

NEWSLETTER #10

April 1976

- (1) The 2nd Annual Meeting(2-15). Peter Cranford is now Chairman of the Board (8), and head of the Finance Committee(37). Bob Davis is President(9). The BRS now has 15 Directors(6), a Library(10), an Awards Committee(13) and higher dues(12). The next Annual Meeting will be in California(11). The BRS draws a big crowd at APA(25). This is a big year for books on BR(35). An asterisk in the left column indicates a request or an offer to lend.
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THE 2ND ANNUAL MEETING

- (2) The 2nd Annual BRS Meeting, at the Hotel Tudor, NYC, December 26-28, 1975, marked the end (symbolically if not literally) of the BRS's 2nd year, and the start of its 3rd.

The Meeting began (Friday evening) with a movie of an interview with BR titled, "What is Philosophy?" Delightful. A transcript of this interview appears as Chapter 1 of "Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind" (NL7-12). The sound portion is on Caedmon LP, TC 1149 (listed in the "Schwann 2" catalog, Fall-Winter 1975-76.)

(We're indebted to KEN BLACKWELL — we're always being indebted to him for something or other — for supplying the film. We hadn't been able to borrow or rent one for the Meeting; Ken came to the rescue.)

We then heard reports from officers and committee chairpersons. More on this below: Items 14, 15.

We spent all morning (Saturday) hammering out details of the bylaws, building on the solid foundation JACK PITT had provided in what he called a "rough draft." Discussing and deciding on bylaws is not terribly interesting (except to specialists) — some members were understandably bored by it — but bylaws are absolutely essential to running a corporation in an orderly (and legal) way, and we can now take satisfaction in the fact that the job is behind us and will not have to be done again. Jack is now writing up the final version, incorporating what was decided on at the Meeting. All members will receive a copy.

Much other business was transacted during the afternoon, including the election of directors and the appointment of officers. (Items 6-13)

We then moved to Peter Cranford's suite for the Red Hackle Hour. The term, "Red Hackle", in this instance, we learned (with some disappointment), has nothing to do with strutting roosters nor with raising anybody's hackles. A red hackle is a red feather. You can see one on the guardsman's hat pictured on the Red Hackle label. PETER CRANFORD supplied the Red Hackle; we forget who supplied the explanation. People enjoyed themselves.

We then ate dinner (officially called a "banquet"), and stayed on and on and on, talking.

Sunday morning the BRS put on its session at the APA Meeting. It drew a great crowd, but few BRS members. See ED HOPKINS' report (Item 25).

3) Attendance. We had expected at least twice as many people as last year's 16, for we now have twice as many members, and this year the cost of attending the Meeting is tax-deductible. We were disappointed. A total of 22 attended one or more of the sessions during the 3 days.

And 22 is an inflated figure. 2 of the 22 attended only the Sunday morning APA session, which is not normally part of a BRS Annual Meeting. One member attended only the banquet. Few members were there Friday evening.

4) Saturday, best day. We have now learned that more members attend on Saturday than on Friday or Sunday. Therefore at the next Annual Meeting, most of the important business will be scheduled for Saturday, including -- especially -- reports of officers and committee chairpersons on what has happened during the past year and what is contemplated for the coming year. The Friday evening session will be a directors' meeting, at which, among other things, the officers for the next year will be appointed.

5) Members present. Here are the 22 who attended: ARKIN, CLIFFORD, CRANFORD, DAVIS, EISLER, ENGEL, FRANKS, GARSTENS, HOPKINS, JACKANICZ, LACKEY, LEFKOWITZ, MANESSE, McDONALD, MCKEOWN, NOBLE, PITT, REINHARDT, RICHARDS, SLEZAK, TAIT, WEINER.

