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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF VOTE BY FELLOWS ON BY-LAWS OF ASA

As reported on the front page of the November-December 1969 Newsletter, the ASA's Board of Directors decided last December to undertake to change several sections of the Association's By-Laws, the principal change being to provide for a single category of membership. The text of the recommended revisions was sent to the Fellows, who constitute the voting membership under the present By-Laws.

At the time of preparation of this Newsletter, a few votes are still coming in, but a majority of Fellows have replied. Of the votes returned so far, 63 per cent are in favor of the revisions and 37 per cent opposed. The Board will discuss the results, and the comments which accompanied the votes, at a meeting on April 10-11. The final count will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter, along with the complete text of the revised By-Laws.

1970 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

The Program Chairman, Joseph Harris, reminds members that he welcomes suggestions for topics and participants for the Association's 1970 Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, October 21-24.

Professor Harris plans to publish a tentative program in the next issue of the Newsletter, with a more detailed one to follow in September. Suggestions should be sent to him at Department of History, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES REVIEW

By now, all individual members of the ASA should have received their copies of the questionnaire which has been sent out for the Language and Area Studies Review. The questionnaire is being circulated under the auspices of the six major area professional associations in the United States, and the Social Science Research Council, of whose general review of language and area studies it is a part. Financial support for the review is being provided by the Division of Foreign Studies of the U.S. Office of Education.

The information yielded by the survey will be particularly useful at this time when government and foundations are examining their policies toward support of international studies, and universities are considering the place of area-oriented courses in their overall programs of study.

The accuracy of the conclusions drawn from the survey will depend on the extent and carefulness of the response from individual scholars. All members are urged to take the time to fill out the questionnaire. The information gathered will be available without restriction to responsible individuals and agencies.