

**AMINTAPHIL: AMERICAN SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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DECISIONS, DECISIONS

AMINTAPHIL members need to elect a new Vice President and two at-large members of the Executive Committee; decide on the venue of our next two conferences; and narrow down the possible topics for the next conference. The last two pages of this newsletter contains a ballot on all three issues.. Please vote on the ballot and return it to me by email by Friday, January 26. My email address is Bruce.Landesman@philosophy.utah.edu.

This Rapporteur summaries of the 2006 conference sessions are now available. Since they are long, I am sending them as a separate file. This newsletter also contains information about the AMINTAPHIL volumes, dues, and the IVR conference in Krakow in August, 2007.

ELECTIONS

VICE PRESIDENT: The vice President will succeed the current President after the 2008 conference. According to our Constitution, the Nominations committee submits two nominations. After extensive discussion and consultations it has nominated Burt Leiser and Wade Robison

AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: According to our Constitution, the Nominations committee submits four nominations, two of whom are elected. After extensive discussion and consultations it has nominated Deirdre Golash, Bill Nelson, George Rainbolt, Jonathan Schonscheck.

VENUE

At the Business meeting in St. Louis we agreed to decide on venues for our next two conferences, in 2008 and 2010. We have offers from two places: Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY (local host: Wade Robison)

Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA (local host: Sally Scholz)

The ballot below gives you the option of deciding to hold the conference at one of these places in 2008 and the other in 2010; or to accept one of these places for 2008 but leave 2010 open for now.

TOPICS

There was extensive discussion of topics at the Business Meeting. The following were suggested:

- 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

Since the meeting we have had the following suggestions: Animals, the Environment, and Justice (as a substitute for Environmental Justice), Methodology.

In the ballot below you will be asked to rank your top six choices. The results will be submitted to the Executive Committee which will try to make sense of them and come up with the perfect topic, supported by greatest number.

There were suggestions at the business meeting that our last topic (Coercion, Justice and Democracy) was too broad and we would do better to have a somewhat narrower topic. There are pros and cons to broadness and narrowness. A broader topic interests more people but makes it harder to end up with a set of related papers. A narrower topic permits more focus but will leave more people out. The Executive Committee will find the 'golden mean' between these extremes for our next topic.

There were many other discussions at the business meeting about how conference organization (papers should have abstracts, limits, there should be stricter deadlines, etc.) These will come up in future newsletters. Stay tuned.

NEWS

2004 Conference Volume. The volume from our 2004 conference, *Intervention, Terror and Torture: Contemporary Challenge to Just War Theory*, edited by Steven Lee, has been published. This is the first volume of our five volume contract with Springer

Those who attended the conference in St. Louis were able to pick up their copy of the book. Springer will be sending copies to the rest of the membership. Those who are fully paid up on their 2005 – 06 dues (\$30) should receive their copy soon or may have received it by now. I will shortly be

contacting those behind on their 2005 – 06 dues, so that they can also receive their copy of the volume from Springer.

2006 Volume. David Reidy and Walter Riker have been appointed editors of the volume to come out of the recent conference. They will work under the supervision of Tim Sellers, the general series editor.

All papers and commentaries submitted to that conference will be considered. The volume will not be a set of conference proceedings but a set of related papers that reflect several of the themes of the conference. Acceptance is based not only on quality, but on how the paper fits the volume's overall design. If you have any questions about the next volume, please contact David Reidy at dreidy@utk.edu.

'Rapports'. As noted above, the rapporteurs' summaries of the conference sessions are now available. They are attached as a separate file, entitled <Nletter #4 Supp.doc>. They will soon appear on the AMINTAPHIL web page.

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/>.

The congress involves Plenary Sessions, Special Workshops, and Working Groups. The deadline for submission of an abstract for a Working Group session is June 15, 2007. Abstracts received before May 15, 2007 will be published in the conference material. The web site contains an abstract submission form.

The deadlines for submission of papers or abstracts for Special Workshops vary. See the web site at http://www.law.uj.edu.pl/ivr2007/special_workshops.php. Papers/abstracts should be sent to the Special Workshop coordinator who is listed on the web site.

I urge you to attend. All AMINTAPHIL members are automatically members of the IVR. If your paper is accepted, you will be able to obtain a confirmation letter, which may be useful in helping you receive financial assistance for attending the Congress. Papers presented at the congress will be eligible for publication in the IVR journal, *Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie* (ARSP).

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

AMINTAPHIL Web Site. The AMINTAPHIL web site has not been up-dated since the St. Louis conference, due partly to my procrastination and partly to the fact that our web-master is on temporary leave to care for her new baby. The site will soon be up-dated with recent news. The papers from the 2006 conference will remain on the site for a few more months.

The site is at <http://www.philosophy.utah.edu/AMINTAPHIL/>.

Dues. Dues (\$30) for the 2007 – 07 academic year are now due. \$15 of your dues are allocated to pay for each member's receiving the conference volumes.

Dues notices have not yet been sent, but will be sent soon. If you wish to send your dues now, please feel free to send them to me at Bruce.Landesman@philosophy.utah.edu.

BALLOT

Please vote on the following three items and send your ballot to me **by email** no later than Friday, January 26, 2007. Send to Bruce.Landesman@philosophy.utah.edu.

I. ELECTIONS

A. AMINTAPHIL VICE PRESIDENT (AND PRESIDENT-ELECT)

Vote for ONE.

_____ Burt Leiser

_____ Wade Robison

B. AT LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vote for TWO, ranking your choices.

_____ Deirdre Golash

_____ Bill Nelson

_____ George Rainbolt

_____ Jonathan Schonsheck

II. VENUE

Please vote for ONE of the following four options:

_____ 2008 Rochester Institute of Technology
2010 Villanova University

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2010 Rochester Institute of Technology

_____ 2008 Rochester Institute of Technology
2010 Leave Open for Now

_____ 2008 Villanova University
2010 Leave Open for Now

III. TOPICS

Please vote for six of these, ranking them in order 1 – 6.

- _____ Alternatives to Democracy
- _____ Privacy
- _____ Free Speech in a Diverse World
- _____ The End(s) of Group Identity
- _____ Anarchism
- _____ Animals, the Environment, and Justice
- _____ Political Ecology and Sustainability
- _____ Humanitarian Intervention
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- _____ Methodology.