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MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

	<u>1980 (\$ US)</u>
Single annual	7.50
Family	10.00
Sustaining	15.00
Institutional/Commercial	20.00
Life	150.00

*Mail membership dues to I.L.S. Secretary.

MARY SMITH ELECTED
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Lilac Newsletter has a new editor. Her name is Mrs. Mary Smith, and you can contact her at Rt. #2, Bellevue, Iowa 52031.

She replaces Walter Eickhorst who cannot continue in that post, although he did agree to being interim editor from the date of the Board Meeting in Iowa until we knew if Mary could consider our offer.

No stranger to editing, Mary Smith has written many articles, especially on lilacs, for the national garden magazines and acted as editor for several Society publications. We are very pleased that Mary has accepted this most important Society post.

But regardless of credentials, no editor can survive without help from the membership. The purpose of the Newsletter is to be a communications link between us all, so be sure to send your contribution to Mary Smith. Perhaps you can write a lengthy tome; perhaps you can ask what you consider to be a naive question. Our Newsletter needs both. Charles Holetich once said that there was no such thing as an unworthy writer and the only bad ones were the silent writers.

Don't be a silent member, send something to Mary Smith, Rt. #2, Bellevue, Iowa 52031 today. She can't be the brilliant editor her ability promises unless you help.

Owen M. Rogers

President, ILS

1981 I.L.S. LILAC AUCTION AT DES MOINES

The 1981 Lilac Auction was dedicated to the memory of Bernard Harkness, Second President of the Society and Albert Lumley, a long time member of the Board of Directors.

Some 285 lilac plants and lilac related items were donated by the Royal Botanical Gardens, Arnold Arboretum, U.S. National Arboretum, Don Wedge Nursery, and various members, for the auction held on 16 May 1981.

There were 105 different lilacs available for auction, some for the very first time, some rare in commercial outlets, many well known names, as well as many old time "goodies".

After a spirited evening of bidding it was ascertained that \$1,446 had been earned by the society. Many thanks to our treasurer Marie Chaykowski assisted by Board Members Pauline Fiala and Elsie Karas for efficient handling of funds.

Those assisting the undersigned in organizing and delivering plants, spotting bidders were John Carvill, Bill Emerson, Max Peterson and Walter Eickhorst. My sincere thanks for the outstanding job done by these men.

Many thanks are due to our meeting host Bill Heard and the staff of Heard Gardens for receiving, potting where necessary, caring for and delivering plants to the Auction.

Charles Holetich showed colored slides of many of the lilacs as they were put up for auction. His pictures were worth the proverbial "Thousand Words" of oral description.

My wife, Sally Schenker, took notes during the sale. These notes are valuable in preparing reports, and particularly the Report to Charles Holetich and R.B.G. in preparing plants for

the 1982 Auction. Her assistance is greatly appreciated.

The generous donation of plants and bidding by members and guests made the 1981 auction an outstanding success, by far the most successful of the 10 held at the annual meetings to date.

Society members who are not attending the annual meetings are missing a golden opportunity to obtain a large variety of quality lilacs at very reasonable prices.

Hanssen Schenker
Chairman Auction Committee

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BITS OF WIT

Oddly enough, the one who knows everything has the most to learn.

Twenty years ago, most people thought that television was impossible - and lots of people still do.

Some people are easily entertained. All you have to do is sit down and listen to them.

If everything is going well, you obviously don't know what the hell is going on.

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS - HISTORICAL DATA

Editorial Note: The Board of Directors is reviewing the role of the regional Vice Presidents with an eye toward making that office more meaningful. As background material Secretary Sally Schenker has pulled out all references to Vice Presidents from the Society's minutes. The minutes show what we have done; next year the Board will consider what should be done. If you have ideas please let them be known.

Regional Vice-Presidents
Search of Minutes

From the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting:

Articles of Incorporation and Organization

II. Regions:

- A. Region 1. Northeastern U.S. (including: CT, ME, MA, NH, & VT)
- B. Region 2. Eastern U.S. (including: DE, NJ, NY, PA, & MD)
- C. Region 3. Mid-Western U.S. (including: IN, IL, MI, MN, OH, & WI)
- D. Region 4. Western U.S. (including: all states west of the Mississippi River and to the Pacific Ocean Coast)
- E. Region 5. Southern U.S. (including: all the Southern States east of the Mississippi River)
- F. Region 6. Eastern Canada (including: Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec provinces)
- G. Region 7. Western Canada (including: Alberta,

- British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan,
The Northwest and Yukon Territories)
H. Region 8. Others (each different country
to be considered as a single region, e.g.
England as one Region, France as another, etc)

Considering cultural climates of various areas these Regions provide the most workable, geographical breakdown for the present. Each Region is encouraged to develop their own officers, newsletter, meetings, flower shows, exhibits, public relations. Representation at the Annual Meeting is under the Regional Vice President who is a 'trustee' of the International Lilaç Society.

