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APPA Directors Renew Their Service Lou Marinoff Re-Appointed President

(New York) The APPA Board of Directors had its annual meeting in New York on May 20, in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting held the next day. The Directors' terms were expiring, and all agreed to serve new three-year terms. This is good news for APPA. These four are among America's most experienced but also busiest practitioners.

Vaughana Feary, Michael Grosso and Pierre Grimes asked Lou Marinoff to serve another term as President, and so to continue implementing the Board's vision and the Association's mission. Lou is incredibly active on many fronts but agreed to serve another 3-year term.

In 2002-05, the APPA sustained its model of steady growth, nationally and internationally, and maintained its reputation as the leading organization for philosophical practice. With the Board's renewed governance, Lou's leadership, and an increasingly active membership, the APPA will continue to grow, and to develop new opportunities, in 2005-08.

Journal Launched, All Systems "Go" "Five Year Plan" Comes to Fruition

(Oxford/New York) The APPA's Journal, *Philosophical Practice*, published by Taylor & Francis, was launched in New York on May 20-21, 2005. The Journal was first envisioned by APPA Directors in 2000. This inaugural issue represents the actualization of that vision, and the product of a lot of teamwork during many phases of preparation.



Michael Grosso, Reviews Editor; **Janet Remington**, Publisher; **Greg Goode**, Managing Editor, **Ruth Kastner**, Letters Editor; **Lou Marinoff**, Editor-in-Chief



APPA Board of Directors, 2005-2008
Michael Grosso, Vaughana Feary, Lou Marinoff, Pierre Grimes

APPA members comprise most of the Journal's National and International Editorial Boards. The membership as a whole contributed most of the letters, and all the articles and book reviews to this first issue. The membership has also responded enthusiastically to our publisher's generous offer of discounted subscriptions to APPA members.

The Journal's next challenges are: to cultivate an influx of submissions – letters, articles, reviews – and to build both individual and institutional (e.g. library) subscription lists.

Annual General Meeting New York, May 21, 2005

The Association's AGM was held at Columbia University's Faculty House. More than two dozen members attended, from coast to coast.

In the first session, Lou Marinoff introduced the Directors, reported on the association's current status and new goals, and invited other speakers to report on specific projects. This was followed by an open dialogue.

Then Janet Remington, Publisher at Taylor & Francis, officially launched our Journal. She also read a warm message from Richard Steele, Managing Director of Taylor & Francis.

Michael Mott, Affiliate Member and Professor of Education at Purdue, reported on APPA's work with *Nueva Escuela*. Founded by Vicky Colbert, a former Education Minister for Colombia, *Nueva Escuela* operates 20,000 schools in Latin America and the developing world. Vicky invited APPA to help develop Philosophy for Children for *Nueva Escuela*. Professor Mott chairs the joint committee.

Pierre Grimes Conducts Workshop

In the second session, Pierre Grimes treated everyone to a one-hour workshop on Philosophical Midwifery. Pierre is the leading exponent of this method, which draws into consciousness false or obstructive self-conceptions – “pathologos” – that people absorb unwittingly during their formative years. Pierre helps his clients to dispell them, and thus to lead more meaningful lives. Pierre is one of America's first philosophical practitioners. His work was endorsed by Alan Watts. Pierre's website is www.openingmind.com



Pierre Grimes
An Original Philosophical Practitioner

Tributes to Two Dear Associates: Vaughana Feary and Mick Walsh

During the annual dinner, and on behalf of the Association, Lou paid tribute to two dear friends who have served APPA since its inception: Vaughana Feary, and Mick Walsh.



Vaughana Feary, Mick Walsh, Lou Marinoff

Vaughana Feary is one of the USA's most distinguished Philosophical Practitioners. She's a favorite in international circles too, where she is renowned for her diplomacy.

Vaughana taught Philosophy at Fairleigh Dickinson University in NJ and was founding Director of the Excalibur Center for Applied Ethics. She has served as President of the ASPCP and is a founding Director of the APPA. Vaughana has pioneered philosophy for incarcerated juveniles, and for cancer patients.

Vaughana has kindly agreed to continue serving as a Director, until we can replace her. This works to APPA's benefit because she is irreplaceable.

Mick Walsh began her “career” with APPA in 1999 and helps us weekly, rain or shine, when not travelling the world. She manages the memberships and the database, and edits the newsletter, too.

