

# INSTITUTE OF MAYA STUDIES

## OF THE MIAMI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

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MEETING NOTICE.....At our next meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 8 PM in the auditorium of the museum, associate director Hal C. Ball will present a slide lecture on "Archaeological Investigations in the south coastal region of Guatemala. Mr. Ball, our own John Lloyd Stephens, has discovered and explored many ancient Maya sites. There will be a social gathering after the meeting for members. Coffee will be served.

NEW BOOKS FOR IMS LIBRARY.....Mr. Gabriel Cordovez, Tourism Attache at the Guatemalan Consulate, presented three books, a two volume set of the Popol Vuh, the sacred book of the Quiche Maya, and Rafael Girard's "Los Mayas". The books are in Spanish. The Library of Congress has advised the Institute that duplicates in the Meso-American collection will be made available to our representative. James Rauhe of the Smithsonian Institution has been asked to act as our representative for the selection of books and arrange for shipment to Miami.

LIAISON WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY....Board member Lew Dorn is arranging a meeting with Dr. Charles Perry, president of the university, to discuss a program of cooperation with the museum, including ways and means IMS can work together with the university's department of anthropology.

HELP WANTED....As we grow, so grows our typing. Members who are good typists and would like to volunteer services, please advise secretary Beverly Little at 754-6815.

PUBLICATION SERIES.....Progress can be reported on our upcoming series: Contributions to Meso-American Anthropology. The first article, "Salvadoran Varieties of Wheeled Figurines," by Stanley Boggs, has been submitted to us and is now in the hands of our editorial review board of eminent archaeologists. Publication is planned for the fall of this year. This first article will be published by the museum in conjunction with IMS. We are investigating the possibility of underwriting the series with a grant from a foundation. Under consideration is the publication of Masters and Ph D. theses of exceptional merit.

LECTURE SERIES-WINTER 1972-1973....Elayne Kaplan has been named Program Chairman to develop this series of lectures by top authorities in the field. Hopefully, an underwriter will be found to defray the expenses (travel and honorariums for the speakers). This series will not be included in our regular meetings, but will be in addition. There will be a charge to the public, and our membership will have preferential seating at a substantial discount.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS....At the meeting of our Board of Directors May 30, it was decided to allocate funds to subscribe to AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES, AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY, EXPEDITIONS. The magazines will be placed in our library at the museum and will be available to the membership.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSE NEWS....Congratulations to member Eugene Dynner on his excellent article "Chinese Elements in Maya Art" which appeared in the May issue. Watch for an article by associate director Dr. Allan Kaplan which is scheduled for publication in August.

NEW MEMBERS....We are happy to welcome as new members Joseph W. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitehouse, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Rood, S.A. Bertram Herbert, and Ronald B. Tjerandsen.

STELA NO. 2, WHERE ARE YOU? Our Stela is still in Los Angeles and shipment to the museum for exhibit will have to await outcome of a court trial to prove ownership by Guatemala. This may take many months, and in the interim, the Guatemalan government has agreed to make a substitute stela available to the museum. Director Charles Lacombe is in Guatemala City to complete arrangements with the government for this stela and will report progress to the membership at the meeting June 21.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES.....On recommendation of the Board of Directors, general membership meetings will not be held during July and August, due to vacation plans of many members. It is hoped that as many members as possible will take advantage of the special tour packages to the Maya homelands that are being offered to our members through Albert Weintraub, our tour director. If you plan a trip, please contact him at the museum to let him know the date and particular tour desired. Regular membership meetings will be resumed in September, beginning Wednesday, September 20.....This does not mean any hiatus in activities of the Institute. Your Board and Executive Committee will continue to meet and implement the current program of liaison with universities, preparation of the winter lecture series and the publication series, building the library and developing special services to the membership. These services will include travel and book discounts, library privileges, annual journal and certain literature.

ARRIVAL OF STELA IN MIAMI.....We are working very hard to bring our substitute stela to Miami in time for the opening of the new wing of the museum. Once an arrival date is set, we will plan special events around it in conjunction with the museum, that will involve the participation and enjoyment of this historic occasion by our membership.