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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As you know, several months have passed since the NIA name change proposal was made at Herkimer N.Y.. The total membership has been polled in this regard, and although response has been relatively light, a 5 to 1 ratio has voted against the suggested change. Based on this, the Board of Directors have decided our organization name will remain the National Insulator Association with the recommendation that "antique" insulators be stressed in future show advertising to help increase attendance by the uninformed public.

NIA By-laws, Article II, Par. 4, provides that the Board of Directors by majority vote of approval may award Life Membership to any member for meritorious service to the NIA or the insulator collecting hobby- with no more than two per year to be awarded. Since the 'Family Membership' went into effect in 1979 (at \$6.00), and since its common knowledge that the recipient's spouse, through work, patience and cooperation, contributed to the partners receipt of the life membership, your Board has voted to extend full privileges, including voting, to all past and future recipient's spouses.

The Board has also approved the establishment of a Dr. Fred Griffin Memorial Award in memory and recognition of a truly fine gentleman and our first NIA President. This distinctive award will be given by the NIA at each national show for the most outstanding threadless display. This will give all of you threadless collectors an added incentive to try even harder!

The next 'Drip Points' will contain ballots for voting- not only for the offices of NIA President and Western VP, but also to important changes the Board is advocating. One is the re-aligning of the Western and Central regions with the proposal that Colorado

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and New Mexico be moved from the Central to the Western region. Reason is based on previous and present proposals of geographic consideration and the desire of members to be a part of the region with which they have been historically associated. The second change proposes that the length of office term of the President be extended from one year to two years, effective the election of 1982. Reason for this would be the continuity of office, the utilization of gained experience, and the economic benefits that would be derived.

I'm mentioning the above now to give all voting members a chance to study the proposals before the ballots arrive. Most important is the reminder that only current paid-up members are eligible to vote, so if you have not paid your dues- DO IT NOW!

Last but not least is the reminder that our mailings of 'Drip Points', membership cards, etc. go Third Class Mail and as such will not be forwarded by the Postal Service. Therefore it is imperative that you notify our Treasurer (Shirley Patocka) if you have moved, or you contemplate doing so.

Till next time, good luck in your collecting and I'll expect to see you all in Sacramento in July- it'll be a great show!

Pat Patocka  
NIA # 140

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FROM THE TREASURER

Howdy!

It's that time of year again! As of March 31st- dues were supposed to be paid! Renewals have been rolling in at a heart warming rate, but I'm still waiting to hear from quite a few of you.

Because postage is the NIA's BIG expense you will receive your membership cards enclosed with your 'Drip Points'. If you didn't get your "California Poppy Orange" (Wow) card this time, it is because (1) I received your renewal after we mailed this

It is important to renew right away because the next issue will have the ballots enclosed, and it will be sent out soon. Also remember that if you plan on coming to the National, Friday is NIA Day, and you must give me all your family's names living at the same address, because everyone - the kids too - have to show membership cards to get in. And besides, collecting insulators seems to naturally be a family thing, so why don't we get everybody into the act! Please don't wait until show time to do this, I sure don't want to get crushed in a mob at the front door- I might miss the whole show!

Hope to hear from you soon, and see you in Sacramento!

Shirley Patocka

NIA# 633

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FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN

Members,

Since the last National in 1980, I am pleased to report that 16 NIA ribbons have been mailed to class C sanctioned local shows. Ribbons have been sent to Ohio, Virginia, Texas, Nebraska, Connecticut, Kansas, Michigan, Illinois, Colorado, Pennsylvania, California (4), and Florida (3). At least 7 more will be sent out by show time of the 1981 National.

Unless someone steps forward soon, it begins to look like we may not have a Central or Eastern Regional show this year! C'mon- somebody out there! People that can't make it to the National show really count on these regional shows.

And on a different note- we need more porcelain insulator displays at the National. Don't be out-numbered again this year. Remember, every exhibitor comes home with a ribbon or trophy. See you there!

Marilyn Albers

NIA # 541

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Members,

Lot's of information on the NIA Convention- so here we go! First, I have news that as of Mid April 75 sales tables have been sold! There has been 29 display applications as of this writing of 'Drip Points'.

A show packet mailing has just been sent out to all those listed in the March Crown Jewels directory. When you receive your show information, read it over and send it in - P R O N T The show host needs the advanced reservations to help finance the shows advertising.

There has been a special large block of rooms set aside at the Hotel El Rancho for the convention, and we are encouragi everyone to stay at the El Rancho. There is a special three day package rate for anyone on Thur., Fri., and Sat., or on Fri. Sat., and Sun.- The package rate is \$79.00 single(one person), and \$99.00 double. If you need an extra day you can figure the normal rate of \$36.00 single, and \$42.00 double - per day. You can call the hotel direct at 916-371-6731, but make sure you ask for the special NIA Convention package.

