The Tibet Society

MINUTES

The Tibet Society's
Annual Membership Meeting
March 22, 1985

Salon 4, Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 22, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Christopher I. Beckwith. Twenty members were in attendance. Robert G. Service was appointed secretary for the meeting and Denys Voaden was asked to count the ballots cast in the Board of Directors election. It was announced that copies of the 1984 annual meeting minutes were available for inspection.

Dr. Beckwith gave a summary report on the financial status of the Society showing a cash balance of some $2,748.00 in the checking account. He explained that the major expense of the Society was the publication of the Journal.

In his capacity as editor, Dr. Beckwith gave the publications report. Volume 3 of the Journal is in blue line stage and work has begun on Volume 4. It is hoped that it will be ready during the autumn. Dr. Beckwith noted that Volume 3 contains several book reviews. The Society still hopes to publish G.N. Roerich’s Tibetan Language and Vostrikov’s Tibetan Historical Literature when funds become available.

In a brief overview of activities during 1984, Dr. Beckwith noted that the Society joined with the Tibetan Cultural Center in Bloomington to hold Losar celebrations and sponsor a talk by John Avedon, author of In Exile From The Land Of Snows. The Society continues to gain international recognition. In the future the proceedings from Bloomington’s Csoma de Köröš conference will be published by the Tibet Society. There are 322 members, of whom 88 (27%) live abroad, and 139 institutional members.

In the discussion which followed, Professor Norbu questioned whether a dues increase might not be necessary to help offset publication costs. Dr. Gombojab Hangin suggested that increasing membership might be a better way to obtain more revenue. It was suggested that the Society might exchange advertisements with such periodicals as Tibetan Review and the Vajradhatu Sun. Dr. Beckwith responded that while there was a policy against ads in the Journal, they are carried in the Newsletter. Further ideas for increasing the visibility of the Society
with an aim to gaining new members were activities in conjunction with the Asia Society and targeting the Tibetan community.

Following this discussion, Dr. Voaden announced that Christopher I. Beckwith, Elliot Sperling and Alex Wayman had been elected to the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Robert G. Service
Secretary pro tempore

The Tibet Society, Inc.
FINANCIAL REPORT
January – December, 1984

Balance (Dec. 31, 1984) ............................... $ 2,748.14
Deposits ................................................ 5,355.85
The Mac Arthur Foundation ......................... 5,000.00
Interest: Checking Account ......................... 290.46
Certificate of Deposit ................................ 233.20
Savings Account #1 .................................. 752.34
Savings Account #2 .................................. 1,978.94
Special Account ...................................... 1,376.97
Total .................................................. $17,735.90

Expenditures
Bank Expenses ......................................... $ 37.25
Books ............................................... 56.03
Donations: Transfer ................................. 340.00
KTD Monastery ..................................... 10.00
Filing Fee – Secretary of State ....................... 10.00
Office Supplies ..................................... 89.45
Postal ........................................... 635.43
Postal Box Rent .................................. 53.00
Printing: Maxi ..................................... 691.96
Journal ............................................ 3,542.80
T.S. Brochure ..................................... 67.75
Misc ............................................. 71.20
2 Certificate of Deposit ............................. 4,000.00
Total Expenses .................................... $ 9,604.87

Balance in Checking (Dec. 31, 1985) ............... $ 8,131.03

Note: Beginning March 1, 1985 all Monroe County Bank accounts were combined and deposited in the Bloomington National Bank.
The Journal of the Tibet Society is a scholarly periodical devoted to all areas of research on Tibet and regions influenced by Tibetan culture, including the arts, astronomy, geography, history, linguistics, medicine, philosophy, religion, the social sciences, and other subjects. Publication in the Journal is open to scholars of all countries. The languages of the Journal are English, French, German, and Tibetan. The editor welcomes the submission of articles, brief communications, and books for review, which deal with Tibet or the Tibetan cultural realm.

Tibetan may be transliterated by contributors in accordance with any of the standard scientific transliteration systems generally accepted. The following rules must be observed, however:

1) Absolute consistency must be maintained, except when quoting previous writers’ works, in which case the system found in the quoted original must be retained in the quotation.

2) If any capitalization is necessary, only the first letter of any word may be capitalized, e.g. Dpal-lidan, and not d’pal-lidan, the exception being that in words beginning (in transliteration) with a non-alphabetic diacritical mark—such as the apostrophe—the following letter is to be capitalized, e.g. Jam-dpal.

3) The type font currently available to us includes the following diacritical marks and special letters: ’ ” ’ - ’ n ç. (A complete Greek font is also available.) It is therefore desirable for all transliteration, whatever the system, to restrict itself accordingly.

Transcription of other commonly used languages with non-Latin scripts is to be done according to the following systems:

Arabic: b t h j (or ġ) ḥ kh d dh r z s sh s d ŋ g i f q k l m n h w y.

The article should always be transcribed al- (or Al-), and diphthongs should employ u and y (instead of u and i) as second elements.

Chinese: The Wade-Giles system.


Mongol: The system found in N. Poppe, Grammar of Written Mongolian, Wiesbaden, 1954.

Russian: a b v g d e zh z i y k l m n o p r t u l k ts ch sh shch ’ i é y u ya.

Sanskrit: The system adopted by the 10th International Congress of Orientalists (Geneva, 1894).

Manuscripts should be typed on white bond paper, double-spaced, with wide margins on all sides. Notes must also be typed double-spaced, consecutively numbered, on a separate page or pages at the end of the manuscripts (not at the bottom of the page). Please submit a neat, finished manuscript. The original copy should be submitted. Authors must retain at least one copy of their manuscript. It is necessary that all errors be corrected on the galleys, which should be returned immediately.

All quoted passages of Tibetan more than a few words in length must be noted in the article text with a number (such as a line-reference to the original source) in square brackets—e.g.: [8,1]—and then written or typed out in Tibetan print-style script (dsbucam) on a separate page or pages. These passages will be printed in Tibetan at the end of the article. In other words, the original Tibetan of long quoted passages will not appear in transliteration in the body or notes of an article, but will appear in Tibetan script alone, at the end of the article. (For examples, please see the articles by H. Ueuch and A. Wayman in Volume I. The same method is to be followed for citations of Chinese words or of Japanese words containing ideograms, which unless very well known should generally be provided. For an example, please see the article by J. Kolmaš in Volume I. For certain kinds of studies, this procedure may not be feasible, in which case exceptions might be made.)