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Dr. Rogers suggested that the Western States should be further divided: that the nominating committee be prepared with report in October with suggested names to fill vacancies.

The Executive Committee will study and report on definition of regions.

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Regional boundaries were discussed according to recommendation by the Executive Committee.

District 4. Mid West: Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois

District 5. Central-Western

District 6. Far-Western: California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Nevada

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It was suggested that the numbering of Chapters be abandoned; that the chapters be known only according to area i.e.: Delhi, Rochester, etc.

The local groups may assess their own members for expenses, and promote the lilac locally as well as I.L.S. goals. Local members should also have I.L.S. membership.

May 22, 1976 - Page 1

Mr. Oakes made a motion that the regional Vice-Presidents should be allowed up to \$25.00 to contact members by telephone, or otherwise. Second Dr. Egolf (there is no record of whether or not this passes - S.S.).

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Regional Vice-Presidents reports:

Dr. Rogers reported that he had been contacting non-renewing members. Mr. Short reported that he had written personal letters to the non-renewing members in his region.

Mr. Clark spoke for Mrs. Wishart. She has been very active in promoting lilacs. She was responsible for the article in the Flower and Garden magazine. She sponsored a lilac luncheon table in the Lincoln Flower Show.

Dr. Margaretten has held 5 seminars on the coast. He showed Fr. Fiala's slides. He made a trip to Guatemala on which he took lilacs to the National Arboretum there. He also made a trip to the Little Lake Nursery at Willets, California, and was most impressed with their operation.

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Regional Vice-Presidents - C. Holetich suggested more mail contact and more efforts to increase memberships.

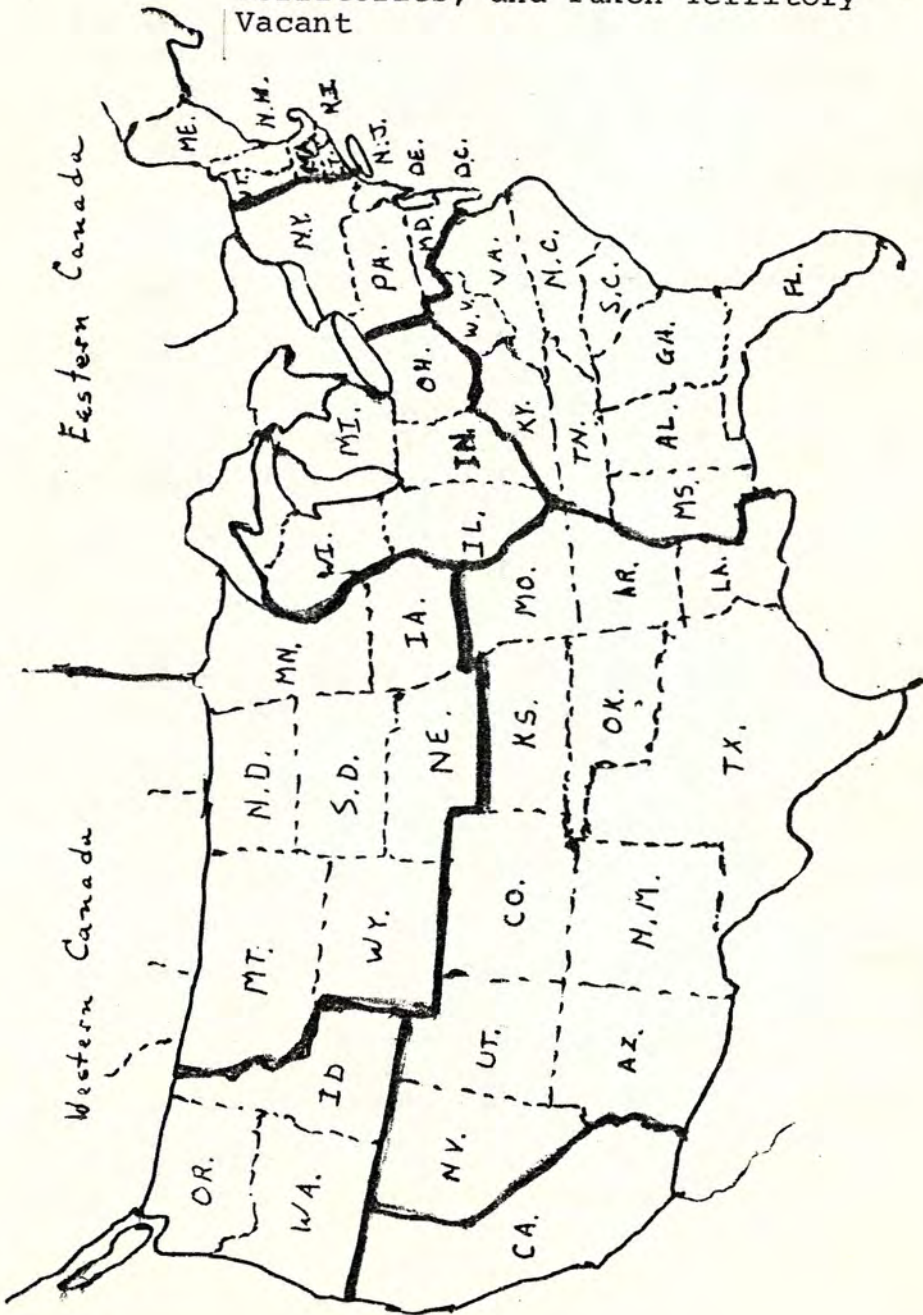
REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS - PROPOSAL