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The following business was conducted at the Saturday session:

6) New Directors. The members present elected Directors, for 3-, 2-, and 1-year terms: PETER CRANFORD, BOB DAVIS, LEE EISLER, MARTIN GARSTENS, and GARY SLEZAK, for 3 years; ED HOPKINS, DON JACKANICZ, JIM MCKEOWN, JACK PITT, and KATE TAIT, for 2 years; KEN BLACKWELL, LESTER DENONN, DAN McDONALD, JOE NEILANDS, and STEVE REINHARDT for 1 year.

Note the influx of new, young blood, including several people in their 20s.

7) Method of electing future directors. It would be possible to have directors elected by the members who are present at Annual Meetings. But since relatively few members attend Meetings -- currently about 1 out of 7 -- it will be more democratic if all members have a voice in the election of directors, through the use of mail ballots.

There will be 15 Directors in all. 5 will be elected by mail each year, for 3-year terms.

Each year the Elections Committee will draw up a list of at least 5 candidates, to fill the 5 yearly openings. The list will include names chosen by the Elections Committee; it will also include names submitted by other BRS members. Any member may submit (to the Elections Committee) any other member's name as a candidate, stating qualifications.

The list of names will be sent to all members, on a mail ballot. Each member will check 5 names. The 5 candidates receiving the most votes will become Directors, for 3-year terms. In case of a tie, the Elections Committee will cast the deciding vote.

The complete yearly cycle of electing Directors consists of 3 parts, in 3 successive issues of the Newsletter, one part per issue:

. Part 1 is a notice in the Newsletter, asking members who wish to,

to submit names of candidates for director, stating qualifications.
. Part 2 is the mail ballot, listing the candidates.
. Part 3 is the result of the vote, as tabulated by the Elections Committee.

We are inaugurating the cycle with this issue. Part 1 is Item 39. Part 2 will be in N111, Part 3 in N112.

- (8) Chairman of the Board, a new office, was created. Appropriately, PETER CRANFORD, the person who started the BRS, was appointed to be the first Chairman.
- (9) New Officers. The Directors appointed the following to one-year terms of office: President, BOB DAVIS; Vice-President, GARY SLEZAK; Secretary, JACK PITT; Treasurer, STEVE REINHARDT.
- (10) The BRS Library was established. It will accumulate LPs, tapes and films — also books, articles, magazines, photos, etc. — by or about BR, to lend to members, to local chapters, and to responsible non-member organizations.
Some of these materials are out-of-print or expensive or both, and the BRS Library will help make them available where they otherwise might not be.
When appropriate, the Library will offer materials to the Archives.
DON JACKANICZ is Library Committee Chairperson, GARY SLEZAK Co-Chairperson.
The Library's first acquisition is the Coronet Film, "What is Philosophy?" the same as the film that was shown at the Meeting. It was donated by PETER CRANFORD. The film is available from Dan Jackanicz, 53 Washington Square South, New York, N.Y. 10012, for the cost of postage and insurance, plus a \$3 charge which will go towards the purchase of other materials for the Library.
- * Please send spare or duplicate books or other materials on BR to the Library (c/o Don). If you have LPs or tapes that you would be willing to lend to the Library for a short time, so that tape copies can be made, please let Don know.
- (11) Next Annual Meeting, in California: JACK PITT will confer with JOE NEILANDS to see whether it might be held at UC Berkeley. BOB DAVIS will also check on the possibility of meeting in San Francisco or L.A.
- (12) Higher dues. A new dues schedule was approved, which will move the BRS slightly closer to being self-supporting (very slightly): regular member, \$15; husband-and-wife, \$20; student, \$5 (unchanged). Foreign, except Canada, add \$5.
- (13) The Awards Committee was established, to make an annual award to an outstanding individual whose actions have furthered some BR purpose or exemplify some quality of character that distinguished BR. For details on how this Committee will function, see Item 41. It has no chairperson, and needs one. Anyone interested should get in touch with Peter Cranford (Dr. P.G. Cranford, 2108½ Walton Way, Augusta, Ga. 30904. Phone: (404) 736-3514.)
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- (14) Officers report. Outgoing President PETER CRANFORD, outgoing Treasurer KATE TAIT, and Secretary JACK PITT reported on their recent activities, which were substantially those reported in the last Newsletter (NL9-3,4,5).
Outgoing Vice-President BOB DAVIS didn't make the usual kind of report. He had made up the Meeting's agenda. He chaired all the sessions. And, in effect, he gave a whole series of reports, as he put various items of BRS business into context, for the benefit of the members present. (Furthermore, he kept things moving and on schedule, and did it all with ease and grace. We salute him!)
- (15) Committee reports:
. Applied Philosophy Chairperson MARTIN GARSTENS reported on his current interest in ethics, in line with what he had previously reported in NL9-6.
. Applied Philosophy Committee, Chicago Chapter Chairperson GARY SLEZAK reported on his viable local BRS chapter. It meets once a month, to discuss ER's writings. Books are assigned, to be read and reported on. And, we gather, everyone does the work that's assigned.
. Information and Membership Committee Chairperson LEE EISLER described the aims and functions of this Committee (for details, see Items 42,43), reported that we had 145 active members (as of 12/27/75), and that more than 70% of the members renew membership after their initial year. He asked members to be on the lookout for opportunities to send out appropriate press releases. "If you learn of some event that might deserve a press release, please let me know."
. Science Committee Chairperson JOE NEILANDS, who could not attend the Meeting, sent a letter reviewing events of the past year. These have been reported in previous Newsletters (NL5-2; NL7-15; NL8-21,22; NL9-12).
. Philosophers' Committee Chairperson ED HOPKINS reported on his 1976 plans (NL9-11,15).
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REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President BOB DAVIS reports on a number of things not related to the recent Annual Meeting:

