

A NOTE FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

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My tenure as managing editor began in 1993 with our first special issue “War Among the Yugoslavs.” This is probably the last special issue in which I will be directly involved. I will be stepping down as editor of AEER after the Spring 2003 issue. After nine years, I feel it is time for the younger generation of area specialists to take the newsletter in the direction they feel best suits the research in the field. I have asked Barbara West from the University of the Pacific to take over the journal and she has accepted. I have also asked her to chair the East European Anthropology Group meeting at New Orleans as I will be leading the SUNTA business meeting in another part of the building. I will continue to serve the network by maintaining the website and article archive. For this year, continue to send subscription checks to me.

I hope you will help Barb and I to make the transition as smooth as possible. One way of doing so is to attend the East European Anthropology Group meeting at noon on the Friday of the AAA meetings and express your opinion about the direction the newsletter should take.

Barb is taking over at time when we are in the strongest financial position we’ve ever been in, and smallest subscription base since my tenure began. Last year, fewer than twelve people submitted dues. The issues she will face have less to do with financial viability of the newsletter in the short run than the survivability of the newsletter in the long-run. No one seems to want to subscribe anymore. I hope that you will support a full and frank exchange of views at the meeting in a few weeks.

Thank you for your support, your subscriptions and your submissions over the last decade. I look forward to the future of this publication and the new insights it’s pages will provide all of us.