faculty Associate, Office of Population Research

Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, and Faculty Associate, Office of Population Research

Senior Research Demographer, Office of Population Research

Applicants must have a distinguished research record in demography and one of the social sciences. In addition, they should have a keen interest in demographic methodology. Applicants will be considered at both the associate and full professorial ranks (or their research equivalent). Candidates should submit

by January 1, 1988, a letter of application giving details of their past, present and likely future research interests and a resume to the Chair, Demography Search Committee, 21 Prospect Avenue, Princeton, NJ 08544. EOE

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