Editorial Note: The geographical boundaries of the regions to be headed by a Vice President are unclear in the Society's minutes. Here is one proposal that will be sent to all Vice Presidents for comment. The Board of Directors would also like your comments.

Vice Presidential Regions
Proposed Boundaries for Evaluation

- Region 1. Northeast - ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, and RI
Mr. Thomas N. Chieppo, 9 Brightwood,
Woodbridge, CT 06525
- Region 2. Atlantic - DE, NJ, NY, PA and MD
Mr. John Carvill, 138 Old London Road,
Latham, NY 12110
- Region 3. South - D.C., south and west to the
Mississippi River Dr. Donald R. Egolf,
14600 Cambridge Dr., Upper Marlboro,
MD 20870
- Region 4. Central - OH, IN, IL, MI, and WI
Mrs. Elsie Kara, 24540 Emmonds Rd.,
Columbia Station, OH 44028
- Region 5. West - MN, IA, ND, SD, NE, MT, and WY
Mr. Max Peterson, Route 1, Box 82A,
Ogallala, ME 69153
- Region 6. Northwest - AK, WA, OR, and ID
Vacant
- Region 7. Pacific - CA
Dr. Joel Margaretten, 38570 N. Bouquet
Canyon Rd, Leona Valley, CA 93550
- Region 8. Southwest - NV, UT, CO, KS, AZ, NM,
OK, TX, MO, AR, and LA Vacant
- Region 9. Eastern Canada - Newfoundland, Nova
Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and
Ontario Mr. Travers Hutchison, 83
Chatsworth Dr., Toronto, Ontario M4R 1R8

Region 10 Western Canada - Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, North West Territories, and Yukon Territory
Vacant



ELECTION REPORT

Election of Members to the Board of Directors is one of the important privileges of ILS membership. At present the Board is composed of 24 members, 8 of whom are elected each year. This year the Nominations Committed headed by Max Peterson collected nominations from the entire membership and mailed ballots to everyone for the election. The results were announced at the 1981 Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa. The members elected or re-elected to a three year term were:

Mr. John H. Alexander III - Middleboro, MA
Mr. Thomas N. Chieppo - Woodbridge, CT
Dr. Donald Egolf - National Arboretum, Washington, DC
Mrs. Elsie Kara - Columbia Station, OH
Mr. George Kidd - Nepean, Ontario, Canada
Mr. Maurice Lockwood - Ghent, NY
Mr. Roger Luce - Hampden Highlands, ME
Mrs. Sarah N. Schenker - Freedom, NH

They join these incumbents on the board:

Serving until 1982:

Mr. Robert Clark
Fr. John Fiala
Mr. William Heard
Mr. Charles Holetich
Mr. Walter Oakes
Mr. Max Peterson
Dr. Owen Rogers
Mr. William Utley

Serving until 1983:

Mr. John Carvill
Mrs. Marie Chaykowski
Mr. Walter Eickhorst
Mrs. Nancy Emerson
Mrs. Pauline Fiala
Dr. Joel Margaretten
Mr. Winfried Martin
Mr. Freek Vrugtman

On Saturday, May 16, 1981, the Board elected the following officers to serve the Society in 1981-82:

President - Dr. Owen M. Rogers
Executive Vice President - Mr. William Utley
Corporation Secretary - Mr. Walter Oakes
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Sarah N. Schenker
Editor of the Newsletter - Mrs. Mary Smith

Treasurer - Mrs. Marie Chaykowski

Regional Vice Presidents:

New England: Mr. Thomas Chieppo
Mid Atlantic: Mr. John Carvill
South: Dr. Donald Egolf
West: Mr. Max Peterson
Mid West: Mrs. Elsie Kara
Pacific Coast: Dr. Joel Margaretten
Eastern Canada: Mr. Travers Hutchison
Northwest: Vacant
Western Canada: Vacant

These officers were elected to serve the whole Society, so if you have any suggestions, criticisms or brilliant ideas, please get in touch with one or all of them.