

Announcements

As institutional membership in ASIANetwork has grown so has the number of faculty and administrative members on our mailing list, which now has almost 1,000 people. Each newsletter costs well over \$1.00 to print and mail, and the cost of this and other mailings is becoming an increasing financial burden for a consortium that relies heavily upon institutional dues to sustain itself, but which consciously keeps those dues as low as possible, to encourage institutional participation.

The Board of Directors has asked that I announce that beginning with the 2000-2001 academic year, the Executive Office will be asked to monitor more carefully the number of individuals receiving mailings at each institution. The current guideline allows five faculty or administrators from each member college/institution to receive all mailings as a part of their membership benefits. Most colleges have been following the current guideline, but a few institutions have faculty lists two to three times that number.

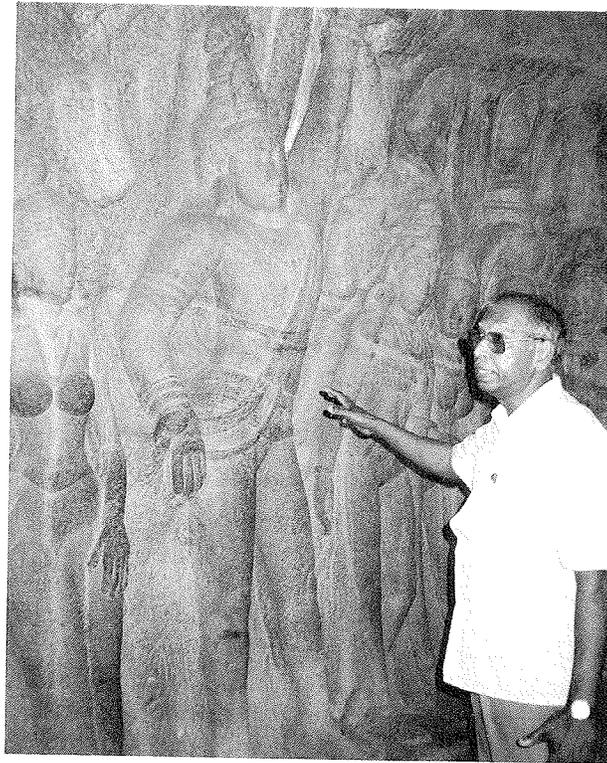
The new guideline will allow six members on each college or institutional list to receive all mailings as a regular benefit of institutional memberships. Those institutions who wish to have mailings sent to more than six faculty or administrators will be assessed an additional \$10.00 per individual, which will be used to cover printing and mailing costs. This new policy will help the consortium conserve its limited resources, and live within its tight budget.

Next fall a dues remittance form will be sent to each institutional representative which will identify the individuals at his/her institution currently on the ASIANetwork mailing list. If the number falls short of six, the institutional representative will be encouraged to increase to six the number of faculty or administrators on the list. If the number exceeds six individuals, the institution will be given the opportunity to identify the six members of their institution to receive mailings or to present an additional \$10.00 to ASIANetwork for each person beyond six that it desires to receive mailings.

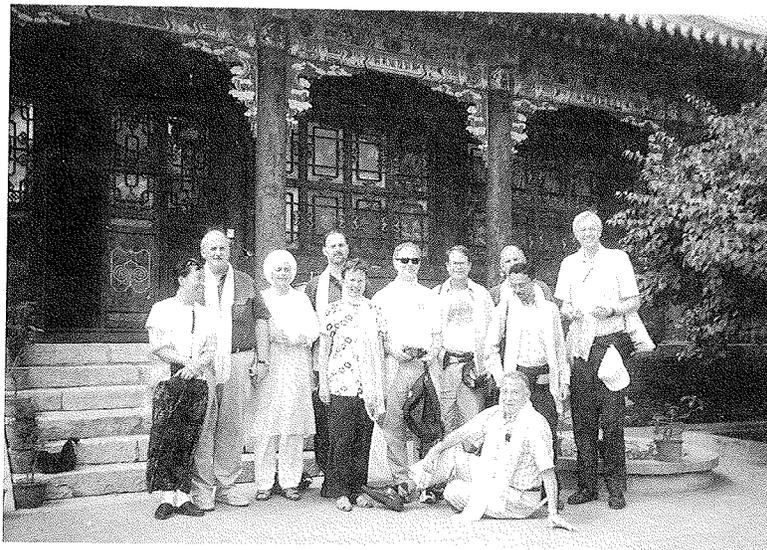
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ASIANetwork Exchange on the Web

The Board of Directors has recently reached a conclusion on the question of what if any of the *ASIANetwork Exchange* should appear on the ASIANetwork web site (www.ASIANetwork.org). The Board felt that some portion of the *ASIANetwork Exchange* should appear to inform potential members of one of the important benefits of membership. Concerns were also raised that if too much of the *ASIANetwork Exchange* appears on the web site, members would lose a significant membership privilege. It was therefore decided that the *Table of Contents* and *From the Executive Director* column of each issue will be placed on the web site at the time of publication. In addition, the Board has approved posting all articles on the web site one year after publication in the *ASIANetwork Exchange*.



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**Ford Foundation China Seminar group at Xilituzhao Temple, Huhhot, Inner Mongolia, PRC, summer 1998
l to r: Lang Hongyuan, Dick Bodman, Guru Rattan Khalsa, David Pasto, Linda Pickle,
David Goldblatt, Peter Scholl, Bob Tallitsch, Kaushik Bagchi, Chuck Hill,
Charles Almy (seated). Not pictured is Susan Dwyer-Shick.**