Mick has taught high school Biology and Marine Science in New Jersey and has done extensive research for the National Marine Fisheries Service, among other things. She has just been accepted into a Ph.D. Program in Zoology at the University of New Hampshire. We wish her much success.

Mick will continue helping APPA as Membership Manager.

Dialogue Not Dogma Philosophy Abets C-100 Search for Common Values

(Davos) The World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos attracted more than 40 heads of state in 2005, as well as global business and cultural leaders. Behind the glitz, private sessions make or break the global agenda every year.

The C-100, short for Council of 100 Religious Leaders, is co-chaired by Lord Carey of Clifton, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and Prince Turki al Faisal of Saudi Arabia. Its members include leading figures of the Abrahamic faiths – Judaism, Christianity, Islam. It met privately in Davos in 2005.

The C-100 invited Lou Marinoff to facilitate a dialogue on "Balancing Growth and Equity in the Global Economy." Dr. Youssuf Boutros Ghali, Finance Minister of Egypt; Debra Dunn, Senior VP of Hewlett Packard; Jan Petersen, Foreign Affairs Minister of Norway; and Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, were among the panelists.

The official summary is at www.weforum.org/pdf/C-100/Summary_Discourse_Common_Values_Davos_2005.pdf

APPA Volunteers Serve with Distinction

Entering its 7th year of operations, the APPA is still a small Association, but is growing in members and complexity. APPA's website welcomes more than 4,500 visitors per month, heavy traffic for an association of philosophers. The majority of visitors seek to consult with a practitioner.

The demand for programs for Affiliates and other members is growing too. APPA is fortunate that two more volunteers will help us grow: Andrea Messineo and Jeanette Morris.

Andrea is APPA's Communications Manager, and can be reached at Andrea.Messineo@appa.edu. Anyone who communicates with Andrea will appreciate her verbal skills.

Jeanette Morris is APPA's Program Coordinator, and can be reached at Jeanette.Morris@appa.edu. Jeanette coordinated our Annual General Meeting, and did a great job.

Chris Johns will continue serving as the Moderator of the APPA Forum, our members-only discussion list.

APPA seeks a **Journalist** for the newsletter, a **Webmaster**, and a **Manager** for an online Philosophy Shop. Interested? Email admin@appa.edu

Sicilian Visionary Palermo PC Pioneer: Salvatore Geraci

(Palermo) Salvo Geraci is a philosopher, author, advisor to the Sicilian government, APPA-Certified Counselor, and founder of the Paideia School for Philosophical Counseling. He envisions Sicily at the center of a Mediterranean revival in philosophical practice, and furthered his vision this February 2005 with the launch of Paideia in Palermo's City Hall.



Lou Marinoff, Salvatore Geraci, J. Michael Russell
Genoa, 2004

www.paideia-studietici.com/index.html

Two days of events featured panels of practitioners, academics, politicians and civil servants. Students, members of the public, and journalists filled the Hall. The program was packed with presentations and discussions of philosophical practice, and its implications for Sicily and the region.



Salvo Geraci, Saverio Romano, Lou Marinoff
launching Paideia in Palermo's City Hall

The event was favorably covered by local Sicilian and national Italian media. The most prominent politician to attend was Saverio Romano, Deputy Minister of Labor in the Berlusconi government. The Tunisian Ambassador also attended. APPA President Marinoff was the guest of honor, and was profiled in Rome on RAI, Italian national television. His popular books are bestsellers in Italy.

SGI Hosts APPA Program in NYC Attracts Philosophers from Americas, Asia, Europe

(New York) As philosophical counseling gains popularity around the world, philosophers internationally are looking to APPA's Certificate as a valuable professional credential.

The upcoming 3-day program in Manhattan, to be held this August 12-14, has attracted participating philosophers from Argentina, Canada, France, Greece, Hong Kong, and USA.

The program will be hosted by SGI's New York Culture Center. Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is an organization of Nichiren Buddhists with millions of members world-wide, led by President Daisaku Ikeda, a great visionary.



Soka Gakkai International's New York Culture Center

APPA and SGI maintain close ties. SGI means "Society for Value Creation." In 2003 the APPA Directors commended Daisaku Ikeda for his outstanding contributions to rational discourse and the betterment of the human estate.

Emerson and Thoreau appear to have been influenced by Buddhism, especially *The Lotus Sutra* – the heart of Nichiren's legacy. John Dewey and SGI founder Tsunaseburo Makiguchi also share key educational values.



(Tokyo) SGI President Ikeda Hosts APPA President Marinoff

Soka's Educational System Spans K-University




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