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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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This past year has been one of the most frustrating and one of the most satisfying of my career. It has been a year marked with road-blocks, seemingly insurmountable problems, and uncertainty. Yet on the other hand, it has been exciting and rewarding.

We have continued to strengthen our membership. In spite of the loss of a large number of management positions, we have maintained our membership level at 78-79 percent.

Last October we voted to establish a Political Action Committee. A solicitation letter was sent out in late 1986. A second solicitation was scheduled for early 1987; however, it was decided to postpone that mailing.

At our 1986 annual meeting, we passed 31 resolutions. All of the resolutions have had action taken on them. In some cases we were highly successful, and on others we met with limited success. A complete report on resolutions is attached to this report.

We met with Central Office officially twice during the year and once on an unofficial basis. The issue of meetings, official time, and funding was one of the major issues during the year.

The Executive Committee also met an additional time during the year to plan strategy and to set our priorities for future dealings with Central Office.

As an association, we increased our visibility and name recognition on Capitol Hill. Our lobbyist was able to arrange for me to meet key staff people and Congressional leaders. We were asked to comment on proposed and pending legislation and, most importantly, we were asked to give testimony before several Congressional committees.

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We have vigorously worked toward improving benefits for all federal employees which is evidenced by our success in improving travel reimbursements, changes in the Federal Employees Retirement System and proposed changes in pay systems and other legislation affecting federal employees.

We have continued our involvement with the Public Employees Roundtable and Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund. Both of these organizations benefit both our members and the federal community.

All ten regional associations held annual meetings this year. I was able to attend eight of these meetings.

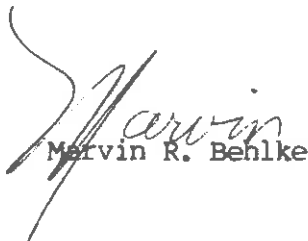
We made an agreement with CAAMS, Inc. to provide our members an opportunity to purchase a computer at a very reasonable price.

These are just some of the highlights of this past year. The tense situation we faced in our relationship with Central Office was a critical situation. It was a cause for concern; however, I believe that we as an association made the right decision. That is if we are to be the effective voice of field management at both the central and regional levels, then we must place our emphasis on working through our internal system to achieve our objectives as they relate to SSA issues.

The other observation I have of this past year is that it has been a rewarding experience for me to represent you, the field management team. In my visits around the country, I have seen the same dedication to our jobs in each region and I have been very impressed with the seriousness with which you approach the work of this association and your jobs. I am proud to be associated with you.

Working with this year's Executive Committee was also very rewarding. Each member fulfilled a role in the above accomplishments and without their guidance and support, we would have been like a ship without a rudder.

As I stated at the first of this report, it has been a frustrating and a satisfying year. I believe the rewards far outweigh the negatives, and I appreciate the opportunity you gave me to serve as your President.

  
Marvin R. Behlke

Attachment