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The newsletter can only reflect the membership if the membership makes contributions. This newsletter should be a quarterly forum of news, "quicky" methods, helpful hints, critiques, employment news, etc. Instead, it is a semi-irregular biannual publication of a compilation of items tossed in by the recording secretary, added to by the President. Even though this newsletter is late and the last one was only one sheet, no members have complained! In a past issue, the former recording secretary claims to have offered a reward to the first person who wrote him. He never received a claim.

The President's letter or report has something to say that I hope you will call to the attention of your apathetic colleagues who have ignored the editorials to read the salary survey. There is also a proposed By-Law change in this issue. This change is being published now and again the spring, so the membership will be ready to vote in May.

If you have read this far, maybe you are interested in the CAC. Are you ready to contribute? Chuck Morton has suggested a change in the Newsletter. Instead of the Newsletter being the responsibility of only the Recording Secretary, he suggests a group of individuals should serve as a Newsletter Committee. Each one would have a separate section such as employment news; helpful hints; section meeting reports; personal news; philosophical views; etc. Responsibility for these sections could be shifted for each issue or on a yearly basis. If you feel that this suggestion has merit, please communicate with President John Davidson or President-elect Charles Morton by April. Perhaps this Newsletter can become a viable, meaningful organ.

FALL SEMINAR

The Fall 1975 Seminar is over. The Fresno Department of Justice Lab Staff is to be congratulated for an outstanding meeting. Bill Carlton did an excellent job as Chairman, coordinating and directing the various program managers in producing this Seminar. Future Seminar Chairman should look at the methodology used. A successful Seminar is no longer the work of one individual, but divided among several workers.

SPRING SEMINAR

J. Larry Ragle is the Seminar Chairman for the next Seminar. Program plans are under way, therefore, let Larry know now that you have a paper to present.

Costa Mesa Plaza Hotel
May 13-15 (Thursday - Saturday)

NEW MEMBERS

The Association added 25 new members at the Fall Seminar to bring the total to 225 members. Those persons have become members in one of the oldest forensic science professional associations in the U.S. I remember the May 1961 Seminar when I became a member. I was awed by the presence of those "names" in the field I was privileged to associate with, and I was so proud when it was announced that I was accepted. Did we "Old-timers" instill this same pride in these 25 persons or even in those several in attendance?

I suggest that all new members (and maybe you old-timers too) take a few minutes and read the First Article of the By-Laws which states the purposes of the Association. These are the ideals that the Association set forth over twenty years ago. The adherence to these goals has established the California Association of Criminalists as a highly respected body. There have been many changes in the remainder of the By-Laws (or Constitution prior to incorporation) but that section has remained essentially intact. By joining this Association you, too, have committed yourself to these goals.

What this all boils down to is that the Association is what you make it. For the past few years we have experienced a period of apathy. However, in the past few months various members have started on various Association projects that should re-establish the vitality of this organization. For these programs to succeed all of us need to participate. Then, next year maybe we can again instill pride of membership in the new applicants as well as ourselves.

BY-LAWS REVISION

The following By-Laws are recommended by the Board. The revision will clarify the By-Laws such that the long list of student affiliate members can be revised each year. At present, we are carrying student affiliates on the roster that have found full-time jobs in the field, changed fields, or flunked out. These revisions will be voted on at the next business meeting. (Underlined indicates changes)

ARTICLE II -- MEMBERS

SECTION 1: Membership in this Corporation shall be limited to persons who:

- b) are full time students pursuing a course of study towards a career in a forensic science, and have been elected to membership by a simple majority of the Board of Directors or three-fourths of the members present at a regular meeting of the corporation.

SECTION 2: There shall be five classes of membership in the Corporation.

- b) Provisional Members: All persons who were formerly provisional members of the predecessor unincorporated association, the California Association of Criminalists and all persons elected to membership other than as corresponding members, student affiliate members or life members, shall be classed as provisional members for not less than one year. A provisional member may be proposed for a class of member after one year.

SECTION 6: Termination of Membership

- f) Termination of Student Affiliates: A member may be expelled from membership following a showing that he no longer is full time student pursuing a course of study towards a career in a forensic science or has failed to participate in the activities of the Association. Termination of this class of membership can be by the vote of a majority of the Board Members or a three-fourths vote of the membership present at a regular business meeting.

POSITIONS WANTED

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