The Tibet Society

MINUTES

21st Annual Membership Meeting of the Tibet Society, Inc.
March 26, 1988, 8:00 p.m.
San Francisco Hilton & Towers, San Francisco, California

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Professor Elliot Sperling. Twenty-seven members were present. Kathleen Connors was appointed secretary for the meeting, and a ballot committee was named to count ballots for the Board of Directors election. Ballots were counted during the meeting, with Prof. Christopher Beckwith, Prof. Elliot Sperling, and Prof. Alex Wayman being elected as the new Board of Directors.

Minutes from the 1987 Tibet Society meeting in Boston were read and accepted by those in attendance by a voice vote.

Professor Sperling, as editor of The Journal of the Tibet Society, announced that the 1985 edition had been published, and expressed regret that further publications of the Journal had been temporarily delayed due to printing problems. He also stated that Silver on Lapis, a volume of Tibetan Studies papers presented in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Csoma de Koros was published and is available.

In reading the treasurer's report, Professor Sperling outlined 1987 expenses and balances, with the balance on hand as of December, 1987, $9145.84, as reported in the Society's annual Financial Report. The Financial Report was accepted by the attending membership.

Prof. Sperling described the Tibet Society's 1987 special activities in commemoration of its 20th anniversary, highlighted by the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Bloomington, Indiana in September. The Tibet Society hosted a banquet for His Holiness, the evening of his arrival. On the following day, His Holiness consecrated the Chorten at the Tibetan Cultural Center and addressed an overflow crowd at the Indiana University Auditorium.

Professor Norbu reported that paying membership numbered approximately 300, with 1,000 newsletters sent to subscribers.

Professor Sperling called for questions on old or new business. Professor John Huntington announced a new Tibetan script font he had designed for Macintosh computer was now available. Samples of the script were shown, and a short discussion ensued on computer systems and Tibetan fonts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Connors
Tibet Society, Inc.
FINANCIAL REPORT
January – December, 1988

Balance 12-31-87 ................................................................. $ 945.84
Investment checking interest ............................................. 235.78
Certificate of deposit interest ............................................. 281.77
Membership ........................................................................ 2,395.00
Library Subscriptions .......................................................... 420.00
Sales: Books, Journals, Bulletin, etc .................................. 1,052.00
Ad Bulletin ........................................................................... 75.00
Donations ............................................................................. 17.00
Sponsorship ....................................................................... 357.00
Repayments ......................................................................... 1,000.00
C.D. ..................................................................................... 4,000.00
Tibetan Relief ...................................................................... 221.28
MacArthur Foundation ....................................................... $2,000.00
TOTAL ................................................................................ $13,000.67

EXPENSES:
Postage ............................................................................... $1,035.39
Sponsorship ........................................................................ 357.00
Printing ................................................................................ 7,268.13
Post Office Box Fee ............................................................ 72.00
Office Supplies .................................................................... 77.48
Payroll ................................................................................ 500.00
Refund .................................................................................. 100.00
Petty Cash ........................................................................... 150.00
Bob Royer (C.P.A.) .............................................................. 185.00
Uralic and Altaic Research Incentive (I.U.) ....................... 1,833.22
Tibet Society #29-340-82 Continuation of Operating account 700.00
Advertising .......................................................................... 40.00
TOTAL ................................................................................ $12,318.22

Balance as of December 31, 1988 ......................................... $ 682.45
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-ldan, and not d’pal-ladan, 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: ’”‘”‘ . ‘’ . ‘ , . ‘. (A complete Greek font is also available.) It is therefore desirable for all translation, 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: ë b ù t h ë j (or g) ë h ë k ë d ë h ë r ë z ë s ë s ë d ë t ë z ë g ë f ë q ë k ë l ë m ë n ë h ë w ë y.

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

Chinese: The Wade-Giles or Pinyin systems.


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

Russian: a b v g d e z h i y k l m n o p r s t u f k h ts ch sh ch ’ i ’ e y u.

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 can 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 a Tibetan print-style script (tibchan) 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 such passages will not appear in translation 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 H. Uebech and A. Wayman in Volume 1. The same method is to be followed for citations of Chinese words or Japanese words containing ideograms, which unless very well known should generally be provided. For example, please see the article by J. Kolmas in Volume 1. For certain kinds of studies, this procedure may not be feasible, in which case exceptions might be made.