

-from the President-

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I think spring is coming - I really think it's out there somewhere, and that means that summer is also hiding there, underneath several feet of snow and beyond all those snowbanks. When it eventually comes out of hiding, I look forward to seeing many CAML members in the vicinity of Lester Pearson Airport in Toronto, or rather, Etobicoke, for our Annual Meeting. I hope the programme we have put together meets with your approval; you will notice that the open committee meetings are on the agenda again, to provide a forum for discussion in these areas. Regarding the timing, location, and registration arrangements, I realise these are not ideal, but we had to accept the situation *faute de mieux*. This was one of the main topics of discussion when the Board met on Saturday March 3 in Ottawa. Policy decisions wrested from CLA in respect to meeting with them dictate that we cannot be allocated time during their conference period, only before, or after; we are responsible for all expenses, e.g. room and equipment rental, beverage service, etc., and must handle our own registration, charging a fee that will cover these costs, which this year are estimated to be around \$1000. All this poses doubts about our ability to afford a meeting with CLA in future; we have decided to meet next year in Winnipeg with the Learned Societies, whose conference arrangements we are both familiar and happy with. In the meantime we will have further consideration of the annual meeting situation, and constructive input from the membership will be most welcome.

The Board noted the absence of subscription renewals of some long-standing members. I'm sure this is only an oversight, so if you think you might be one of them, please do check wherever it is you hide your unanswered membership renewal forms. Also in this bumper super deluxe Newsletter package is the call for nominations for the 1984/1985 Board of directors; the accompanying membership list supplies the names of all the members who are out there just waiting to be nominated, so please do it. And thank you Myrna for being our Elections Chairman for this year.

See you all in June

Arnon Hall

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Once more, many thanks to those who have responded. Those who haven't managed it yet, there is still time, if you act now. So have a rummage in your In-tray - the contents may surprise you!