



President's Message

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For the past several years the IDRS executive committee has held mid-year meetings in January. These meetings have become an integral part of the operation of this Society, for the agenda is always full with reports on budget, future /past conferences, publications, special projects, associate members, and concludes with a general brainstorming session on how can IDRS better serve its members and the world double reed community. This year's meetings were held January 5-7 in Kissimmee, Florida with every member of the executive committee in attendance. We learned from **Norma Hooks**, executive secretary/treasurer, that our membership currently stands at 4,088 members with 48 countries represented in IDRS. We examined the financial statement, and saw that the Society is in a sound financial position. We went over the projected budget for 2001 and made decisions on spending and saving. **Larry Festa**, our new business liaison, was welcomed on board, and contributed expert advice from his business and legal background. Our editors, **Ronald Klimko**, **Daniel Stolper** (*The Double Reed*) and **Yoshi Ishikawa** (IDRS OnLine) discuss issues that relate to the quality and timeliness of our outstanding publications. This year, with a change of staffing at Falls Printing Company, our Ron, Dan, and Norma will travel to Idaho Falls for an on-site visit and a chance to meet personally with the people who publish our beautiful issues. The executive committee approved naming **Martin Schuring** (oboe) and **Terry Ewell** (bassoon) as assistant editors. Archivist **James Prodan** discussed with us the possibility of reformatting some of our previous conference recordings so that they can become available to members of the Society via our website. We discussed and slightly revised the rules for electing honorary members to the Society. The revised rules and procedures are printed in this issue. **Frank Morelli**, officer-at-large, has agreed to serve as chair of this honorary nominating committee. **Nancy Ambrose King**, our other officer-at-large, also serves as Fernand Gillet/Hugo Fox competition chair, and reported on the status of this year's oboe competition including the time line and selection of preliminary judges. We heard a wonderful report from second vice president **Andrea Merenzon** on the Buenos Aires conference, an historic conference which inspired Latin American double reed players as well as all of us in IDRS who were fortunate to attend and participate. To Andrea's great credit, BA2000 had a conference attendance of 760; evening concerts drew crowds totaling 6,000 and daily atten-

dance included 2,000 people in addition to those registered. Her painstaking work also enabled the conference to show a small profit. What a great tribute to Andrea and her hosting staff! First Vice-President **Terry Ewell** reported on plans for the IDRS 2001 conference in Morgantown, West Virginia, August 7-11, including an outstanding roster of performers/pedagogues, two concerto programs with orchestra, and an evening cruise. I presented a preliminary report of the Banff 2002 conference, August 6-10, in Banff, Alberta, Canada. This conference site promises to be spectacular and we are in the process of scheduling a roster of world-class artists. The executive committee voted to accept the invitation from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, to host the 2003 conference on the Greensboro campus, June 17-21. **James Prodan** will serve as host, assisted by double reed faculty **Ashley Barret** (oboe) and **Michael Burns** (bassoon). Greensboro is very accessible by air, the campus is beautiful, and the facilities which include a new music building are excellent. We also discussed our 2004 conference site and are exploring the potential for another exciting international site. We welcomed as our newest Associate Members the Australasian Double Reed Society, **Anne Gilby**, president, and wish them continued success and growth. We discussed the possibility of commissioning a new work for double reeds by a prominent composer to be performed in honor of our 30th anniversary at the Banff conference. More information will hopefully be forthcoming on this project. Lastly, we discussed the procedure for electing officers at the end of this year. The officers' nominating committee will include **Marc Fink**, **Nancy Goeres**, and **William Winstead**. I will be chairing the committee in my role as outgoing president. Officers whose terms expire at the end of this year are **Marc Fink**, **Andrea Merenzon**, and **Eric Ohlsson**. The busiest person at our meetings is secretary **Eric Ohlsson**, who laboriously takes notes, transcribes and distributes minutes of all our minutes, and contributes his insight into the topics of discussion.

We get a lot of important business done in three days of meetings, but we also enjoy the friendship and common interest we all share in serving our Society. I want to thank all of these outstanding members of IDRS for their distinguished service and dedication.