

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Summary of the Minutes of the
MESA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Washington, D.C.
April 30, 1982

Present: I. William Zartman, President; Richard T. Antoun; Lois Beck; James A. Bill; Michael E. Bonine; Edmund Burke, III; Gene R. Garthwaite; Nikki R. Keddie; Michael W. SuFeiman; William J. Wilson; Louise C. Fields; Lucina Myers

Absent: Jeanette Wakin

- I. Minutes. A summary of the minutes of all Board meetings is to be placed in the *MESA Bulletin*, and the Secretariat is to send out the minutes to the Board members soon after each meeting.
- II. Visiting Scholars. Approximately \$4,000 of the original grant from the Ford Foundation is still available for visiting scholars in 1982. It was emphasized how the visiting scholar program especially benefited the smaller universities who otherwise cannot afford to bring in speakers. Possible visiting scholars were discussed and a priority list devised.
- III. Ethics Committee. The members of the Committee are Antoun, Beck, Burke, Keddie and Richard W. Cottam (Previous Board member), with Burke and Keddie as co-chairs. Burke has contacted other organizations regarding their "ethics" mechanisms and he found that most follow the guidelines and resolutions of the American Association of University Professors. The broad guidelines of the Ethics Committee will deal with professional ethics (funding) and personnel policies (tenure, hiring practices, etc.). The Committee is to have some guidelines for the Fall Board Meeting for possible presentation to the general membership.
- IV. "Controversy". Funding for this new series is still being sought. It would cost about \$5,000 to put out a single issue of 84 pages (3,000 copies). The Association of American Geographers puts out a similar size issue and sells it for \$5 each. Zartman agreed to be the general editor of the series, but guest editors must be found for each issue. The first topics suggested are:
 - Religious Resurgence in the Middle East
 - Religious or Secular State in the Modern Middle East
 - Dealing with Shahs
 - Dealing with Revolutions

Other topics to be considered for future issues include:

- Palestinian Solutions
- Women and Islam
- Oil and Development
- Who Controls American Foreign Policy on the Middle East
- Ethnicity

Each issue will aim for about six separate articles/viewpoints based on one commissioned article and five responses to it. Although some of the subjects may be controversial, it is the intent of the series to be so—and to air arguments and counter-arguments on various issues and ideas. Members are urged to

make suggestions of topics (and for possible editors and contributors), passing these on to Zartman.

- V. Dissertation Awards. The following guidelines were established for the new dissertation awards, one in the Social Sciences and one in the Humanities:

- All entries must be nominated by the sponsor/advisor.
- Dissertations must be accompanied by a letter of acceptance.
- Applicant must specify for which category he or she is applying.
- The winner in each category will receive \$100.

Since few dissertations had been entered as of this meeting, it was suggested to write all the Middle East Centers and Student Members of MESA informing them of these awards. Individuals to serve on the judging committees were discussed, with the Secretariat responsible for contacting these persons to comprise committees of three persons each.

An award for the best first book published was also discussed, but this is not to be implemented at this time.

- VI. Funding Drive. Much discussion was devoted to this subject, trying to identify how other associations are able to receive considerable financial support in contrast to our organization. A letter asking for support is to be drafted by the Secretariat, and a committee is to be set up made up of Zartman, Bill and other MESA members. Some funds are to be provided to the committee to help recruit funds.
- VII. Reprinting of MESA Material. Suleiman reported that a non-profit organization wishes to reprint the Griswold report, *The Image of the Middle East in Secondary School Textbooks*. It was decided that this would be a bad precedent that would undermine the selling and distribution of our own publications. However, our publications can be sold at a reduced price to certain groups if it is deemed proper.
- VIII. Project on the Sociology of the Middle Eastern Contemporary Businessman. The possibility of starting a research project, to be carried out by an independent research body reporting to the Board, was presented by Zartman. Both research and a conference on the sociology of the Middle Eastern contemporary businessman were discussed. There was general agreement as to the merit of the project; due to the lack of funds, however, it was decided to hold off on the project.
- IX. Islamic Civilization Fulbright Program. Beck noted that the scholars under this program had not had an opportunity to present their research as a group at a MESA annual meeting. It was decided to encourage the setting up of panels of this group at the next annual meeting.
- X. Biographical Data Bank on the Membership. The establishment of this data bank was suggested. Some agreed that it was a good idea, but because such a project would be quite expensive and time-consuming, it cannot be considered at the present time.
- XI. British Society for Middle Eastern Studies. The arrangement that Cambridge University Press has with BRISMES members for reduced rates for the *MESA Bulletin* and the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* was discussed. CUP is to be contacted for clarification.
- XII. Joint Meetings. The Association of Arab-American University Graduates is having its 1983 Annual Meeting in Chicago, the weekend prior to MESA's meeting (also in Chicago). The Board

agreed unanimously to have a meeting with the African Studies Association. The concurrent meeting will take place in 1985, probably in New Orleans, with a number of joint panels of the two associations.

XIII. Future Meeting Sites. In an attempt to plan further ahead, the following sites were selected for future MESA meetings.

- 1984 San Francisco
- 1985 New Orleans (Atlanta as alternate); concurrent meeting with African Studies Association
- 1986 Northeast (possibly Hartford or Boston)
- 1987 Austin

XIV. 1983 Annual Meeting (Chicago). Names were suggested for nomination for the Program Committee. These will be transmitted to Richard L. Chambers for his consideration. The Board reaffirmed its policy that all persons serving on the Program Committee must be MESA members.

