

Report of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer

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1999 DUES

By now you should have received your dues notice for 1999. It was mailed in mid-November. Please respond to it before it finds itself a home on your reed desk and gets covered with various and sundry tools, sharpening stones or reed blanks. (Not to mention coffee cups, water containers, or yesterday's lunch.) I **must** receive your dues payment before the first *Double Reed* of 1999 is prepared and I'm ready to print mailing labels. The IDRS doesn't have the financial resources to print extra copies of the issues. If you put off your renewal, you take the chance of not receiving the first issue of the new year.

Preparations for the first issue of 1999 are underway at this time and the issue should be published in March or April. That gives everyone plenty of time to renew before the deadline.

Dues can be paid by check, money order, bank draft, Mastercard or Visa. All funds must be drawn on an American Bank in US dollars.

Don't forget: If you would like to receive your publications by "first class" mail US, or "air mail" overseas, please include \$25.00 for the extra shipping expense. Our normal mailings are sent by "bulk mail" US, and "surface mail" overseas.

JOIN THE IDRS ON-LINE

It is now possible for you to join, or renew your IDRS membership, from our web page. Yoshi Ishikawa has worked very hard to provide us with a secure, user-friendly way to pay dues. Use your credit card (Mastercard or Visa only) to charge your dues on-line. I will retrieve the information from the website and process your credit card. If you have any questions contact Yoshi, or me for help.

ARE YOU MOVING?

It sure would be helpful if more of our members would remember to call, write or otherwise let me know when they are planning a move. You wouldn't believe the number of people in our society that move in a year. When the last issue was mailed, I received approximately one hundred changes of address from the post office. That doesn't count the number of you who did send an address update. Each time the post office sends a change of address it costs 50 cents for a photocopy of the address change, or up to several dollars if they can't find you and the magazine is returned. This is money thrown down the proverbial drain, and we could be using it to benefit our membership.

Please, when you're planning a move, remember to notify our Society. We'd like to know where you're going so that we can keep in touch. For those of you who are connected to the Internet, you can change your address on-line at the IDRS website. This information is forwarded to me so that I can update the official record. If you don't have Internet access, drop me a card with the new address.

CHECK YOUR LABELS

When the issues of the *Double Reed* reach our homes, most of us just tear into the envelope to see what the latest issue looks like. Little attention is paid to the "plain brown wrapper." Please help me out and check the address label on your envelope. Make sure everything is correct, spelling, address, and numbers. If there is a problem with anything, please contact me. Post offices around the world are becoming more and more particular about how things are addressed. We want to make sure that everyone receives our publications as quickly as possible. ❖