- (16) Rewarding job. "I have been contacting members, mostly by letter but a few in person. One of the rewards of my job is that I am in contact with many interesting people. Because of ER's diverse appeal, we have a diverse group, but we have a unity in that everyone seems to have a mind and interests in things outside themselves."
- (17) Felix. "I have just visited Felix De Cola. I attended one of his Sunday evening musicales. (He's been having them for 30 years.) When I entered, he and a young woman were playing a Brahms duet, from a score he'd just gotten from the British Museum. He has made recordings (including a piano comedy album), and played for radio and TV. He has a superb collection of chamber music. I told him I was thinking of having a 'reception' for Southern California members, and he offered to make his attractive dwelling available for it. He also provided us with 100 copies of a photo of ER." (This photo is available on request from the Newsletter. It is an excellent photo of a scowling ER, probably taken during one of ER's anti-nuclear demonstrations.)

(18) Kouji. "Here are portions of a letter I enjoyed from Kouji Tomimori, our first Japanese member."

I thank you for your warm welcome to me, on my becoming a member of the Society. I am astonished to know that I am the first member not only from Japan but from all of Asia. I feel it is a great honor for me.

I think it is fortunate that your Society (now our Society), organized by members in the U.S.A. and Canada, is gradually adding members from around the world — a horizontal development — and not only intellectuals, but all kinds of people — a vertical development.

From BR's prologue to his Autobiography ("Three passions..."), I found another aim in life. Till then my aims had all been inside myself, none outside. BR taught me that my aims also had to include what was outside of me. We must aim to improve society and the conditions under which all people live.

I intend to report on the influence of BR in Japan.

(19) Please speak up! "If some of you have suggested things to me and gotten no response, please write me again. We depend on members to help carry the ball on these; we expect individual initiative and responsibility; we really can't operate any other way. Here are several projects I have been discussing with members:

(20) Zahatopolk. "RICHARD LORENZ wants to put out a 'classic comic' of this BR short story. I suggested he write a member who is an illustrator. I consider this a very interesting project."

