

WILLIAM LOMBARDY

Jan. 15, 1980.

Larry Evans, IGM, Vice-Pres. PCA.

Dear Larry,

Thank you for your letter of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

I enclose a check for \$750.— which of course is intended for the PCA General Account.

I feel these monies are better placed in your hands as a valid officer of the PCA since I personally believe that whatever the personal qualities of Alan Benson he is not nor has been at any time a member in good standing of the PCA — a PCA constitutional requirement before the fact, if you take my meaning! — for eligibility for running for PCA office.

There is nothing in the Constitution which provides for the board naming honorary members so that such people might be able to run for office, however good their intentions.

I spoke to Arthur Biquier who agrees with me and who also expressed the fact that he has not as a board member in good standing been consulted on an issue of importance or otherwise for quite some time — and certainly not on the matter of the election. He stated: "I suppose they felt out what they had enough votes to carry without getting in touch with me."

In any case, I feel the situation of Alan Benson as Sec. Treas. of PCA is illegal and do not wish to be involved. So I forward you the money.

The PCA account is not yet closed. I shall of course close it at the direction of the board and/or membership meeting. I do believe it is better to maintain a continuous account with a bank which therefore gets to know us better. It matters little.

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where lives the Sec-Treas., since most banking is done by mail anyway. Furthermore, it is somewhat difficult, cumbersome to constantly have to open a new account every two years simply because a new Sec-Treas. has been elected when a simple change in authorized signature for the account would be sufficient.

Finally, I still cannot quite understand why a PCA newsletter has not appeared since Lone Pine 1979, even were I to accept some of the responsibility for the earlier delay. I resigned as Sec-Treas about a year ago.

There you have my views on the major current problem in a nutshell. I want the PCA, not only to survive but to thrive. I hope you, as a current PCA officer, one of the original founders, & personal friend, can move it in the right direction.

I hope circumstances will allow us to meet in Lone Pine 1980.

As ever,

Bill

P.S.: As you can see, the enclosed check has no address but the bank's is printed on it.