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Dear PCA members,

It is with great regret that I am unable this year to attend the PCA Annual Meeting.

To make a long story short, I developed a severe back condition in mid-September. Those of you who have had similar problems already know the incapacitation one experiences.

I am just now seeking help from a Grandmaster of backs and had X-rays taken Tuesday. Later this afternoon I am seeing the doctor to discuss the prognosis. Allthough I don't plan on moving any mountains, I can at least perform my functions as PCA Secretary-Treasurer.

I have opened an account for the PCA at Bank of California, 2333 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94701; account # 08-013317.

As of this date I have deposited the following amounts:

- 1) check from William Lombardy for \$1,750 (presumably PCA dues but no official accounting of this money was received.)
- 2) check from Jack Peters for \$739.30 (this check was accompanied by an explanation of how much money was received, from whom, and for what purpose.)
- 3) individual associate and voting memberships totaling \$130.

The total amount of deposits comes to \$2,619.30.

In the performance of my duties as PCA Secretary-Treasurer I have compiled all the members on 3x5 index cards in alphabetical order under the following categories: Exchange (XO), Policy Board (PO), Complimentary (Comp.), Voting members (V-79, 80, ?), and Associate members (A-79, 80, ?). The ? denotes an unknown expiration date.

This list was then translated into a mailing list for the magazine mailing. As of this date the numbers of our membership are: 1) XO 12, 2) PO 18, 3) Comp. 2, 4) V? 17, 5) V-79 or 80 80, 6) A? 39, 7) A-79 or 80 80. (Total: 248.)

I have tried to limit operating costs by donating supplies and some xeroxing through my connection with SUPERB Productions (U.C. Berkeley Campus Chess Club).

However, I have had to spend \$8.99 for postage, xeroxing and stationary supplies. Before the PCA account was opened I (out of my own pocket) paid Professor Elo \$5 for his services in researching FIDE ratings. I have also made a minimal amount of phone calls (approximately \$6 - \$8 worth as I have not yet updated my phone bills).

I would like to make the following recommendations:

1) That the PCA invest in classified advertising in chess magazines to increase our membership. There could be a budget set up for this purpose.

2) That each officier be allowed a fixed amount for phone calls each year. If the fixed amount is not used during the year it would not be retained for the next year's cost, but would again be a fixed amount.

3) That the PCA make sound investment with the surplus capital to help fight inflation. My father (Cecil R. Benson, Stanford graduate, retired electrical engineer) is presently the president of the board of Dunsmuir House & Gardens (a non-profit, tax exempt organization). He would be willing to make recommendations regarding these investments. I would make his recommendations known to the officers and if no objections were raised I would have him make the designated investments.

In closing, I would like to make myself available for the office of Secretary-Treasurer for the forthcoming term.

I will await instructions from the newly elected officers as to what reimbursements I am allowed for: 1) my salary, 2) stationary, xeroxing and postage, and 3) phone calls.

Sincerely,



Alan Benson