(21) Russell-Trotsky Dialog on Revolution (NLS-64). "ROBERT PARKER (6819 37th Avenue N.E., Seattle, Wa. 98115) wants to collaborate on this with someone who knows BR. I considered taking it, but later had to decline for want of time. Anyone interested, especially with a history background, should write him. This is a very appropriate project for the BRS to help with. What follows is Parker's own description of his project."

I envision a dialog on the theoretical justification for revolution. BR, I find, offers the most humane and intellectually honest views in opposition to revolution that I have encountered; Trotsky, I find, offers the most consistent views in support of revolution. Actually the project grew out of prior interest in these two men, both of whom, in their individual ways, have stirred my soul by their love of truth and their sincerity in wishing to advance the interests of humanity. Trotsky and Russell met only once, and then, briefly, so the Dialog itself will have to be in some sense fictional, but based of course on the real views and personalities of the participants.

My ultimate interest is in writing something of intellectual interest on this subject for the average American reader. My purpose will be educative, not literary, not academic. American opinion on this matter, as on others, is formed to an amazing extent, by false propaganda and off-the-cuff feelings. Regard for sincere men who hold truth in high esteem is low, even in schools, and I should like, in my work, to do what I can to reverse this. By presenting the issue of revolution (which for about a year has been uppermost in my mind) in the way I

propose, I shall, as I imagine, be presenting the best possible intellectual content on the subject and, at the same time, be introducing the reader (the imagined general reader) to two of his century's most sincere and profound men.

22) Geographical list/interest list. "I expect to prepare a list of members who live near each other, and another list of members with similar interests, to facilitate communication."

23) Universal Human Rights. "The BRS committee on Universal Human Rights is still largely inactive. I have written to new members who expressed interest, but have received no replies.

"I write Amnesty International prisoners, and circulate information among members.

"One of the main groups in the world for human rights is the International League for the Rights of Man, located near the United Nations. The following excerpts are from their own statement."

The International League for the Rights of Man has been successful in focusing the attention of the world community on gross violations of human rights, in bringing complaints of such abuses before the United Nations, Organization of American States and other international bodies, in securing the release of political prisoners, in getting sentences reduced and death penalties rescinded, in helping individuals leave countries, in reuniting families, in improving procedures at the UN for dealing with complaints, in ameliorating racial and religious persecution.

For 33 years, the League has worked on behalf of human rights — seeking to establish human rights standards, investigating violations, intervening with governments, making representations before international bodies, conducting research and educational programs, publishing special reports on human rights conditions in various countries, assisting victims, sending observers to political trials, dispatching special investigative missions to inquire into specific violations and effect redress, supporting and helping to establish civil liberties groups in countries throughout the world, coordinating the activities of affiliates and representatives, advising on the use of international machinery for the protection of human rights.

If interested in more information, write the League at Suite 6F, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(24) Committee on Science (Joe Neilands, Chairperson):

"I have been in contact with the American Chemical Society, urging them to co-sponsor a session on Chemical-Biological Weapons at the annual meeting of the Society in San Francisco in September 1976. The proposal

has gone through some of the lower level committees of the ACS and awaits action by the executive officers of that Society.

"PETER CALAGNA has suggested that we consider the impact of science on the 'sociosphere'.

"A colleague in Japan has asked for information on the Committee's activities.

"Other members of the Committee are FRED ALLENDORF, AMY BLOCK, MARTIN GARSTENS and ANITA JOYCE LEVINE."

PHILOSOPHERS' CORNER

(25) Report on the BRS at APA. ED HOPKINS, who runs the BRS sessions at the American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) meetings, reports that the 2nd one -- in New York, December 28, 1975 -- "was very well attended. At least a hundred people were there at one time or another during the lengthy session. At times there wasn't a vacant seat to be had. The only flaw was that we had scheduled too many papers; things went on too long. And we were rushed, and ran out of time. That won't happen again, because next time we'll have 2 papers instead of 3.

