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I. Nichol (ex-officio)
P. K. Theobald

1974-1975

R. H. Carpenter
J. A. Coope
R. L. Erickson (ex-officio)
G. J. S. Govett
H. E. Hawkes
E. V. Post

Australian Regional Councillor

P. R. Donovan

As the incoming President I have inherited a growing organization. In the last four years much has been accomplished by my predecessors to bring our Association to its present position of strength. It seems to me that not only must we continue to increase our membership we must also sustain those members who have given their support to the Association in its early years. In this respect I would like to see members receive something tangible in return for their subscriptions; things like an expanded Journal, more special publications and more opportunities to meet at workshops and symposia. All of this will not be accomplished in my presidency but it is the way I think we should go.

Members should bear in mind that this Association exists not only for them but because of them. Like my predecessors I would like to emphasize the need for participation by all the membership, not just the Council, in the development of the Association. You have paid for the right to say your piece so do it and let the Council know what you feel about the directions in which the Association should develop.

Annual General Meeting

The fourth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Monday, April 1st, 1974.

Following President Nichol's address, which will be reported upon later, the reports of Secretary Horsnail and Treasurer Bloom were accepted by the meeting.

The result of the ballot for Council was as follows:

For the period	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1974-76</u>
	R.H. Carpenter	H. Bloom
	J.A. Coope	P.M.D. Bradshaw
	R.L. Erickson (ex officio)	E.M. Cameron
	G.J.S. Govett	J.A. Hansuld
	H.E. Hawkes	I. Nichol (ex officio)
	E.V. Post	P.K. Theobald

The regional councillor for Australia is P.R. Donovan.

The Association executive for 1974-75 is:

President:	I. L. Elliott
Vice-President:	R. W. Boyle
Vice-President:	C. F. Gleeson
Secretary:	R. F. Horsnail
Treasurer:	M. B. Mehrtens

Secretary's Report

Membership statistics for 1973, with comparable figures for 1972, are shown below:

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>
Members	393	346
Affiliates	43	26
Students	51	41
Corporations	<u>32</u>	<u>29</u>
	519	442

9 members were lost during 1973 due to resignation or non-payment of dues. 42 members have, so far, not paid their membership dues for 1973 and have been taken off the mailing list for publications. However a further 25 applications from prospective new members are currently being processed.

All subscribers to Vol 2 of the Journal have been sent the first issue of Vol 3. However members whose 1974 dues are still unpaid (at present approximately 140) will not be sent further issues of Vol 3 until their dues are received. If anyone is in doubt as to whether or not they have paid their 1974 dues please contact the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ended February 28th, 1974 is:

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>2/28/74</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>2/28/73</u>
RECEIPTS		
Membership Fees & Bibliography Sales	14,511	10,391
Donations		100
Loans from Members		1,800
	<u>14,511</u>	<u>12,291</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
General	1,353	2,160
Printing and Publications	5,242	10,827
	<u>6,595</u>	<u>12,987</u>
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR (Deficit)	7,916	(696)
CASH BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,583</u>	<u>3,279</u>
CASH BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>10,499</u>	<u>2,583</u>

Further receipts of approximately \$4000 are anticipated from members whose dues are currently unpaid. Anticipated liabilities approximate to \$10,500 - these comprise repayment of loans (\$1800) and payments to Elsevier for Journal subscriptions.

Admissions Committee

This committee has been reconstituted under the chairmanship of Dr. L.D. James. At a Council meeting on March 30th the following applications from prospective new members were approved:

Members

J.B. Gustavson
D.A. Galanos
O.M. Clarke Jr.
H.H. Koehn
R.G. Peters
E.D. Dodson
P.W. Askins
L.G. Closs
R.M. Baker
J. Pokorny
B.L. Farrell
H. Bell III

Affiliate

F.T. Hsu

Students

R.P.F. Brandao
M. Walker
E.W. Bogle
P.H. Wallner
B. Erdogan
G.C. Murphy
E.E. Okon
N.J. Topping

Members (cont.)

R.U. Paringit
 S. Rosenblum
 L.P. James
 J.B. Borucki
 J.D. Knauer
 C.J.V. Wheatley
 M.D. Fenton
 N.J. Marshall
 L. Borsch

New List of Members

Because of the large number of new members enrolled during the past year the Membership list is being revised and reprinted. If you wish any changes made to either your address or professional affiliation from that shown in the current list please contact the Secretary, Dr. R.F. Horsnail.

