

Association for Institutional
Thought - Activities 1980-1981

The Association for Institutional Thought (AFIT) was formally organized on April 29, 1979. Its purpose, as stated in its constitution "...shall be to encourage and foster the development of institutional thought in extension and modification of the contributions of Thorstein Veblen, John Dewey, Clarence Ayres, John Commons, Wesley Mitchell and others as a basis for inquiry into the interrelationships of society." There were 72 charter members. The officers for the first year were Marc R. Tool, President, David Hamilton, Vice President, James I. Sturgeon, Secretary-Treasurer. F. Gregory Hayden and Louis Junker are members of the Directing Board. J. Fagg Foster and W. Nelson Peach are Honorary Presidents and John Gams and Allan Gruchy are Honorary Sponsors.

The annual meetings are held in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association. In 1980 the meetings were in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the 1981 meetings are to be held on April 23-25 in San Diego, California.

The AFIT meetings consist of several organized sessions in which 3 or 4 papers are delivered and discussed. The Directing Board meeting and the business meeting are also held during the convention.

The Papers and Proceedings of the 1980 meeting are in the process of being published and will be available by April, 1981.

The association plans to continue publishing the Papers and Proceedings of the annual meetings. Also it has also established a

clearing house for unpublished material including papers, course notes and outlines, and bibliographies. The clearing house will begin operations in March 1981.

Discussions of a journal have taken place and the members are anxious to begin publication. However, due to financial limitation it may be another year before the Journal can be initiated.

The members look forward to a more rapid development of institutional thought in all parts of the world and encourage communication.

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