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# NEWSLETTER

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## Results of the Council Elections

Since the Third Annual Business Meeting of the Society in Toronto could not achieve a quorum last November, the meeting elected a Nominating Committee to hold the elections by mail balloting. The results of that election have been announced by the Nominating Committee as follows:

### Members of the Society's Council for 1970

Amin Banani, Professor of History, University of California at Los Angeles  
Ali Banuazizi, Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Southern California  
James Bill, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Texas  
Richard Cottam, Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh  
Manouchehr Parvin, Assistant Professor of Economics, Hunter College  
Roger Savory, Professor of History, University of Toronto  
Majid Tehranian, Associate Professor of Political Science, New College

### Alternate Members

Nikkie Keddie, Associate Professor of History, University of California at Los Angeles  
Farhad Kazemi, doctoral candidate in Political Science, University of Michigan

The new council has elected the following as its executive officers:

Ali Banuazizi, Editor of Iranian Studies  
Majid Tehranian, Secretary-Treasurer

### Annual Business Meeting

The Society's Fourth Annual Business Meeting will be held at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on November 6 or 7, 1970, concurrently with the Fourth Annual Business Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA).

The new Council is proposing that the election of the Council for 1971 be held by mail prior to our Annual Business Meeting. The values of this arrangement are several: in view of the overlap in our membership with MESA this should be the most convenient time for all; if the Business Meeting fails to achieve a quorum, decisions could be made by the old and the new Councils in consultation with an informal meeting of the members present; and finally, responsibilities could be more easily transferred from the old to the new Council at this time.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

To make the above procedure possible, the Council is proposing the following amendment to the Constitution:

Article VI, Section I. The seven members of the Council shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members of the Society through mail balloting prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Council from among its own members. The President shall be chosen from among the Society's members to serve for no more than one year at a time, and to act as the ex-officio chairman of the Council.

The Article, as it now stands, reads as follows:

Article VI, Section I. The seven members of the Council shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members of the Society attending the Annual Business Meeting, a quorum being present. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Council from among its own members.

In order to act on this as soon as possible, the Council has decided to put it to a vote through the mail. Would you kindly send in your vote in the enclosed ballot? It takes a two-thirds majority of the Society's membership for the amendment to pass. We urge you therefore to send in your vote today!

New Membership Categories

The Council has established, effective immediately, the following new membership categories:

Student Membership	\$5
Family Membership	5
Full Membership	10
Supporting Membership	25
Life Membership	150

Roster of the Society's Members

The Council has also authorized the publication of a Roster of the Society's Members. Since we should like to include the latest possible information about you, please complete the enclosed form and send it to us immediately.

### The American Institute of Iranian Studies

Twenty American colleges, universities and museums joined together in 1967 to form an American Institute of Iranian Studies. The Institute runs a Center in Tehran, publishes a newsletter, and generally facilitates the work of American scholars in Iran. The present facilities of the Center include an office, living room, dining room, temporary accommodations for four scholars and rooms for the Executive Secretary and his family. Individual pre-doctoral scholars from member institutions will have precedence in the hostel but other scholars will be welcome when there is room. For further information, write to Mr. William M. Sumner, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 11-1885, Tehran, Iran. Telephone: 43639.

### The British Institute of Persian Studies

The British Institute, opened in Tehran in 1961, was established to promote a broad range of Iranian studies through archeological excavations, fellowships, lectures and publications. Its facilities include a library and a hostel. For further information, write to Mr. David Stronach, the Director, P.O. Box 2617, Tehran, Iran.

### Secretary's Visit to Iran

Since the Society's secretary is planning a visit to Iran this summer he would appreciate any ideas or suggestions you may have about the extension of the Society's work there. The Society has been actively exploring the possibilities for closer cooperation with several educational institutions in Iran that share our concerns. We hope to have some results by the end of the summer.

### News of the Members' Activities

One of the important aims of this Newsletter is to keep us all informed of the professional activities of the Society's members. Please let us know of your recent activities, research projects and publications in the enclosed form.

Constitutional Amendment

I vote yea \_\_\_\_\_, nay \_\_\_\_\_ on the Council's proposed Constitutional Amendment to Article VI, Section I.

Comments:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Roster of the Society's Members

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Present Occupation(Title) and Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: Full \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Background \_\_\_\_\_

Current Area(s) of Research or Specialization \_\_\_\_\_

Publications(add additional pages if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Research and Activities

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Title and Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Research Project \_\_\_\_\_

Status: In Progress \_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Publication date \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Publications \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Appointments and Professional Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any paper that you would like to present at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Society at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, November 6-7, 1970? If so, please give the title and a short description.