

## Report of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer

by Norma R. Hooks

### STANDING OVATION

Let's give a standing ovation to Martin Schuring and Jeffrey Lyman for the fantastic job they did on the 1998 conference in Tempe, Arizona. The conference was truly a work of art, from the many concerts and master classes, to the abundance of exhibits, to the perfect weather (Dry heat, and not too much of it.) They even weathered the storm of the funeral of a nationally recognized celebrity, former Senator Barry Goldwater, in one of our concert halls..

Our thanks to Michele Murray, Gail Schuring and all the wonderful volunteers who made the week run so smoothly. Also thanks to my staff who helped keep things running smoothly in the exhibit area.

Congratulations on an outstanding conference!

### ACCOLADES

While we're passing out thanks and recognition, let's not forget our hard working executive committee. They've put in many hours during the past year to keep our Society running and reaching ever higher goals. Take the opportunity to let them know you appreciate their dedication.

### NEW HONORARY

Most of you are aware that Lowry Riggins is retiring from his long held position as executive secretary-treasurer. At our conference in Tempe he was doubly honored for his years of untiring work. On Tuesday night, his retirement was recognized and he was presented with a check to help him fulfill his dreams of travel, and a book of kind words from many of our members. At our general meeting on Wednesday afternoon, he was elected as our newest honorary member. Congratulations Lowry, on this, the highest recognition our Society has to give. You deserve our recognition and thanks for all that you have done for the IDRS over these 27 years. We hope to see you enjoying many a future conference without having to work.

### TRANSITION

Lowry and I are hard at work on the transition of the executive secretary's office. Things are

going very well and you will soon be receiving a letter from the president informing you of the completion of the transition. The offices will be closed during the month of August. No outside work will be done during that time. We will not process applications, receive dues, or be available to answer your questions.

When the transition is completed, this will be the information you will use to contact me at the IDRS office.

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### PLEASE HELP ME ...

I'm not good at deciphering. I've been married to the same man for 33 years. His handwriting is very difficult to read, and to this day I have a problem figuring out what some of his notes to me say. I'm telling you this to inform and plead with you. When you correspond with me, please make your handwriting legible. If I can't read your handwriting I'll have to send things back or call you for clarification. Help make my job a little easier and my response to your requests faster, by forming your letters and numbers carefully.

I'm excited about starting my work "for real." I hope that throughout the years I will have an opportunity to be in touch with all of you and get to meet many of you. This will be the most enjoyable part of my job.