

Henry George Institute

This year's HGI election produced the following results: Three Directors were reelected for a 3-year term. They were Mitchell Chanelis, C. Lois Jessop and Jack Schwartzman. Newly elected was E. Thomas Birmingham, President of the Incentive Taxation League-South Shore (Long Island). The rest of the Directors, continuing their terms, are: Nan Braman, Robert Clancy, George L. Collins, Steven B. Cord, Edward J. Dodson, Fred Foldvary, Joseph Jespersen and Sydney A. Mayers. Gilbert Herman serves as Secretary and Mark A. Sullivan as Deputy Secretary. Miss Jessop, continuing to serve as a Director, is retired from active service at the HGI office.

The 1989 Nominations Committee was elected as follows: For the Board, Robert Clancy and Sydney A. Mayers; non-Board, Richard Blansky, John Burger and Gilbert Herman.

This year, for the first time, the ballot was included as part of the Spring GJ rather than being a separate mailing. Understandably, there were fewer responses. If we can induce more members to vote via this method, it would be a great saving in time and expense.

The HGI is now at the new quarters at 121 East 30th Street, New York, owned by the Henry George School. It has been a difficult change, as the building is still undergoing extensive structural renovation and repairs. The former quarters at 5 East 44th Street was sold to a Japanese publishing firm (sign of the times). Much of our work has been delayed, and we hope in due time to be in touch with friends and members who have not heard from us.

Due to the unsuitability of the new quarters for meetings at the moment, the Henry George School held its June Board meeting at the former quarters, 5 East 44th Street. As for the HGI, it was able to hold its June Board meeting at the School quarters before that, at 50 East 69th Street. This building had been purchased by a group of doctors led by Dr. James W. Smith. On a recent look at the building, Mr. Clancy was cordially received by Dr. Smith and shown around. A remarkable job of conserving the beauty and quality of the building has been achieved, with modifications of course for medical purposes. The HGI was invited to hold its Board meeting there, and those who remembered the building when the School was there were duly impressed. Dr. Smith also showed us a 30-year old film he discovered in one of the closets. It showed the building of an apartment house in the neighborhood, from excavation to completion, filmed by Arleigh Chute and Robert Clancy.

Correspondence course graduate Hanno T. Beck, returning from a trip to Europe visited the new HGI quarters. We are pleased that he has resolved to devote himself to the Georgist cause in one way or another. Another recent visitor was C.C. graduate Alexander P. Matthews, an Indian from Bombay, working at a high-level job in the Nigerian government. (Both were students of Gilbert Herman.)

Our first C.C. graduate in Italy is Rosalia Palmieri of Orvieto (Neva Bianco, teacher), a young lady who is studying for an advanced degree and hopes to write here thesis on Henry George. She also plans to induce her friends to take the course. Another recent graduate is Panagiotis G. Nanopoulos of San Jose, California (Sydney A. Mayers, teacher). In response to the last question of the course based on Progress and Poverty - summarize and evaluate the course - instead of the usual paragraph or two, he submitted six typed pages with an in-depth review coordinating George's theory with modern economics, especially Paul Samuelson. We welcome this type of rapprochement which we have observed from time to time.