

A(N) (IMMODEST) PROPOSAL

That the Folklore Society of Greater Washington publish a POTOMAC FOLKLORE REVIEW, a quarterly with emphasis on good reviews of books and records in the field of folklore and folklife (and in fields closely related), the reviews to appear as soon as practicable after the publication of the records and books being reviewed;

That the POTOMAC FOLKLORE REVIEW replace (at a pre-planned time) the Society JOURNAL;

That the subscription rate for the POTOMAC FOLKLORE REVIEW be fixed by the Society's Executive Board, and that consideration be given to reduced subscription rates for members;

That the management of the POTOMAC FOLKLORE REVIEW be by an editorial board of three persons, appointed by the Publications Chairman with the advice and consent of the Society's Executive Board, the Publications Chairman being ex officio chairman of said editorial board;

That attempts for funding the POTOMAC FOLKLORE REVIEW be made to foundations and agencies other than the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

Remarks: The need for a "Folklore review" is even greater now that the Abstracts of Folklore Studies has dropped its "Bibliographical Notes" section. If a publication is printed offset and reviewers diligent in getting in their reviews, then reviews could be printed well in advance of the schedule met by the JAF. (It may be possible even at some time to obtain advance copies for review.)

With emphasis such as that of reviewing it may be easier to obtain funding and, incidentally, subscriptions. The establishment of an editorial board also may help in obtaining of outside (extra-Society) funding.

If this proposal is seriously considered, it may be well to revise the Society's By-Laws in some way to permit control of the review to remain in the same hands for more than one year.

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