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Institutional Member. The Board of Directors may admit as Institutional Members without the voting privilege academic or philanthropic institutions which meet such qualifications as may be established by the Board of Directors. Representatives of the Institution shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association and shall receive all publications of the Association.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

According to MESA's revised nominating procedures, candidates for the Nominating Committee were submitted to the membership by mail ballot. Those elected were: Barbara Aswad, Wayne State University; Edmund Burke, University of California at Santa Cruz; William Cleveland, Simon Fraser University; and Michael Suleiman, Kansas State University. The committee members will nominate two candidates for President-Elect and four candidates for the Board of Directors. The election for those offices will take place in the fall.

#### ANNUAL MEETING -- 1978

MESA's twelfth annual meeting will be held from November 8th through November 11th, 1978, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The February Bulletin included information for submitting abstracts for papers, and the deadline for submissions is May 15. Forms for the abstracts are available from the MESA Secretariat.

All submissions and inquiries regarding the 1978 program should be addressed to:

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF A WORKSHOP SYMPOSIUM:

The Program Chairman of the 1978 Annual Meeting of MESA is planning, contingent on funding, a simulation of the Arab-Israeli conflict to be played by computer conferencing across North America during the course of 1978-79. The project will be launched at a Simulation Workshop to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Thursday afternoon, November 9, 1978, within the framework of the Annual Meeting. Participants will be trained in computer conferencing techniques on Friday afternoon, November 10, and will be expected to devote two full weekends, one in early February 1979, and one in May, to playing two intensive diplomatic games. They will also be hooked up with one another via computer conferencing during the entire year (from November 1978 to November 1979) and will be expected to prepare final reports on their respective country team experiences and perceptions of possibilities of settlement of the conflict for presentation at a Simulation Workshop at the 1979 Annual Meeting of MESA (to be held at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City).