Constitution Committee

As a result of the work of the Constitution Committee under the able chairmanship of Dr. A.J. Coope, numerous changes have been made to the original constitution. Membership requirements have been modified and the admission procedure streamlined; Corporate memberships were introduced and subscription levels were fixed. All these changes necessitate printing a revised Constitution and this is now in hand.

Finance Committee

It is anticipated that there will be a cash inflow from the Vancouver Symposium which will place the Association in a more healthy financial position than in previous years. I have asked Council to consider the formation of a standing committee on Finances under the chairmanship of the Treasurer to ensure the proper administration of the Association's funds.

Other Committees

I am in the process of reviewing the other committees and expect to receive the reports of their chairmen shortly.

The Journal

We were very pleased to see "our man from Elsevier", Dr. Frans van Eysinga, at the Vancouver Symposium. It was a good opportunity to discuss with him the delays in delivery of the Journal. The Journal is shipped air express from Amsterdam to New York in three days. At

that point it is left to the mercy of the third class mail service which we enjoy on the North American continent. Elsevier have shown that it can take over three weeks to get the Journal from New York to subscribers in California or British Columbia. Other European publishers are suffering the same problems and are conferring with the postal authorities to see what can be done. Elsevier are well aware that their fortunes are bound up with those of the Journal and that erosion of the subscription list due to unsatisfactory delivery is as damaging to them as it is to the Association.

On a happier note, I would like on behalf of the members to thank Eion Cameron for his hard work in keeping the Journal in such good health. The Journal is the only tangible return we receive for our subscription. It behoves us all to ensure its continued success by contributing the kind of high quality papers we would all like to read.

1974 Symposium

The fifth International Geochemical Exploration Symposium took place in the first week of April in Vancouver, British Columbia. I am told that it was a successful and enjoyable meeting. I was so busy chairing the organizing committee that, like the other members of my committee, I had little time to attend the sessions.

For the information of the statistically minded the following is a breakdown of attendance at the last three meetings.

	<u>Vancouver 1974</u>	<u>London 1972</u>	<u>Toronto 1970</u>
Attendance total	552	410	643
British Columbia	37%		
Ontario			30%
Rest of Canada	25%		29%
Canada total	62%	17%	59%
United States	20%	12%	25%
U.K. and Eire	2%	33%	2%
Europe	2%	12%	2%
U.K. + Eire + Europe	4%	45%	4%
Australia	3%	5%	1%
South Africa	3%	2%	1%

About thirty countries were represented at each of the three meetings. Nearly 150 members of the Association attended the Vancouver Symposium.

These events, sponsored, and, in the case of the Vancouver meeting, organized by the Association are important to us because they stimulate membership and promote communication amongst the exploration fraternity.

Proceedings Volume for the 1974 Symposium

The papers given at the Vancouver meeting will be published by Elsevier. It is expected that editing and production will take about twelve months and that the volume will be available in April 1975.

Members can order one or more copies at U.S. \$25.00 each during the period up to twelve months after the date of publication by sending their orders and, most important, their cheques or bank drafts made payable to the Association of Exploration Geochemists, to the Secretary, Dr. R.F. Horsnail, c/o Amax Exploration Inc., 4704 Harlan Street, Denver, Colorado 80212.

1976 Symposium

The sixth International Geochemical Exploration Symposium will be held in Sydney, Australia in August 1976 at the same time as the International Geological Congress. Meetings are being held with the I.G.C. organizers to determine the relationship our meeting will have with the Congress. Dr. Charles Butt and Dr. Peter Donovan will keep us informed. Details of the arrangements for the I.G.C. can be obtained from The Secretary General, 25th International Geological Congress, P.O. Box 1892, Canberra, A.C.T. 2601, Australia.

1978 Symposium

Yes, even now we should be thinking about the seventh symposium! The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any group interested in hosting the 1978 meeting. Written proposals should outline the facilities and organizational support available and the benefits and advantages which they can offer to the Association.

President Nichol's Address

Due to a postal strike in Canada I was unable to obtain the text of Dr. Nichol's address. This will be printed in the next newsletter.

I. L. Elliott

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