

# Ad Hoc Committee Becomes Professional Assoc.

What started 12 weeks ago as an ad hoc committee at WMU has now developed into an Administrative Professional Association of 88 members and an elected group of officers and directors. In the Administrative Professional Association's (APA) first election Charles (Bud) Donnelly, of the University Standards and Procedures Office was chosen to preside over the Association's presidency. Chauncey Brinn, of Stu-

dent Financial Aids was elected as Vice-President and Al Laaksonen of the Off-Campus Housing Office elected Secretary and Don McNally of the Accounting Department as Treasurer. The newly elected seven-member Board of Directors include: Joe Parks, Student Activities, who will represent the Student Services Area; Joseph MacLean, Campus Bookstore, representing Financial Affairs; Troy Allen, Minority Student

Services, representing Institutional Services; Gary Belleville, Student Financial Aid who will represent Dr. Peter Ellis' area. The APA was formulated on campus to serve as a vehicle for communication. Laaksonen, one of the originators of the WMU APA, explained that there has long been a concern that the professional administrative staff member was not adequately represented. As the Faculty Senate represents the WMU teaching staff and the Student Senate represents the student body, the professional administrative staff had long remained unrepresented and as a result had remained silent in university policies, decisions, and affairs.

Western, however, will not be the only college campus to have such an organization present on its campus. Similar associations have been springing up on campus across the nation and have been established at MSU, CMU, and at Wayne State University.

Nation-wide committees are

currently working on drafting a constitution and by-laws for the organization. Preliminary statements on the organization's purposes, rights, and responsibilities, have already been drafted.

Though a newsletter is currently in the discussion stages, it might not appear for several months. Concurrently Donnelly, WMU's first president of APA, stated that their first item of business

would be to select a committee to work on a constitution. He indicated that the level of interest is extremely high and anticipated that the Association will be quite busy.



**NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS** of the Administrative Professional Association include: (clockwise from lower left) Marvin Winegar of the Student Financial Aid Office; Joe Parks from the Office of Student Activities; Treasurer Donald McNally; Secretary Albert W. Laaksonen;

President Bud Donnelly; Vice-President Chauncey Brinn; Joe MacLean from Financial Affairs; Public Relations Director Diane Del Pizzo; Robert Ethridge from Housing Programs; and Gary Belleville who represents Dr. Peter Ellis' area.

## Administrators At WMU Name Slate Of Officers

Charles Donnelly has been elected president of the newly formed Administrative Professional Association at Western Michigan University.

Other officers elected include Chauncey Brinn, vice president; Al Laaksonen, secretary; and Don McNally, treasurer. Board of directors elected were Joe Parks, Joseph MacLean, Troy Allen and Gary Belleville.

The APA, according to Laaksonen, was formed to provide a means of communications for administrators at Western. Both the students and faculty have had a means of voicing their collective voices, he said, through the student and faculty senates.

The APA, he said, is an attempt to provide administrators an equal chance to voice their concerns and ideas.

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# Administrative Personnel At Western Form Group

An organization of administrative personnel has been formed at Western Michigan University.

It is known as the WMU Administrative Professional Association.

The aims are to facilitate a higher standard of performance by the non-teaching administrative staff, and to make "a more positive contribution to the general welfare and objectives of the university."

Chauncy Brinn, student financial aid representative and acting president of the group, indicated that the association plans an election of permanent officers in March and will adopt a working constitution soon afterwards.

Western has some 200 staff members who are considered as "middle administration." There are more than 1,100 members of the teaching faculty, represented by the Faculty Senate.

Objectives of the administrative organization, according to a letter sent to prospective members, include:

1. To represent the interest and concert of those non-teaching professional staff who are

charged with the responsibility of conducting programs and providing services necessary for the orderly functioning of the university.

2. To serve as a medium for more effective communication with the upper level administration, faculty and students.

3. To foster the growth, recognition and advancement of its membership.

Additional objectives include a move to review and evaluate various non-academic services needed to complement the university's instructional program, establish a more effective means of communication between non-academic departments, develop a procedure for prior consultation on policy and budget matters affecting those departments, and establish and maintain equity in salaries for non-teaching administrative staff members.

In addition to Brinn, members of the fledgling organization's board of directors include:

Frank Bentz, scholarship office; Gary Belleville, financial aids; Lon Gerould, foreign student affairs; Norman Potter, housing office; All Laaksonen, off-campus housing advisor; Charles (Bud) Donnelly, standards and procedures office; Joe Parks, student activities; Duncan Clarkson, admissions; and Kenneth Dehring, admissions.

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**APA**

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**message**

The Administrative Professional Association will be giving recognition to its first annual state of the union message by its first elected President, Charles G. Donnelly at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 14, 1971 in Room 159 of the Student Union. The organization originated on January 12, 1971 when a group of middle administrators met to discuss a growing concern over the lack of recognition given to them during Western's tremendous growth process.

One of their first objectives was to establish a membership and channel of communication with the top administration. Today, the A.P.A. has a paid membership of over 100, a budget, a constitution, a slate of officers, a board of directors, a council of representatives, a committee system, and lots of enthusiasm to accomplish the task before them. The A.P.A. has been officially recognized by President Miller and will soon be introduced to the Board of Trustees.

To be eligible for membership, the Administrative Professional must be salaried, on a 26 pay period basis, and be of non-teaching status. All interested persons are invited to attend. Seating has been arranged so that a person may go through the cafeteria line and carry his/her tray to the meeting room. Coffee will be provided by the Administrative Professional Association.

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# Administrators Form Organization To Fill WMU Communication Gap

By MIKE LOBBESTAEL

Communication and Awareness are two aspects of the current educational revolution which have become extremely prominent. Evidence of this fact was presented on Wednesday in the Student Union by a group of Western Michigan's Administrators.

A new organization is in the progress of being formed on our campus. The title for this group of middle administrators is the Administrative Professional Association. There are currently 100 members in the organization, which is about 50 per cent of the expectation of Association President Bud Donnelly.

The main purposes of the organization are two-fold. First, these administrators feel that by establishing an organization they will be able to better their own special services to the university. Second, and related, by getting an organization of middle administrators, they will fill a current gap in the university communication system. Many of the current problems experienced by students in dealing with the university are basically a lack of communication between critical areas in the administration.

The area of communication also goes a little further. The people involved in the formation of the organization wish to improve their own knowledge of

what is happening in other departments. In the past, for example, a middle administrator did not know of any vacancies in the university until it was reported in the paper that someone had been hired from another campus. They feel that people on this campus should be aware of openings which do occur, and should have first crack at improving or changing their positions.

The meeting which took place yesterday was merely an organizational one. Types of committees were discussed, and the membership was asked by the executive board to choose one

of the committees to serve on. The fact that all of these people devoted their lunch hour to this meeting demonstrated some of the determination and desire which was present.

Some plans are being formulated for the future. As soon as a Constitution and By-Laws are finished, the Association will seek recognition from the Board of Trustees. They are also in contact with similiar organizations at Michigan State University and Oakland. With the willingness to work and top notch leadership that was displayed in this meeting their success appears in the very near future.



**CHAUNCY BRINN, President Bud Donnelly, and Al Laaksonen conduct Wednesday's meeting of the Administrative Professional Association.**