"At the session, we announced that we were trying to get money to publish the papers, and we invited people to sign up if they wanted copies, in case we succeeded in raising money. 18 persons signed. The postscript to this, I regret to say, is that we have just been turned down by the foundation to which we had applied for a grant."

(26) Judges wanted. Anyone interested in helping to judge the papers that are to be presented at the next BRS session at APA, Eastern Division -- in Boston, December 1976 -- should write Ed Hopkins. (Dr. Edwin E. Hopkins, 352 S. Drew Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224.)

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NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

(27) Gary Slezak won 1st Place in the Annual Twelfth Night Contest of the Chicago Playwrights' Center. Gary's play, "The Writer's Wife," was performed on January 4th.

(28) Al Kravig, an inmate in Soledad Prison, is Librarian of the Inmate Committee for Higher Education. He writes:

ICHE is run by all inmates...My assistant is a real revolutionary (well educated) and he is constantly preaching about Mac, Castro, and such. Interesting, but I'm glad to say BR appeals to me.

ICHE also started a college for veterans, with real college instructors. This semester we have History, Economics, Philosophy, and an Introduction to College. We have 85 students and the general tenor of the place has

really changed.

I am ready to go to work on some BRS work NOW. I've gotten out of my apolitical stage and now feel I must expand my horizons, become politically conscious, so to speak.

Our library has 2 books by ER — "Autobiography III" and "Common Sense and Nuclear Warfare" — and I'd like to build it up. Several people are interested in ER and would get into him if we had the books.

* Maybe some of the BRS members would donate some old copies. Oddly enough, we have reams of stuff by Wittgenstein — I like him. But he really blows Freud out of the window. And what was the reason for his break with ER?

BRS AUTHORS

(29) Peter Cranford has written, and KATE TAIT has edited, the scripts for 5 tapes on discipline in the classroom. The tapes, intended for teachers and principals in grade schools, will be recorded by the National School PR Association, an affiliate of the National Education Alliance, and offered for sale to schools.

(30) * Ed Hopkins advises that he has written a paper arguing against compulsory education, which he offers to lend on request. Write Dr. E. E. Hopkins, 352 S. Drew Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224.

NEW MEMBERS

(31) We are happy to welcome these new members:

Maurice Belanger/Box 501, Stn.B/Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5P6/Canada
Frank C. Bertrand/ Apt. 304/6 Olde English Village Road/ Dover, N.H. 03820
Ruth C. Bishop/222 SW Harrison, 17B/Portland, Or. 97201
Jack R. Cowles/392 Central Park West, Apt. 5F/New York,N.Y. 10025
Dr. Albert Ellis/45 East 65th Street/ New York,N.Y. 10021

Jesus Arcila Gomez/Centro calle Estanco del Tabaco Nro.35-54/Cartagena/Columbia
John Hailu,104-40-4714/HHB 2-2 ADA/New York APO 09169
Donald J. Kenney/ 2556 Dupont S/Minneapolis, Mn. 55405
Roy Kindell/ 1551 E. McAndrews Road/ Medford, Or. 97501
Daphne Lawton/ 4469 Ventura Canyon #E310/Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91423

Dr. Justin Leiber/Dept. of Philosophy/Herbert H. Lehman College/ Bronx,N.Y. 10468
Don Loeb/PO Box 2447/ Brandeis University/Waltham, Ma. 02154
Elliott Mordkowitz/2645 Brown Street/Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235
Mr/Mrs Robert D. (Susan) Noble/Warner & Stackpole/ 28 State St./Boston,Ma.02109
William Rust Norris/1073 Shave Road/Schenectady, N.Y. 12303

Robert C. Parker/6819 37th Avenue N.E./Seattle, Wa. 98115
William B. Paxton/5747 S. University Avenue/Chicago, Il. 60637
Lorraine A. Roskowski/215 Illinois Avenue/Paterson, N.J. 07503
Jerry Stouck/2205 Musgrove Road/Silver Spring, Md. 20904
Sharon Wintter/PO Box 26177/Florida Technological University/Orlando, Fl. 32816

