

[Acting] President's Report

You'll note that I've placed the word "Acting" in brackets this time, as an indication that I'm just about finished acting like the President and am going to start being one.

History is in the making! The insert accompanying this issue presents amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws which will enable us to offer a membership category with a lower fee: CAML only. The last time in the history of our organization that amendments were presented to the membership was in 1990; they were intended to synchronize our constitution with that of IAML and to establish more continuity within our board. As Helmut Kallmann mentioned in the last *Newsletter*, the last time there was a major change in the fee structure was in 1971, when CAML members were unwilling to pay high CLA dues on top of their CAML dues, and decided to de-affiliate themselves from CLA and become a national branch of IAML. The current move will hopefully draw new members who may not have felt that the higher fee was worth their while. And CAML's income per member remains the same since the new fee will reflect the old fee minus the portion that went to IAML. The difference: more members, more interaction and participation, and a sustainable Board.

Also included as an insert is information on the two candidates for Member-at-Large. I'm pleased there were two nominations, a sign that people are willing to give their time to the organization.

So **cast your vote** for the constitutional amendments and the Member-at-Large.

You will by now have received the preliminary programme for this year's conference at Memorial University, held with the Learned's; the programme is also included in this issue of the *Newsletter*. Through cooperative co-opting, we'll be exposed and expose ourselves to an outside audience of CUMS in particular, and the Learned's in general. May the seeds of interdisciplinary cross-pollination be sown.

Rumour has it that we may meet in Toronto in 1998 . . .

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