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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING....Our next meeting, Wednesday, 8pm Nov. 15 in the museum auditorium, will be our first Annual Meeting, an important milestone in the history of the Institute. Director Lacombe will make a "State of the Institute" report to the membership, and there will also be committee reports and election of a new Board of Directors.

A nominating committee was appointed by the current Board in accordance with our by-laws. Members are George Artamanoff (chairman), Louis Johnson and Robert Little. The committee will present a slate of 14 nominees to the general membership. The slate includes:

Charles Lacombe
H. Lewis Dorn
Albert Weintraub
George Artamanoff
Julius Blustein
Eugene Dynner
Louis Johnson

Dr. Allan Kaplan
Elayne Kaplan
Robert Little
Beverly Little
Dr. Henry Field
Nevett Bartow
A. P. Rosenberg

Additional nominations can be made from the floor, but election is limited to 14. Officers to serve for the coming year will be chosen by the new Board from among themselves, in accordance with our by-laws.

Please plan to attend this important meeting to participate in the election and hear the reports of the rapid progress we have made in our first year of existence. In addition, something extra special is being planned by Alberta Ball and Pauline Potamkin of our hospitality committee for the social hour following the meeting, in honor of the occasion.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS....Mrs. Edith A. Carroll, James E. Lockwood Jr., Walter E. Margicin, Philip and Virginia Myers, A. J. and Veronica Chickos, Miss Paul Malamuda (student), Estelle Litsick, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund S. Hirshlag, and William F. Knocke, director of the Maya Society of St. Louis.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE LECTURE SERIES....We were all delighted at the excellent turnout for the lecture by Dr. Mata Amado at the First Presbyterian Church. Almost three hundred people attended, a tribute to the support of IMS members, a beautiful brochure designed by Bill Bogusky, and hard work by our lecture series committee, in conjunction with the museum.

Now we are in the midst of a much bigger project--a subscription series that begins this Friday (Nov 10) with a lecture by Dr. Michael D. Coe. By now, you have all received a brochure on the series, together with a subscription blank. Remember, IMS members receive a 50% discount, just \$7.50 per person for the three lectures, a tax-deductible donation to the Museum of Science to help build the Maya Plaza.

The very attractive brochure, also designed by Bill Bogusky was given wide distribution. Many thanks to Beverly Little, Alberta Ball, Elayne Kaplan, Margaret Figueroa and Marybelle Welch for their help. Elayne Kaplan is also doing an excellent job on the publicity committee.

The basic support for the lecture series is still the membership of the Institute, and our committee and Board are working with the museum, and doing everything possible to make it a success. We have everything to gain from a successful series.

Not only will we all have the opportunity to hear and meet three eminent professionals in the field, but they will also be meeting us. Their impression of us will certainly be affected by the turnout, and it is important that they get the best possible impression. As of this writing, the response is very encouraging, and we are already getting a by-product of all the exposure, in increased membership and greater interest in our activities on the part of the general public in the south Florida area.

MAYA PLAZA ARTIST RETURNS....Dixie Bogusky and husband Bill have returned from a visit to sites in Guatemala as guests of Aviateca Airlines and the Guatemala Institute of Tourism. We are all looking forward to her designs for the Maya Plaza based on first hand observation of temple-stelae environments.

PROGRESS REPORT ON LIBRARY....The museum has made available 2 sections of shelves in its library for our use. We will enclose them with glass doors. Meanwhile, our librarian Mrs. Pauline Potamkin has set up channels with publishers for a discount for IMS and its members, and has begun purchase.

ACTIVITIES OF THE MEMBERS

Len Schafer, a professional architect, would like assistance or information pertaining to a research project in which he is presently engaged. The project concerns an architectural engineering study of Maya structures and their relationship to their geological and physical environments, i.e. why did the Maya develop the vaulted ceiling, the false arch, and the pyramid form of engineering? Len can be reached at 522-2177 in Ft. Lauderdale.

Dr. Allan Kaplan will moderate a panel discussion on "Medicine and Archaeology" to be held December 8 in Guatemala City as part of the Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology Congress. Members of the panel are: Dr. Guillermo Mata Amado, who recently lectured in Miami under IMS auspices; Lic. Luis Lujan, director of the National Museum of Guatemala, archaeologist Dr. Edwin M. Shook, member of our Editorial Board and director of the Monte Alto Project, sponsored by the museum in conjunction with IMS; and Dr. Juan Jose Hurtado.

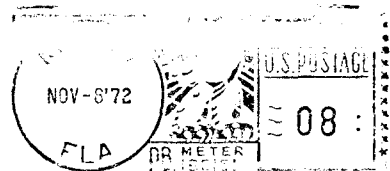
Al and Dorothy Rosenberg are making a three-week grand circle tour of archaeological sites in Yucatan, Guatemala and Honduras--by jeep. Bob and Beverly Little will spend the Thanksgiving holidays driving from Merida for a visit to Palenque. They will be joined in Merida by Beverly's archaeologist brother Jack Eaton.

Charles Lacombe is preparing an article for the MUSE NEWS entitled: REVOLUTION OF THE DAY GLYPHS, A Hieroglyphic Device for Recording Time of Day and Night. Director Lacombe believes that circular writing is basic to the Maya hieroglyphic system and in this report will seek to establish a premise for this belief.

IMS PARTICIPATION IN MUSEUM SHOWCASE....Hal Ball, coordinator of the IMS exhibit at the SHOWCASE, gratefully acknowledges the help of Julius Blustein, Ben and Cheryl Hendricks, Bob and Beverly Little, Pauline Potamkin, the Sidney Tellers, and his wife Alberta, in making the booth such a success. And also, our thanks to Hal, who did a superb job of directing assembly, set-up and maintenance of the booth. From what we understand, he also did a superb job of setting up neighboring booths when they needed help.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS....The Board met on Oct 24, and Nov 1 to deal with such matters as conduct of the election, coordination of promotion of the lecture series, publication of a membership roster and an application brochure. Due to the fact that many members will be inviting friends to the lecture series and others will be attracted by publicity, it was decided that a charge of \$6 per person will be made for a single lecture, and a \$3 charge for a single lecture will apply to students and IMS members who can't attend the other lectures.Membership chairman Robert King was invited to attend the meeting of the Board on Nov 1 to brief members on development of his committee. Bob announced that Robert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse, and Ethel Teller will be working with him on membership development. Those who consistently attend our meetings and have not yet joined will be encouraged to do so by the committee, Prospect lists will be drawn up for follow through contact. Other membership development projects will be proposed and implemented by Bob and his committee.

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