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President's Message



Summer is here, and for those of us who are from the midwest and northern part of the U.S. it is certainly welcome. We are all now looking forward to the exciting convention being planned by the people of Portland, Oregon. I hope that your plans will include the convention this summer. It is a beautiful area and the convention promises to be an exciting one. Details and registration information were provided in the last issue of the Journal.

While I am on the subject of conventions, you need to realize that a lot of work goes into them and planning is started several years in advance. In 1989 we will be going to Detroit where Motor City Chapter is already working long and hard.

In 1990 we were to go to San Francisco where the Nor-Cal chapter would be our hosts. Since they wanted it to be a first class operation and realized that some of their venues may not be ready, they have asked to delay the 1990 convention in San Francisco. Since, for planning purposes, and that wasn't far off, Tim Needler, a member of the ATOS Executive Committee and our Convention Planning Coordinator, got the Central Indiana Chapter together and they offered, and your ATOS Board accepted, to have the 1990 convention once again in Indianapolis. You probably remember what a great convention we had there several years ago, and I know that they will come through again. Thank you Central Indiana for your help. Your Board of Directors will be working out locations for conventions after 1990 with the chapters which have indicated that they want to host one, Nor-Cal being one of those for possibly 1991. Then there will be the regional conventions being planned. So look for some exciting times for ATOS conventions.

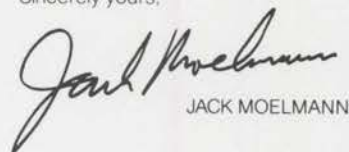
The new ATOS membership brochure has been completed, thanks to the people of Motor City and in particular to Board member Dorothy VanSteenkiste and her committee. They have been sent out to the chapters, and I hope that you like it, but more important, that it will get ATOS some new members. It was an expensive brochure and took a lot of time and talent. Please make the best use of it you can. If you need some, let Doug Fisk know and he can help you out.

In January 1988, we started a new procedure with the ATOS *International NEWS*, the very successful publication that we started over a year ago. We went to a separate mailing and expanded it to eight pages. The cost of the newsletter is very high. I have recommended to the Board that we go back to the way we did it last year, that is have a four-page newsletter, and send it in the center of the Journal in those months that we publish the Journal. In the other months, it would be a separate mailing. The want-ads would also go back into the Journal as there wasn't as big a response to the new method of having want ads every month as we thought. With postage as high as it is, and the fiscal restraint which your Board is trying to maintain to ensure that there are funds for worthwhile projects yet to be undertaken, I hope that you can understand what is being proposed. The vote is not in from the Board yet, but there could be this change soon. In any event, you will still receive the newsletter and enjoy what it has become to be. Your Board of Directors will further discuss the matter at the meeting we will have in Portland this summer.

One last thing, the election of the new members to the ATOS Board of Directors is over. I hope that you voted. The votes are now being counted. The closeout date for ballot receipt was May 15. I won't be able to announce the new members until the July issue of the Journal and at the convention. I thank all of you who voted for supporting your organization and ensuring that the people you want to represent you are on the Board.

See you in PORTLAND!

Sincerely yours,

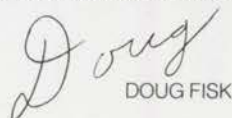

JACK MOELMANN

Executive Director's Message



Some comments on the records kept and used: On occasion the question is raised regarding information on the mailing label. The top line of the label is the key to your renewal date. The months are stated in terms of numbers and you can quickly determine your renewal date by the number. An 0688 means a June renewal. You will receive your first "renewal dues due" notice early in May and a "reminder" late in June if not yet received. If the renewal is not received early in July your name will be removed from the active membership, and you will not receive the July/August issue of the Journal. This system is repeated every two months. Only even months are used to work with the publication of the Journal and to assure every member that they will receive six copies of the Journal and 12 issues of the Newsletter. Every renewal received up to the day the labels must be run is entered but one received the following day would miss one issue. This office is not authorized to back-date renewals as the expense when it was done became too great to handle.

And a request: Please pay your dues directly to the national office in the envelope provided. It is very helpful in keeping accurate records, saving time, and reducing the number of members who suffer a short lapse in their membership. Your local treasurer has enough responsibility without adding handling your membership renewal. When your membership is in order or an error is made in this office and an issue of the Journal is missed (it happens to a few with each issue), send me a note and that issue will be replaced immediately at no added cost.


DOUG FISK