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This newsletter covers three items: current dues; our recent elections; and the upcoming IVR Congress. Please read it carefully.

**I. DUES**

It has been AMINTAPHIL practice in the past to send dues notices in the mail. I would like to see if we can do this by e-mail. Thus I hereby announce that **\$30 dues for 2006 – 07 are now due**. I would appreciate it if you could send me your dues as soon as possible to the following address:

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I am sorry that we do not yet have a way for you to pay dues by credit card. We are working on this, but the University here does not yet have an efficient system set up for groups like us. I am hopeful we will have credit card payment for dues, registration etc. in the very near future.

In the middle of 2005 – 06 we raised dues from \$15 to \$30. That was done in order to enable every member to receive the Springer-published volumes from AMINTAPHIL conferences. We pay Springer \$30 for each volume, which we raise in dues over a two year cycle.

Some members paid only \$15 for 2005 – 06 and need to pay the second half. It has been my intention to contact those members directly but I have not yet done so. If you think you might be one of those, you can submit \$45 and be even. If you send \$45, but in fact you paid \$30 for 05 – 06, we will simply credit your account for next year. If you would like to know what you do or do not owe, feel free to send me an email.

The first Springer volume, *Intervention, Terrorism and Torture: Contemporary Challenges to Just War Theory*, edited by Steve Lee, has been published. Those who attended the St. Louis conference received a copy. In addition, Springer has been asked to send copies to an additional list of members who have paid their full \$30 dues for 2005 – 06. Books will be sent to the remaining members when their additional \$15 is received. Again please feel free to send me an email if you would like to know whether or not you are up to date. The book, by the way, is an excellent anthology, and we understand from Springer that it has been selling well.

## II. ELECTIONS

The ballots have been counted. Here are the results.

### A. Vice-President (and President-Elect): Wade Robison

It was a very close election between Wade and Burt Leiser. I would like to congratulate Wade on his election and thank Burt for his willingness to serve.

### B. Executive Committee Members at Large: Deirdre Golash and Bill Nelson

Congratulations to Deirdre and Bill. I want to thank Jonathan Schonscheck and George Rainbolt for their willingness to serve. Deirdre and Bill will replace Joan McGregor and Helen Stacy, current at-large members. I appreciate the very helpful service that Joan and Helen have given.

### C. Venue: 2008 Villanova, 2010 Rochester Institute of Technology

We had a complicated vote between Villanova (to be hosted by Sally Scholz) and RIT (to be hosted by Wade Robison). Both venues were acceptable to the large majority of members. The only question was which for 2008, which for 2010. After extensive discussion with the Executive Committee members and with Wade and Sally, we have decided on Villanova first, RIT second. My thanks to Sally and Wade for being willing to host our conferences.

We typically meet in the fall, usually in October. Our last conference conflicted with several other meetings. We will soon be trying to figure out the best dates for the 2008 conference. If you are a member of a group whose conferences you typically attend, and you know it will be meeting in October or November, 2008, please let me know as soon as you can, so we can avoid conflicts.

### D. Topic: Free Speech in a Diverse World

Again the voting was close. Free Speech won the ranked vote and had the highest number of members including it in their rankings. The other topics that received high votes were Humanitarian Intervention, Privacy, the End(s) of Group Identity, and Alternatives to Democracy.

At our Business meeting in St. Louis, some argued that the conference topic, Coercion, Justice and Democracy was too broad and produced too many different kinds of papers. Many agreed that we should have a more narrowly drawn topic that will lead to greater coherence. We need to find a happy medium, a topic broad enough to interest enough members to attend, but not so broad as to lead incoherence. Consider “Free

Speech in a Diverse World”. If you think it too broad or narrow, please let me know. Also please let me know if you have any suggestions for improving its formulation.

At the Business Meeting it was also suggested that those who are uninclined to write on the topic but are still interested in attending should consider writing a commentary. I think there is nothing wrong with having fewer principal papers and more commentaries. So if you do not vibrate to the topic, please consider a commentary. Surely among the principal papers you can find something you disagree with, which you must correct for the record!

At the Business meeting we also discussed paper length, deadlines, and the need for an abstract. Stay tuned for more on this in the future.

### **III. IVR WORLD CONGRESS**

The 2007 IVR World Congress meets in Krakow, Poland from August 1 – 6. The conference theme is Law and Legal Cultures in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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. If you are not already involved in a plenary session or special workshop, you can submit an abstract for a Working Group session. The deadline 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.

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 at <http://www.philosophy.utah.edu/AMINTAPHIL/> has not been up-dated since the conference in St. Louis. I want to apologize for this. Our Executive Secretary, Jessica Miller, has done an excellent job on the site but she has been on temporary leave since December to have a baby. We expect her back soon. We will get the page up-to-date soon.