ADDRESS CHANGES

- (32) Fred W. Allendorf/ Dept. of Zoology/University of Montana/Missoula, Mt. 59801
Howard K. Jones/39 Whitcomb Road/Riverside, R.I. 02915
Bruce Thompson/230 Witherspoon Hall/Princeton University/Princeton, N.J. 08540
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- (33) MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS & STATISTICS

- (33) Renewal rate: 71%. As Peter Cranford mentioned in the last Newsletter (NL9-3), people join the BRS with all kinds of expectations. Some are bound to be disappointed, and do not renew membership. But far more renew than do not. Renewals outnumber dropouts by more than 2 to 1. As of 1/31/76, 56 members had renewed, 23 had dropped out, which translates into a renewal rate of 71%.
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BULLETIN BOARD

- (34) Books by mail, at a saving. We have been dealing for several years, with complete satisfaction, with BOOKQUICK, Box B, Roseland, N.J. 07068. They advertise in the classified columns of the (Sunday) New York Times Book Review section. They offer 33 1/3% discount on "current bestseller list titles" (in the NYT Book Review section); 30% discount on books listing for \$10 or more; 25% discount on \$3 to \$10 books. Plus 40¢ per book postage/handling. "These discounts apply to virtually all general interest (non-text/technical) books." They will refund any overpayment. Their order form has a discount table, so you don't have to do the arithmetic yourself.
- For instance, "The Life of Bertrand Russell," by Ronald W. Clark, lists for \$17.50. Their price is $12.25 + 40¢ = 12.65$ total.
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BOOK REVIEWS

- (35) 3 books on BR. This is a big year for books about BR. There's KATE TAIT's book, "My Father, Bertrand Russell"; "The Tamarisk Tree" by Dora Russell, nee Dora Black, BR's 2nd wife, Kate's mother; and "The Life of Bertrand Russell" by Ronald W. Clark.

The reviews have been arriving (thanks to AMY BLOCK, HARRY CLIFFORD, ALVIN HUNTER, and CAROL MULL.) So far, we've seen all 3 books reviewed together in SATURDAY REVIEW (1/10/76), TIME (1/12/76), and WALL STREET JOURNAL (1/15/76). And we've seen reviews of the Clark book(alone) in THE NEW YORK TIMES (1/15/76) and in NEWSWEEK (1/19/76).

- * If you come upon other reviews of the 3 books, or any of them, please send us a clipping or photocopy.
- * We'd be interested in getting your comments on any or all of the 3. We hope a lot of you will respond to this invitation to comment.

We (in the BRS) are a company of BR-admirers. But not everyone admires. Collectors of ~~I-don't-like-Russell~~ reviews will not want to miss the one in the WALL STREET JOURNAL.

- * We'll lend any of the reviews we have, on request.
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CORRECTION

- (36) Re "Bertrand Russell, An Introduction," which JOHN SUTCLIFFE recommended (NL9-39): we were mistaken in saying the price had risen from 1.95 to 3.65 (English pounds). The paperback is 1.95, the hardcover 3.65. (Our thanks to KEN BLACKWELL. Again!)
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FINANCES

- (37) New Finance Committee Chairperson: PETER CRANFORD. Now that Peter is no longer President — he's been kicked upstairs (as he likes to put it) to the new post of Chairman of the Board — he'll have more time to give to trying to raise money for the BRS. Kicked upstairs (at his own request)? Yes. To an easy job? No!

- (38) Contributions. We thank the following members for their contributions, received since the last Newsletter: EISLER, GARSTENS, VERA ROBERTS.

BRS BUSINESS

(39) It's time to nominate Directors. As explained in Item 7, the members will elect 5 Directors each year.

The Elections Committee will place the names of at least 5 candidates on the ballot, which will appear in the next Newsletter. If there are more than 5 candidates, the 5 who receive the most votes will be the new Directors whose 3-year term starts in 1977. (Each member votes for 5 Directors.)

