

REPORT FROM PSS BOARD

MERCEDES B. CONCEPCION

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The months of August, September, and October 1971 saw a lot of action in the Philippine Sociological Society. Aside from the PSR's coming steadily up to date, we wish also to report on several meetings, preparations for the 1972 elections, amendments to the PSS By-laws, and norms for manuscripts submitted to the PSR.

Meetings and Election Preparations

At a Board meeting held August 11, 1971, the Secretary (M.B. Concepcion) was instructed to send out several special notices to PSS members, which she did under date of September 10. Among the items included in her five-page communication were a description of how PSS Board Members were elected, the preparations underway for the upcoming elections, instructions for PSS members in this regard, related proposed amendments to the By-laws, and the announcement of a special meeting to be held October 23, 1971.

Along with most Philippine corporations, the PSS elects its officers through a two-step process. First the members of the Society elect Board Members (seven in number) and these in turn meet to elect officers from among themselves — a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. We have added a preliminary third step to this procedure by allowing members to elect by written ballot those members whose names will appear on the election ballot. What the Secretary requested of PSS members in her communication of September 10 was that they fill out a new information sheet about themselves and any candidates for membership

they cared to propose and send these back to her (with payment of the 1971 dues if this had not yet been done). Paid-up regular members in good standing, numbering about 80, were listed in a nomination ballot mailed out early in November. Each member is entitled to check off seven of the names, submitting his ballot before November 30, 1971. Depending on the clustering of the nominations, between 12 and 16 names will then be re-submitted to members to allow them to vote in the elections presently scheduled for January 30, 1972.

Related to the 1972 elections are several amendments to the PSS By-laws. Since the entire By-laws are published in this issue of PSR in their amended form, I shall merely mention in brief the amendments that were approved at the special meeting on October 23. The first changed Art. I, Sect. 5, to conform to a change already legitimately made by the Board of Directors; namely, changing the dues of regular and student members to ₱20.00 and ₱16.00, respectively. The second change was in Art. I, Sect. 1.3, eliminating all categories of distinguished special members except benefactor-members. This brought the By-laws into conformity with our experience since 1953, when the By-laws were written.

The most important change recorded in the By-laws was in Art. III, Sect. 1. From now on, or at least after the 1972 elections, all directors will be elected for a period of two years and not one. However, somewhat as in the case of the Philippine Senate, only some of the directors will be replaced in the annual elections. The reader is referred to Art. III, Sect. 1 where

this arrangement is explained in full. A final change was made in Art. III, Sect. 1, where changes in wording were made so that this section would be in conformity with Art. VI, Sect. 2.

At the meeting held October 23 at the Ateneo de Manila School of Business, 15 officers and members of the Society met, where their votes, added to those ballots that had come in by mail prior to that date, totaled 31 in all. By the provisions of our By-laws (Art. V, Sect. 3, and Art. IX, Sect. 1), a quorum was present and the amendments were carried by vote of 30-1.

As this issue of the PSR goes to press, we are awaiting the nominating votes of members who have been sent a list of those who are eligible for election to the Board of Directors in 1972. A list of all PSS members (regular and student) as of November 1971 will be found in PSR 19(3-4).

The PSR's New Home

Although many readers of the PSR are aware of it, the Board wishes nonetheless to announce that they have accepted the offer of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ateneo de Manila, to take formal responsibility of the PSR for *three years* beginning July 1971. Hence the PSR now has a *home* (the Ateneo's

soc-anthro offices, third floor of Bellarmine Hall, Loyola Heights campus, Quezon City). The current Business Manager of the Society is Virginia Alvarez-Miralao, an instructor in the department who is paid one-fourth time by the Ateneo for this service. The Assistant Business Manager from July 1 to November 15 was Veronica Roco-Villavicencio, whose half-time services were paid by the PSS.

It is largely because of Rica Villavicencio and Jean Miralao that the PSR has all but completely straightened out its files and correspondence. However, since Rica had agreed to give us only this emergency assistance, she asked that she be allowed to return to the completion of her sociology thesis. She does so with the Board's gratitude for services that went far beyond what might reasonably have been expected for the small compensation she received for them. Assisting Jean Miralao from this date forward will be the Central Subscription Service of the Philippine Social Science Council, described above under News and Recent Developments.

This report from the PSS Board includes as well the PSS By-laws, and the norms for PSR manuscripts which were mentioned above. They are published under separate headings elsewhere in this issue of the PSR.