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President's Report

As is the fate of many similar organizations, SAAM's existence has frequently been a precarious one, subject to the vagaries of interest and availability, opportunity and resources. Even so, it has endured for many years, and in the process has proven its worth as both forum and catalyst for research and debate and for the circulation of ideas and information within and, more importantly, beyond the academic community. Indeed, the Society's greatest strength continues to be its role in bringing together people from various walks of life with the common goal of exchanging points of view and advocating solutions to the numerous and varied social problems that shape the contemporary scene. This is a worthy ambition which SAAM will do well to preserve as its primary raison d'être now and into the future.

Keeping to that purpose is a cooperative project, however, one that relies on like-minded people's willingness to make time for the Society and its meetings, to come forward with suggestions for talks and other activities, and to spread the word among colleagues and friends and others about what SAAM is and does and the benefits of getting involved. It is in this cooperative spirit that I agreed to succeed George Fulford as president for this year, and with luck, to follow his energetic lead in advancing a worthy collective purpose. To those who have continued to support SAAM over the years, thank you. And to those who share this sense of purpose, welcome.

Barnett Richling

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