

II. The New or Inactive Ones:

A. The Illinois Association of Africanists

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B. The Michigan Organization of African Studies

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Newsletters: The African Studies Center and the above Network both have newsletters but no news of an organization newsletter.

C. Ohio Association of Africanists

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Newsletter planned but not received as yet.

D. Southern Atlantic States Association for Asian and African Studies

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(Unlike the other groups listed, this group is made up of institutional not individual members.)
Newsletter: *SASASAAS Review*
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LETTER

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Dear Jim:

In the ASA-LASA program, I acknowledged help from various people in program planning, but failed to acknowledge the help of the ASA Secretariat—which might be taken for granted, but ought not to be. This public letter is to remedy that failure.

You, in particular, steered me away from foolish projects and guarded by flanks against ill-considered actions. I took courage from your wit about matters I took too seriously.

I have to single out Claudia Bruce as well. Her tact, patience, and good will were wonderful. She and the others were always pleasant to work with.

Another point. Members of the Association should know that Wayne Cornelius, for a variety of reasons carried a heavier load in planning the whole program than I did, and deserved corresponding credit for any success the meeting had. (My own errors—and they were frequent—remain my own.)

Finally, a great many people have gone out of their way to say good things about the conference. To all, heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely yours,
Robert M. Wren
1977 ASA Program Director
University of Houston