A Director may succeed himself, that is, he or she may be re-elected. The Directors whose terms expire at the next (1977) Annual Meeting are BLACKWELL, DENONN, NEILANDS, REINHARDT, and MC DONALD. Some or all of these names may appear on the ballot, and some or all may be re-elected.

Any member may nominate candidates for Director. If you wish to do so, send your candidate's name, and a brief statement as to qualifications, to Elections Committee, c/o BOB DAVIS, 7025 W. Franklin #86, Hollywood, Ca. 90068

Please note the May 1 deadline Nominations postmarked later than May 1 will not be considered.

(40) Committee functions. Chairpersons were asked to describe the work of their committees, in more or less detail. Not all responses are in yet; the following 5 items are what we have received so far.

(41) Awards Committee

The BRS will make an annual award to an outstanding individual who represents some cause or idea that BR championed or exemplifies some quality of character that distinguished BR (such as moral courage.)

The Committee does the following:

- (1) Selects the candidate for the award.
- (2) Writes a statement telling why it has chosen this candidate, and submits it to the membership for approval, by mail.
- (3) Notifies the approved candidate, inviting him/her to the Annual Meeting Banquet.
- (4) Prepares a scroll, to be given to the candidate at the Banquet, and a brief presentation speech (which could include reading the scroll.)
- (5) Delivers the scroll and speech to the President, who makes the Presentation Speech.

Remarks:

- (a) Any BRS member can suggest a candidate to the Committee, stating the nominee's qualifications.
- (b) The award-winner will have performed an action that echoes some aspect of BR's life or work, such as (A) exposing or opposing: hypocrisy, censorship, tyranny, cruelty, abuse of civil liberties, abuse of power, injustice, oppression, superstition, etc. or (B) promoting or furthering: civil liberties, population control, conservation, a free press, nuclear disarmament, world government, rationality in morality and elsewhere, democracy, human rights, equality for women, happiness, education, and Russell scholarship.

- (c) Three benefits of making awards: (1) The award, by highlighting some aspect of BR's life or work, fits the BRS aim of furthering BR's purposes. (2) It may earn some publicity for the BRS. (3) It can be expected to please the recipient.
- (d) The award is unlikely to gain publicity, unless the recipient is well-known. Note, for instance, the well-known names of the recipients of Humanist Association awards: Betty Friedan, Margaret Sanger, Linus Pauling, Julian Huxley, Erich Fromm, Abraham Maslow, Benjamin Spock, Buckminster Fuller.

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Information Committee

General aims: (a) to present information about the BRS to BRS members and to the outside world; (the outside world has subdivisions, such as the academic community, book publishers, the general public, etc.); (b) to make the outside world aware of the existence of the BRS.

Specific functions: . Issue a Newsletter quarterly.

- . Issue a Press Release on a new member (with permission.)
- . Publicize (with Press Releases, etc.) the annual BRS Awards.

Publicity efforts: The above specific functions are (or will be) regularly recurring activities. Some publicity efforts can recur regularly, and be scheduled in advance; some cannot be. Here are examples of both kinds, that occurred in 1975:

- . The mention of the BRS on the dust cover of Katharine Tait's book, "My Father, Bertrand Russell." (Non-recurring)
- . Questionnaire (to colleges and universities) on courses on BR. (Could recur.)
- . Survey of courses on BR given in colleges and universities. (Could recur.)

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Membership Committee

General aims: to recruit new members, to obtain renewals of membership, and to keep membership records and statistics.

Specific functions:

Inquiries: . Place advertisements, soliciting inquiries about the BRS.
. Answer the inquiries

Enrollments: . Process the enrollment of new members, in this way:
.. Send a NEW MEMBER page, giving data on the new member, to the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Russell Archives
.. Send the new member a Letter of Welcome, Member's Questionnaire, and BRS printed material (Newsletters, BR book-list, etc.)