XV. New Business and Announcements.

A The Library of Congress has asked for MESA's support in compiling a Middle Eastern Microform Project, similar to CAMP. George Atiyeh of the Library of Congress is to provide more information.

B The Middle East Outreach Council has asked for MESA's endorsement. More information is to be obtained about their organization, purposes, etc., by the Secretariat.

C The University of Texas at Austin is a possible candidate to take the *MESA Bulletin* if arrangements can not be continued at the University of Washington.

D The winners of the election for the 1982 Nominating Committee were announced. They are: Ervand Abrahamian, Richard L. Chambers, Dale F. Eickelman, Nancy E. Gallagher and Donald M. Reid.

Future MESA Annual Meetings

The 1983 Annual Meeting will be in Chicago, Illinois, November 3-6 at the Radisson Chicago Hotel. Submissions of paper and panel proposals should be done by mid-April 1983. Forms and further information will be in the Winter issue of the *MESA Newsletter*, scheduled to come out in January 1983. For more information on the meeting, contact Richard Chambers, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Chicago, 1130 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637 (phone: 312/962-8295).

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
for Year Ended December 31, 1981

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1

| | | |
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| On Deposit in Manhattan Savings Bank | | |
| Regular Accounts | \$ 8,960 | |
| Time Deposits | <u>31,179</u> | \$40,139 |
| On Deposit in Ephrata National Bank | | |
| Held by New York University under | | |
| Agency Fund No. 9-190179 (Deficit) | | (13,147) |
| Held by Local Arrangements Committee | | |
| for 1980 Annual Meeting | | 2,778 |
| Held as Deposit by United States Postal Office | | |
| Total Beginning Cash Balance | | <u>33,297</u> |

Receipts

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| Membership Dues | | |
| Individual | 40,830 | |
| Institutional | <u>500</u> | 41,330 |
| 1981 Annual Meeting | | |
| Contributions | 6,500 | |
| Registration Fees | 8,278 | |
| Sale of Papers | 312 | |
| Banquet | 6,820 | |
| Advertising and Exhibitions | 5,621 | |
| Miscellaneous | <u>60</u> | 27,591 |
| 1980 Annual Meeting (Amounts Received in 1981) | | |
| Direct Grants | | 737 |
| The Ford Foundation | | 16,000 |
| Transfer Grants | | |
| National Endowment for the Humanities (for Library of Congress) | | 35,569 |
| Contributions | | |
| Exxon | 2,500 | |
| Gulf | 1,000 | |
| Other | <u>521</u> | 4,021 |
| Institutional Support | | |
| Publication Sales | | 4,139 |
| Interest on Savings Accounts | | |
| Royalties | | 2,821 |
| Miscellaneous | | 2,542 |
| Total Cash Receipts | | <u>115</u> |
| | | 30 |
| | | <u>\$134,895</u> |

Disbursements

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| <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> | | |
| (disbursements to Cambridge University Press | | |
| for publishing <i>IJMES</i> as well as billing | | |
| and collecting membership dues) | | |
| | | \$ 34,502 |
| 1981 Annual Meeting | | |
| Abstracts | 2,342 | |
| Reception | 3,854 | |
| Exhibition | 1,500 | |
| Banquet | 6,956 | |
| Meeting Rooms and Facilities | 4,973 | |
| Program | 1,758 | |
| Paper Authors | 156 | |
| Concert | 1,045 | |
| Postage, Supplies, Clerical | 2,615 | |
| Other | <u>330</u> | 25,529 |

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| Transfer Grants | | |
| Library of Congress (from National Endowment for the Humanities) | | \$ 35,569 |
| Board Meetings | | 10,842 |
| Salaries and Benefits | | 7,078 |
| Fees and Honoraria | | 3,764 |
| Program Committee | | 1,554 |
| <i>MESA Bulletin</i> | | 832 |
| <i>MESA Newsletter</i> | | 1,879 |
| <i>Directory of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs and Courses in Middle East Studies in the United States, Canada, and Abroad</i> | | 797 |
| 1981 Roster of Full Members | | 1,852 |
| Bodman: <i>The World of Islam: Images and Echoes</i> | | 4,104 |
| Election Ballots | | 1,465 |
| Staff Travel | | 386 |
| Office Supplies and Expense | | 1,955 |
| Telephone | | 1,334 |
| Printing and Duplicating | | 492 |
| Accounting Services | | 1,573 |
| Moving Expenses | | 1,612 |
| Visiting Scholars | | 343 |
| Interest and Penalties | | 673 |
| Miscellaneous | | 58 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | | <u>\$138,193</u> |
| <u>Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements (Deficit)</u> | | (3,298) |
| <u>Ending Cash Balance, December 31</u> | | |
| On Deposit in Valley National Bank | | |
| Checking | 922 | |
| Savings | <u>2,156</u> | 3,078 |
| On Deposit in Investors Diversified Services Cash Management Fund | | 23,509 |
| Held by University of Arizona, Expense Account No. 340670 | | 1,350 |
| Held by Local Arrangements Committee for 1981 Annual Meeting | | <u>2,062</u> |
| Total Ending Cash Balance | | <u>\$ 29,999</u> |