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10 items from 9 memberships (or 10 counting AE in OT).....

suggest 25 copies will cover 60th mailing, unless convention attracts more members.

DEADLINE for the 70th, July 1st 1973.

my apologies for not having a WHATSIT in the mailing again, (I suppose I should apologise when one's in anyway). I have a cover, and even a story, but with one thing and another, (feebly offers, "trying to move nouse", but not really believing its true excuse) I've not got round to doing anything about the contents... oh well. better luck next time.

PRESIDENT'S

LETTER

First off, and apropos of nothing except the fact that it is long overdue, I would like to offer my thanks (on behalf of all Ompans) for the hard, long and devoted

work our official editor, Ken Cheslin has done...and continues to do. Long may he stay with us, and long may we praise him. While on the subject of praise, much is due to Fred Hemmings. For the last months he has worked like a slave..along with other Committee members, to ensure that the forthcoming OMPAcon is a success. I hope you'll remember to thank him in person when you come to Bristol.

Egoboo Polls went out to all members with the 67th mailing. Four were returned by December the 10th. almost two months later. and a fifth (from Robinson & Skelton) arrived too late to be included. So out of around 25 members, we got 5 poll forms. Big Deal !

Because of such a miserable response, Kench decided to organise a mini poll for each mailing, starting with the January mailing. Votes were to be mailed to me. That went out early January...it is now late February, and I have forms in from J. Coombe, Phil Spencer, Keith Walker and myself. Honestly OMPAns..would you tolerate such an APAthy from your mailin list members ? Egoboo and response, appreciation or otherwise are the life blood of amateur publishing. Would you heave all your carefully produced fmz into the dustbin every issue because you didn'T want to be bothered by LOC's..or would you want to know how your brain child was received ?? The Egoboo Poll is just one more way of getting...and GIVING...some credit...and even under the new system it need only cost you a little time, and a $2\frac{1}{2}p$ stamp. So please. Take the trouble to respond and let's make our APA a living one, not a retirement home for APAthetic fans who only want to hack out 5 pages a year in exchange for the hard work of other members.

According to my (two) copies of the Constitution, nominations should be submitted in time for inclusion in the 'March' mailing (this will now be 'April' of course) Ho such nominations.or resignations have come my way, so I presume that all are happy with the status quo for a further year. Speaking personally, I am pleased.and a trifle honoured to occupy the Presidential chair for a bit longer, and will continue to pontificate (and exhort) as in the past year. If this happens to touch on any tender feelings, my only defence is that I like being an Ompan, and I want OMPA to be NOT a big APA...but a lively and a happy one with every mailing worth having. We can make it so...but only by making a little mote effort individually. So here's to another year of OMPA..and may it be a good one. We've had the first ever CON organised by an APA...if we can do that, then what else can we do in the publishing line if we try.

fabbishly,

Results of the voting on Constitutional ammendments.

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John Coombe	y	У	y	У	Y	a	y	У	y
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(I have counted only returned voting forms...not remarks in zines...though it is worth mentioning, for instance, Jan Jansens comment that compilsary voting seems matural to him as that the way it works in Belgium...(and I agree to a large extent with CV, as an effort at a solution...)

So. Associate members shall be allowed. ((((a))))	For 2	Agains t. 2	Absta: o	in Result carridd
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(((((c))))) Penalties for late renewal of subscriptions, etc.	3	1	2	carried
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a. it may be, at the present dues rates, that "three times dues" are too much.

I think that it would be most useful if it could be made into a regular practice to have an OMPA meeting at the annual Easter Convention. (it would be most useful this year). I suggest that this is arragned. I'll do this myself come Easter...this year, and we can talk about continuing the idea. The awkwardness of some of those ammendments could quickly be ironed out if we had a regularly called meeting and votes at the con, this year. On some further reflection it might well be that OMPA could befait greatly by the institution of a regular meeting. It may be desirable, for instance, to tie in the voting on officers and/or ammendments with the meeting. thus to a large extent facilitating those ammendments., hmm, we might have to make some sort of rule (another?) to make this meeting "legal" hereafter. But the idea has its attractions, a morale booster too..hey, how about an EGOBOO prize..er....ken.

b. it would be helpful if we could decide on categories.

c. obselete in face of dues increase.

NEXT mailing we should be voting, or thinking of voting, for the officers of the Association.

NOMINATIONS should be in by the deadline for the mailing, JULY ist 1973, then we can vote, announce results in the October, with new AEs address etc. so that they can officially take over on November..er.. 1st?.

Now I don't know how Terry or Darroll feel, though I've no doubt I'll find out at the con, about allowing themselves to be nominated again. Frankly its proved hard in the past to get people to serve. especially as Treasurer. I hope to organise a meeting at the con...

For myself I do not wish to serve another term as AE.

I've served so long that I'm becomming a fixture; I feel stale; it may be that I will be able to get bigger Whatsits out, more often, if I'm not doing the AEs job; OMPA would benefit for a change of personality in my chair, and maybe present a more attractive image to recruits. So, come forward you likely lads; and lasses of course.

I havent time to reprint the ammended constitution this time round,...and in any case we might chop things about a bit at the con...

We might also be able to decide categories for the Egoboo Poll at this meeting....

for the moment I suggest you repeat the categories in last mailing, make your own form, and send it to Terry. VCTING in yr zine is NOT very helpful.

Brighter covers..er..better image for OT. (was it Jan who remarked on this?) well, when I was AE yonks ago I tried to do that..saying that the OO had no need to be dowdy..and printed some with cover illos; etc., but the climate of opinion at that time was as inst this.

I'd like to propose a new constitutional ammendment.........."all editors must have their zines in to the AE by the deadline. Late arriving zines shall be penalised as follows: for every day past the deadline the editor of the offending zine shall buy the AE a pint at the con....." (to make up for the wear and tear on his throat as he curses them.....) Seriously tho', whats the use of having a deadlune iff zines keep comming in late? This last mailing will be has been an unusual one of course. (and you are a special case Joan & Roy). But it gives very little time for the AE to bundle up the zines; cutting the stencils for OT etc., if yr zine arrives right at the deadline ... and of course PAST the dradline ... hmmm.now what else can I say to fill the rest of this space up ... I have to take these in to school tomorrow to ryn them off...we're off to Bradford to see Jeans parents next week, we haven't been able to afford to go up to see them for many months..I have a good long half-term, but won't be able to use it on CMPA, being up in Bonnie Bradford, and we will be back here for just the one day before continuing on to Bristol. Its snowing now ... grey skys and floating flakes..out daft cat won't come in, sits under the car on the drive being timid...mind you. Matthew and David have been a bit much for them recently, even though we are constantly saving the cats they continually sit in places where the children can get to them ... and Matthew has long ago found out that he can poke sticks through the fire guard at Polly, in her favourite place and posture.

anyway, I wish myself and your good selves a happy Easter, similary for the convention if you can get to it.

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