

CONVENTION NOTES

Just a brief letter to announce that the meeting on Native American Literature will be held on December 28, 1973, during the MA Convention in Chicago, Listed as Seminar 95, it will meet from 2:30 to 3:45 PM in PDR 11 (in the Palmer House). Convention rules require that reservations be made for participation--so those of you who are planning to attend the convention and the seminar will want to send in your names at the following address:

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(Normally the seminar leader--who will be Randall Ackley, of course--would handle reservations. But when I spoke to him late in August he wasn't sure where he was going to be this year, so we thought it best for me to take care of the correspondence. Randall's latest address, by the way, was 5415 Clarewood, 4423/Houston, Texas 77036; though he thought that he might be at Navajo Community College this fall).

In talking over plans for our meeting, Randall and I thought it would be helpful if everyone expecting to attend would spend some time beforehand considering what kind of a format would be best. Since we have only a brief period of time allowed us for the formal meeting, we probably should use it as economically as possible. Would you send your suggestions to me? If I receive enough, I will organize them, type them up, and distribute them to ASAIL members late in November. You might want to include comments on what you've been doing, what you hope ASAIL can do in the future, and so forth. Also, specific points of information regarding your publications (or those of others which you've found useful)--pedagogical and aesthetic notes--general theories or particular insights--anything you'd like to bring before the group--all this in the end will help in giving direction to our meeting. And it will also let each of us know more about the interests and perspectives of other members.

If enough members seem interested in the idea, it should be possible to arrange some kind of a lunch for ASAIL--by either reserving a room somewhere, or simply heading off in modest groups to different restaurants. There are some problems (tactical and financial) in arranging such things through the Convention Office, so we probably should keep it as informal as possible.

For those of you in the Midwest, one program note:

At the MMLA Convention (Nov. 1-3, Conrad Hilton, Chicago), there will be a seminar on American Indian Literature and Culture (Friday, Nov. 2, 1:00-2:30 PM, Private Dining Room #2). For information on the Convention, write to Gerald Bruns, Exec. Secretary, MMLA, English Department, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 52242; on the seminar itself, write to Jack W. Marken, Chairman, English Department, South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D. 57006. (If you have similar information about other meetings of interest, please let me know so I can put announcements in future newsletters.)

Wayne Franklin
Secretary
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PS. Please let me know of address changes. And when your reservations for the MA Convention are confirmed, send me your Hotel so we can keep in touch in Chicago.