The banquet on Saturday night will feature a choice of Beef Stroganoff or Baked spiced Chicken. The price will be \$10.00 per person, including tax and tip. Also please note that the display awards will be presented at the banquet. For furthe information contact the show host- Grant Salzman at 916-444-715 or write .....

"SUPERSHOW XII"

c/o Grant Salzman

P. C. Box 696

Sacramento, CA 95803

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I have word that the Colorful embroidered red blue and gold official NIA Member patches (cloth-3" diameter) are again available for \$2.00 each, including postage. Orders should be sent to Pat Patocka, whose address is listed on the inside cover. And for those "Charter Members" (through NIA#886) who neglected to get their charter member strip patch, a few are still available to purchase from....

Len Linscott  
3557 Nicklaus Dr.  
Titusville, FL 32780

Shortly I hope to be able to announce the availability of NIA windshield decals and bumper stickers which many of you have requested.

Finally, I want to again stress that it is to everyones advantage if you would make your plans early if you're going to be at the National. Please don't let our show host 'hang in the air' until July for your reservation. Send it to him NOW! Space is limited!

Hope to see all of you - my friends, at the National.

My best!  
Michael Bruner  
NIA # 1482

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FROM THE HISTCRIAN

Dear NIA Members,

Alan Rodgers had reported the history of the NIA up through the 7th National which was in the summer issue of 'Drip Points' in 1977 - Vol. 4, No. 4.

THE EIGHTH NATIONAL

The Lakeland Florida Civic Center was the site of the NIA's 8th annual Convention and Show and Sale. Eager collectors began

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arriving on Wednesday to settle at the Hilton Inn, which was designated as the NIA's host hotel. The preparation that was made by the show hosts, Len and Jackie Linscott, and Bob Alexander, was very evident.

On opening day collectors from all parts of the U.S. and Canada were busy buying, selling, and trading insulators and related items. The NIA General Membership meeting was held on Friday night. The following officers for the coming year were announced- President; John McDougald; Eastern Region Vice-President; Alan Rodgers. Appointed were: Carol McDougald, Treasurer; Rick Jones, Information Director; and Jim White; Executive Director. After the business meeting collectors gathered at the show hosts hospitality room for drinks and insulator talk, lasting until the early hours of the morning.

Saturday was busy, and climaxed with a buffet banquet at the Hilton Inn. Life Memberships were awarded to Dr. Fred Griffin, Dennis McHenry, Ray Bryan, Bill Dreggors, and Ernest Rostock. The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Gerald and Esta Brown.

Sunday saw collectors making the final decisions of what to buy, and the final good-by's were said with the thought of next years National in everyones mind.

#### THE NINTH NATIONAL

The ninth NIA Show and Sale was held in Reno, Nevada on July 21, 22 and 23rd 1978. Keith and Ann Ornbau, with the assistance of Don and Dora Earned and Bill and Karen Galloway, staged the show in the new Reno Centennial Coliseum.

Friday set the pace of the show, with threaded and threadless glass changing hands by the treasure trove. The NIA General Meeting was held in a room at the Convention Center on Friday just after the close of the day's show. New officers were announced with Len Linscott taking over the Presidents duties. Pat Patocka was elected as Western region Vice-President

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Saturday morning the Board of Directors met and took positive action on the issue of NIA Members only being allowed to sell and display at the National Shows.

The evening brought a delightful banquet at the Nugget Convention Center in Sparks. Jack Tod was presented the NIA Outstanding Service Award.

Things slowed down a bit on Sunday- perhaps due to all the great nightlife that was to be had in the Reno area. However- selling was still brisk right to the end , and many a collector took home new treasures.

In a future issue of 'Drip Points' I will continue with the history of the NIA's 10th and 11th Nationals. If you have anything you would like to contribute, send it to me at the address shown on the inside cover.

Thanks-

Carolyn Theese  
NIA # 1590

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### NIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$ 6.00 ADULT (Regular individual membership)

\$ 6.00 FAMILY (This type of membership is for one adult and ot family members at the same address. Enclose an additional \$1.00 for each member who wishes a b

\$ 1.00 JUNIOR (Under 18 years of age)

Make all checks payable to: National Insulator Association, and send to.... National Insulator Association, c/o Treasurer, P.O. Box 326, Penryn, CA 95663

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I (we) apply for membership in the National Insulator Assn.

NEW - ( )  
RENEWAL - ( ) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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