

editor's page

The Land-Grant Meeting—A Productive One

Land-grant meeting time is an important time of the year for Extension. You see old friends again, seek new ones, and with others, you have only the opportunity to say hello, but then they do read your name tag and know what you represent, thanks to the attention-catching *Journal* logo. It's an equally important time of the year for the *Journal*. The Board of Directors meet for their final 1978 get-together to conduct affairs vital to the *Journal*.

There was some nostalgia associated with this meeting. We said farewell to *Journal* stalwarts, Craig Oliver, Randy Barnett, and Gary Garey. The meeting was conducted by our new board president, Ann Thompson of Virginia, who has been hard at work in her new role since June.

For meeting openers, I was greatly encouraged by Barbara Schutz's financial report. I was elated with *Journal* involvement, reports of surveys taken, educational needs satisfied, *Journal* exhibits wanted, and in-service training requests given by our association representatives: Gil Whitton (NACAA), Jan Montgomery (NAEHE), Gary Garey (NAE4HA), and Ted Brevik (Epsilon Sigma Phi). I was pleased that our board members were also able to interact with the regional directors on *Journal* activities and progress.

New *Journal* business centered on: (1) preliminary searching for a new editor for the 1979-81 period, (2) discussing the forthcoming May/June theme issue on computers and their role in Extension, (3) extending greater visibility and involvement at regional and national association meetings, with plans already underway for a mini-exhibit at regional meetings and a larger prestigious exhibit for display at the 1979 association meetings, (4) building closer ties with state liaison representatives, and possibly obtaining a foreign Extension person to serve as the *Journal* European liaison, and (5) discussing the feasibility of soliciting a few selected writers to prepare articles on current major concerns affecting Extension's future.

The board also discussed a computer-managed instruction proposal. Since the proposal is still in the planning stages, it might be wise to report more fully on it in some future editorial.

It's a pleasure to welcome A. Ray Cavendar (Alabama), Robert Groves (Ohio), Edgar Reeves, Jr. (Maryland), and Anne Rideout (Connecticut) to the Board of Directors and Gale Arent (Michigan), John Gross (Missouri), Claud Marion (Maryland), and Marilyn Mozenter (New Jersey) to the Editorial Committee.

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