



The Goethe Society  
of North America

## GOETHE NEWS AND NOTES

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### Business Meeting:

The annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, 28 December 1986, 1:45-3:00, in the Consulate Room of the Sheraton Hotel, New York, after the lecture "The Old and the New Testament of Werther" (30 mins.) by John F. Fetzer, University of California, Davis. Presiding: Géza von Molnár, Northwestern University.

The business meeting of the Goethe Society of North America will conclude the program.

### AGENDA:

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| 1. Approval of the Minutes of the 1985 Meeting | Ehrhard Bahr                                 |
| 2. President's Report                          | Victor Lange                                 |
| 3. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer           | Meredith Lee                                 |
| 4. Report on the <u>Goethe Yearbook</u>        | Thomas P. Saine                              |
| 5. Discussion of the By-Laws                   | Gerhard Weiss<br>Jim Hardin<br>Peter Boerner |
| 6. GSNA Mailing Lists for GSNA Members         | Meredith Lee                                 |
| 7. Programs of Future Meetings                 | Ehrhard Bahr                                 |
| 8. New Business                                |  |

Associated Meeting of the GSNA at the MLA Convention in New York on Saturday, 27 December 1986:

72. NEW APPROACHES TO GOETHE'S POETRY

9:00-10:15 PM, Diplomat Room, Sheraton Hotel, New York.

Presiding: Christoph E. Schweitzer, Univ. of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill

1. "The Appropriation of Folk Poetry by the Young Goethe," David E. Wellbery, Stanford University
2. "The Myth of the Poet in Goethe's Harzreise im Winter," Cyrus Hamlin, Yale University
3. "The Circulation of Signs in the West-östlicher Divan," Ingrid Stipa, St. Lawrence University.

Respondent: Jane K. Brown, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Associated Meeting of the GSNA at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (ASECS) in Cincinnati, Ohio, 23-26 April 1987:

The topic of the seminar will be "Goethe's Debt to British Empiricism," Karl J. Fink, St. Olaf College, presiding. The program will be announced in the next newsletter.

New Review Editor of the Goethe Yearbook:

Jane K. Brown, English Department, University of Colorado, Boulder, has succeeded Hans R. Vaaget, Smith College, as review editor of the Goethe Yearbook. Please direct correspondence regarding the review section of the Yearbook to her address.

Other Goethe Conferences:

Goethezeit: Utopianism and Responsibility: An International Symposium, 23-25 October 1986, German Department, State University of New York at Albany. Participants include Eva D. Becker, Barbara Becker-Cantarino, Klaus Berghahn, Gabrielle Bersier, Dieter Borchmeyer, Marianne Henn, Rolf-Peter Janz, Wulf Koepke, Helmut Koopmann,

Robert S. Leventhal, Dennis F. Mahoney, Wilfried Malsch, Peter Michelsen, Günter Niggel, Gerhard Sauder, Eberhard Scheiffele, Hans-Jürgen Schings, Friedrich Strack, Ferdinand van Ingen, W. Daniel Wilson, Wolfgang Wittkowski, Rolf Christian Zimmermann.

Goethe in Italy, 1786-1986: A Bi-Centennial Symposium, 14-16 November 1986, University of California, Santa Barbara. This symposium will investigate the following topics: Goethe's Italian Journey as a Work of Art; its European Context; Goethe's Rebirth as a Poetic Genius; his Discoveries as a Natural Scientist; Goethe the Artist in Italy; Mignon in Music; Goethe's Canon of Contemporary Italian Literature. Participants include Frederick Amrine, Jane K. Brown, Lilian Furst, Gerhart Hoffmeister, Victor Lange, Thomas Pelzel, Henry Remak, János Riesz, Steven P. Scher, and Gerhard Schulz.

The Age of Goethe Today: Critical Reexamination and Literary Reflection: Sixth Symposium on Literature and the Arts, University of Houston, 4-8 March 1987. For information write to Theodore G. Gish or Gertrud B. Pickar, Department of German, University of Houston, University Park, Houston, Texas 77004.

Goethe in Italy and the Origins of Classicist Ideology, NEMLA April 1987 Convention. For information write to Denis M. Sweet, Department of Foreign Languages, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

Faust Through Four Centuries, 15-18 October 1987, Department of Germanic Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington. The following speakers are expected: Frank Baron, Manfred Beller, Klaus Berghahn, Eric Blackall, Dieter Borchmeyer, Jane K. Brown, Douglas Cole, Francoise Forster-Hahn, Arthur Henkel, Hans Henning, Naoji Kimura, Harry Levin, Katharina Mommsen, Christoph Perels, Edith Potter, Veronica Richel, Erwin Rosenthal, Richard Schade, Hans-Jürgen Schings, Gerald Strauss, Denis M. Sweet, Ian Watt, Ulrich Weisstein. For information write to Faust Conference Committee, Department of Germanic Studies, Ballantine Hall 644, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47405.

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting - 1985

The annual business meeting of the Goethe Society of North America was held on Saturday, 28 December 1985, 4:00 p.m. in the Illinois Room of the Marriott Hotel in Chicago. President Victor Lange presided.

The minutes of the 1984 meeting were approved as read. The Board of Directors was confirmed for 1986 by acclamation.

The membership voted unanimously on a motion to have the Board of Directors confirmed for a period of three years after 1985. The confirmation of the Board of Directors is to coincide with the elections of the officers of the Society, as soon as the new by-laws are approved.

President Victor Lange reported on the activities of the Goethe Society over the past few years. The Society has been recognized as a viable organisation by various institutions in the United States and abroad. However, there is no reason for complacency, because the membership is still relatively small. The new English Goethe edition, published by Suhrkamp in Boston, may provide new interest in Goethe in the United States.

The Treasurer's Report was received and approved by acclamation. Yearbook editor Thomas P. Saine reported on the publication of Goethe Yearbook 3 and requested manuscripts for volume 4.

Gerhard Weiss, chair of the ad-hoc committee appointed to review the by-laws, reviewed some of the suggested changes and distributed a draft revision. The following discussion showed that the membership supports the recommendation of a simple slate of candidates, and not two (2) candidates running for each office. This slate is to be nominated by a nominations committee, appointed by the president. Otherwise, the projected by-laws of the Society proved to be troublesome in some areas which require further clarification. It was decided that the business meeting is not the best place to rewrite the by-laws and that this issue be presented for final discussion at the business meeting in 1986, before the by-laws are sent out for final approval to all member.

Clark S. Muenzer, chair of the associated meeting of Goethe Society at the MLA Convention in Chicago, announced the titles of papers of the session on December 29, 1985. It was agreed again that the two chairs of the GSNA sessions at the 1985 MLA, Gloria Flaherty and Clark S. Muenzer, would identify chairs for the 1986 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Announcement: Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University offers Visiting Fellowships to support visiting scholars pursuing post-doctoral or equivalent research in its German literature collection: Baroque, Goethe, Thomas Mann, Broch. Applications should be mailed to The Director, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Box 1603A Yale Station, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-1603.