Renewals: . Send a renewal request to each member as the membership year expires.
 . Include, with it, a request for a contribution.

Record-keeping: . MEMBERSHIP LIST. List the members in the order they enroll.
 Give each member a number. Identify the ad which they answered.
 . RENEWAL LIST. List the members who renew, in the order they renew.
 . EX-MEMBER LIST. List the members who did not renew.
 . MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT, to President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Russell Archives:
 ..List members who have renewed during the month.
 ..List members who became ex-members at the end of the month.
 ..Give changes of address of members.
 ..Give number of current members (= total of membership list less ex-members)
 .. Give number of inquiries and enrollments during the month.
 . CONTRIBUTIONS LIST. List contributions received from members, for future mention in the Newsletter

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Philosophers' Committee

At the present time, the chief function of the Philosophers' Committee is the organization of the meeting of our Society that is held with the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.

More generally, this Committee is devoted to improving communications among those working on Russell's philosophy. The Russell Interchange, recently started, is one attempt in this direction.

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Universal Human Rights Committee

This Committee is a reflection of Russell's lifelong interest and work in the area of human rights and civil liberties, and the realization that for many members this aspect of Russell's life is a primary concern. More concretely, its purpose is to connect the Society to the growing international approach to human rights as being international instead of nationalistic. The Committee will inform the members and also engage in practical work in line with this aim.

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Chairpersons of the above committees are: Awards Committee, none. (Description by Lee Eisler.). Information Committee, Lee Eisler. Membership Committee, Carol Mull & Lee Eisler, Co-Chairpersons. Philosophers' Committee, Ed Hopkins. Universal Human Rights Committee, Bob Davis.

Lee Eisler adds: "Although the Information and Membership Committee can be viewed as a single committee, I view it as 2 committees, with the Membership Committee being a subdivision of the Information Committee."

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No conformity-requirement. We have said elsewhere that the only requirement for membership in the BRS is an interest in BR.

That does not mean agreeing with everything BR ever wrote.

BR himself did not always agree with everything he had written.

He changed his mind whenever he felt he had good reason to.

And he disliked it when he was treated as an object of reverence.

We think that's the proper attitude to have toward BR and his ideas. They are not sacred.

Accordingly, we have members who presumably do not accept all of BR's ideas and positions. They belong to organizations professing beliefs that BR did not share. Some belong to churches. One is a member of a Roman Catholic religious order (Dominicans.) Another is a Rosicrucian.

We don't think the BRS will be harmed by accepting non-conformity. On the contrary, we think it's a source of strength. We like having members who think for themselves.

NEWSLETTER MATTERS

(48) This issue is early. This issue of the Newsletter, dated April 1976, is actually being issued in February, for the reason given in NL9-10.

(49) Newsletter date shift. Future Newsletters will be dated February, May, August, November. This shift — to one month later than last year's issues — will permit each issue to carry the Treasurer's Report of the preceding calendar quarter. This will provide a more up-to-date picture of our financial situation than we have been having.

MISCELLANEOUS

(50) Advertising by members. BOB DAVIS suggests that some members might want to run the little BRS ad on their own, in their own campus newspapers or in other local publications. This is the ad:

BERTRAND RUSSELL SOCIETY. New. Information: (your address, or your name and address, goes here.)

If someone responds to the ad, forward the response to CAROL MULL, P.O. Box 11133, Indianapolis, In. 46201. Include this information: name and date of the publication in which you ran your ad, and your name. Carol will send an Information Packet to the Inquirer.

ABOUT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- (51) Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation. In NI6-46, we printed a letter from the Foundation stating their need for money, and asking for contributions and ideas. We have since learned more about the Foundation, with the result that our present attitude toward them is, tentatively, one of coolness. We are continuing to gether additional information about them, and have accumulated a considerable amount of correspondence. Any member who wishes to may examine our files on the Foundation.
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