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CONFERENCE FOLLOW UP

We have recently held a very successful conference on Coercion, Justice and Democracy at Washington University, St. Louis last weekend. We now have some very important business to transact.

1. **Nominations.** We need to elect a new **Vice President**, who will become President after our conference in 2008. We also need to elect two **At-Large members** of the Executive Committee.

This is a call for nominations for both positions. Please submit your nominations to me no later than **Wednesday, November 22**.

A final election will be held by email ballot of all AMINTAPHIL members after the Nominations Committee has narrowed down the nominations to two candidates for Vice President and four candidates for At Large Executive Committee positions.

2. **Location.** We need to select conference venues for both our 2008 and 2010 conference. We have had expressions of interest from two places. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of hosting one of the next two AMINTAPHIL conference, please let me know by **Wednesday, Nov. 22**. The final decision will be made through an email vote of the entire AMINTAPHIL membership

3. **Topics.** We need to determine a topic for our next conference in 2008. A number of suggestions were put forward at the Business meeting last Sunday. Here is the list of ideas put forward:

- Alternatives to Democracy
- Privacy
- Free Speech in a Diverse World
- The End(s) of Group Identity
- Anarchism
- Environmental Justice
- Political Ecology and Sustainability
- Humanitarian Intervention
- Humor and Politics

Popular Culture
 Marriage
 Politics and Culture

The floor is open for further suggestions, modifications, agglomerations, etc. Please submit your suggestions to me by **Wednesday, Nov 22**,

The Executive Committee will consider all suggestions, narrow them down to a reasonable number, and then, as with nominations and location, the final decision will be made by email ballot.

4. Quantity of Papers. There much discussion at the Business motivated by the very large number of papers (which attendees were expected to read). It was agreed that every paper should contain an abstract. Length limits were suggested: 5000 words (about twenty pages) for Principal papers; 2,500 (ten pages) words for commentaries. Papers should be double-spaced. Another idea was that those who do not submit their principal papers by the deadline should be required to write a commentary instead; or that all late papers should be grouped together in one session (towards the end); or that late papers should be noted but not discussed. If you would like to add to this conversation, please let me know. We will have a revised set of rules in place for the next conference.

5. Volume. Unless I hear otherwise from you, we will assume that all who submitted papers or commentaries are willing to have their submission considered for publication of the volume that will come out of this conference. As you recall AMINTAPHIL volumes are not lengthy conference proceedings. They aspire to be a coherent volume on a particular topic. That means that papers are judged not only for quality but on their relevance to the volume theme.

If you wish to have a revised paper considered for the volume, please send me the revision no later than **December 15, 2006**. Papers should be no longer than 5,000 words. Commentaries will be considered but will have a greater chance of selection if they can be turned into a principal paper. .

Discussions regarding the editor(s) for the new volume are in process. In the meantime please send any revised papers or queries to me.

6. New Publication. I am pleased to announce that publication of the volume from our 2004 conference. The title is *Intervention, Terror and Torture: Contemporary Challenge to Just War Theory* . The editor is Steven Lee. All members of AMINTAPHIL who are current on their dues are entitled to a copy. Conference participants received theirs at the conference. Others will receive theirs by mail. The volume is published by Springer.

AMINTAPHIL is paying Springer \$30 per copy. The list price is \$74.95. As I read the contract, AMINTAPHIL members will be able to buy additional copies at a 1/3 price. Information on how to do this is forthcoming. There are plans for a paperback in about a year.

I want to thank Steve for all the efforts he expended in putting together his handsome and timely volume. I also wan to thank Tim Seller, Publications Committee Chair, for overseeing this process and for his work with Steve.

7. Conference Kudos. I want to express great thanks to Larry May and Marilyn Friedman, our hosts at Washington University, St. Louis. The conference hotel was excellent—comfortable and convenient. We were provided ample treats and coffee during our meetings, enough to keep everyone awake for the duration. Special thanks to the Philosophy Department for sponsoring our reception. Larry's presidential speech at the banquet revealed closely kept secrets about the differences between lawyers and philosophers. Confidentiality was not demanded so we are free to reveal these secrets to the world.

I also want to thank the program committee for taking a diverse set of papers and putting them together for a coherent program. Thank for David Reidy, the Chair, and to Deirdre Golash, Bill Nelson and Kok-Chor Tan.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Larry May moved from President to Past-President (and remains on the Executive Committee). Carol Gould has succeeded him a President. I have greatly enjoyed working with Larry in his dual roles of President and conference host. I am looking forward to working with Carol. I am thankful that we do not have Donald Rumsfeld on our Executive Committee! He is looking for a job but we do not have one.

8. IVR. The next IVR World Congress is in Krakow, Poland, August 1 – 6, 2007. The conference theme is Law and Legal Cultures in the 21st Century: Diversity and Unity. You can find detailed information at <http://www.law.uj.edu.pl/ivr2007/>.

I urge you to attend. Members can submit papers for the working groups. These papers will be accepted for discussion and you can obtain a letter confirming this acceptance to assist in finding financial assistance to attend the Congress.

The official IVR web site can be found at <http://ivr2003.net/bologna/>