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SOCIETY OF ARMENIAN STUDIES ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Society of Armenian Studies, following its annual meeting in Washington, has elected new members of its Administrative Council. Prof. Ronald Suny was elected President of the Society, Dr. Kevork Bardakjian of Harvard as Treasurer, and Prof. John Greppin as Secretary. Members at large include Prof. Arpi Hamalian, Prof. Avedis Sanjian and Prof. Khachig Tölöyan. Prof. Gerard Libaridian continues as editor of the Society's Newsletter.

Among its many activities, the Society is currently exploring the possibility of preparing a textbook on Armenian history. Under the direction of Prof. Richard Hovannisian of UCLA, a founder of the Society, plans are being made to prepare a survey of Armenian history from the earliest period. Scholars generally agree that no satisfactory text exists, and further, that no single scholar is capable of writing creditably on all phases of Armenian history. For this reason, the proposed format of the textbook will include a series of approximately three dozen chapters authored by established specialists in particular areas. Prof. Hovannisian is also exploring the possibility of getting foundation support which will provide help in the various financial problems that always attend projects of this sort.

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The Society of Armenian Studies is composed of nearly 200 members in the U.S. Canada and Europe. Membership is generally open to all scholars who have an interest in Armenian Studies, and, to a lesser extent, to those who are not scholars, but who express an interest in the goals of the Society. Information regarding membership can be obtained by writing Prof. Greppin, Linguistics Program, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 USA. Dues are \$10 per annum which include a subscription to the thrice-yearly Newsletter.

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