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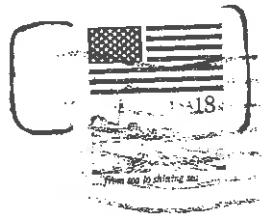
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Collectors,

Hello again, and thanks for your support in re-electing me for another term. Hopefully we can complete some of the undertakings of last year and go on to bigger and better things.

Your slate of officers - the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen are listed inside the cover of this issue. Please contact any of these people when you have problems of any kind, items of interest, or anything concerning our insulator collecting hobby.

Lifetime Membership was awarded to Frank and Margaret Miller and to Evelyn Milholland for their past contributions to the NIA and the insulator hobby. Marilyn Albers, for her endeavors to the hobby and the NIA, was awarded the Outstanding Service Award.

The two ballot issues passed by a wide margin, so Colorado and New Mexico are now in the Western Region and North And South Dakota are in the Central Region. The term of office for NIA President will henceforth be TWO years, starting next election in 1982.

The Board also voted in several changes in the NIA Show Rules: The NIA category #7 regarding single colors has been broadened to allow multiple colors as well- ALL color- single or multiple.

Rule #23 of Class A shows has been changed from 140 sales tables to 70 - a more realistic figure.

To stimulate bids for regional shows it is no longer mandatory for exhibitors to be current NIA members.

The Board also voted to purchase all outstanding quantities of NIA official patches which will be sold to members at \$2.00 each. (post paid) Any remainder to be passed on to the succeeding administration. And note: These may now be ordered from the NIA treasurer.

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The biggest change recommended by the Board and presented to the 1981 membership attendees without any dissenting votes, is as follows;

That article V, paragraph 1 and 2 be amended as follows:

Paragraph 1

The NIA Board of Directors shall appoint a regionally representative nominating committee of three or more members which shall present nominations for expiring officers. In addition, nominations shall be solicited from the membership by appropriate announcement in the winter issue of 'Drip Points'. All proposed nominees will be contacted prior to any balloting to assure that they are willing to run for office and to serve if elected.

Paragraph 2

Nominees for any NIA office will be listed on ballots which will be mailed to members in the spring issue of 'Drip Points'. Sixty days after the ballots have been mailed, all ballots cast shall be counted so that the election results can be announced at the annual membership meeting.

Comment: This proposal will streamline our voting procedure and make it strictly a secret mail vote with no need to hold up the annual membership meeting with requests for floor nominees and changes of previously cast votes - a change the Board deems necessary.

This proposed change to the By-Laws will be ratified if fewer than 5% of the active members mail a written objection to the NIA office within 90 days from this issue of 'Drip Points' mailing date.

In closing, I would like to again thank the all the outgoing Board and Committee members for their fine support- and to welcome the new members. And remember, your Directors can only strive to meet the wishes of you members, if we get input concerning your desires. I hope to hear from YCU!

Pat Patocka NIA#140

FROM THE TREASURER

Greetings!

We were happy to see so many of you at the National, but sad that ALL of you couldn't be there.

We ended the year with a total membership of 539 paid up voting members, and 918 including all of our family members.

The treasury is in stable condition with a balance of \$ 1,635.58. However- with the increases in the cost of printing, materials and postage, we are always on a tight budget!

In closing I would like to share one of my many great memories of the National in Sacramento.....

As the sun slowly sank in the West on Sunday, there was Paul Ickes wrapping insulators... and wrapping insulators... and wrapping insulators.....

Happy Collecting!
Shirley Patocka

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Dear NIA members,

Hello again! It was a hectic pace for me at the National. Insulators to see, meetings to attend, and best... people to visit! Being in California for the first time, I took in the sights as well. 3500 miles in TEN days. (that poor little rented car)

On a sad note, since the last issue of 'Drip Points' the insulator hobby has lost three of its faithful members....

- MARGARET MILLER NIA # 1810
 Tulsa, Oklahoma
- JOHN COTHERN NIA # 107
 Buhl, Idaho
- SHIRLEY STREETER NIA # 786
 Sandy Hook, Connecticut

Our condolences to the families- we will miss them dearly.

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The 1982 National will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 16th, 17th, and 18th, with Larry Whitlock the show host. More info will be coming in the next 'Drip Points'.

In other news, the info is coming in on class C shows. Here's a preview....

- Oct 17th San Jose, CA
The San Jose A.B.C. Show & Sale
- Oct 17th & 18th Bakersfield, CA
10th annual Insulator & collectable Show
- Oct 18th Ann Arbor, MI
Huron Valley Bottle & Insulator Clubs 5th annual Show & Sale
- Dec 5th Auburn, CA
49er H.B.A. Bottle & Insulator 4th annual Show & Sale

Finally, I want to brew a fire under those who might want to host the 1983 National. YES! It's already time to start looking ahead to our friends in the Eastern Region for a National Show host in 1983! Start to think about it. We are also accepting applications for the Regional shows as well, so make your move soon.

T I M E S A W A S T ' I N !!!

My best,

Michael Bruner

FROM SCOTT GIVEN - OUR NEW CENTRAL REGION V.P.

I reside in Lodi, OH with my wife, Betty. I am employed as a blacksmith for Anvil Industries, INC., which has been my occupation for the past 8½ years.

I have been collecting insulators since 1974. I have a general collection and in 1977 I began to specialize in CD 257's and U-395's (Mickey Mouses). I also collect Lightning Rods and Lightning Rod tips and electrical power signs. My wife and I collect kitchen primitives and depression glass.

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I believe that the hobby needs an organization like the NIA to help promote interest and to unite collectors. As the Central Region VP, I hope to be able to help promote interest within the Region and to help other members of the NIA become more united nationwide.

Scott Given
NIA # 1028

FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN

The 12th NATIONAL is now history, and it was a truly great show. Grant Salzman, our show host, did a magnificent job of putting it all together. There was 41 displays covering 9 categories. This year displayers could enter up to 2 categories, so we had more like 75 entries. Beside the 1st place NIA trophy awards, there was 2nd and 3rd place and honorable mention.

I would like to personally thank all of you who displayed at the show this year. Your efforts represented a lot of work, expense, and devotion to the hobby. A special thanks goes out to Frank Feher for giving his time and protection to all display insulators sent to the show via mail and UPS.

But now lets look forward to next year. The 13th National in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

yours,
Marilyn Albers

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