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Dear Rhett:

Some comments on a few matters brought to light during the Kansas City Conference are in order, I believe.

FORM OF RESOLUTIONS I discussed this with Chuck English when he asked and at the time felt that everything was perfect. It still is near perfect except that when the practicalities of filing look you in the face on return to the office, the suggestion of sticking to standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper is made. Otherwise resolutions were extremely competently handled before the membership.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP After the discussion that took place in the Presidents and Secretaries Luncheon I dug back into my files and also looked again at the C&B and find that apparently somewhere the amendment that was placed on the Resolution at Clearwater which as I recall went into checking with the Administrative Research Committee and determining that they had now intention of cutting off prior honored members, had been forgotten. Please note my working copy of the Resolution...un retouched with the notation OK W/amend and the notation on the bottom Life Honoraries as of 8/6/70. I believe that as a matter of extreme priority for completion by the conference by August 1974 this be cleared up for once and for all. Please note that this topic has been brought up time and time again (see enclosed letter copies).

APCO BULLETIN RESOLUTIONS The printing of the Resolutions in the BULLETIN may have had some effect on the rapid sandbagging of the Nr 9 proposal. With a constructive criticism in mind, the physical form of the printing in the BULLETIN does not leave a clear impression of each Resolution. It struck me that there was a resemblance to the Form 425 Instructions. They told quite a story, but you really had to dig it out. I heard a couple other comments that parallel my thoughts. With all the other things to do, I never really dug into the Resolution 9, but gave up anyway right after that 1/3 membership having control, just as I commented verbally at Albuquerque. I believe there was also comment to look at

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the possibility of simplifying the matter and separating every item that could be pulled from the Resolution into a separate Resolution. I'll never forget Frank Campbell's K-I-S-S statement, and it's very helpful in getting a story across.

RESOLUTIONS IN GENERAL I don't believe the answer has been arrived at yet, as indicated by the actions this year. AND no one had prepared themselves to overcome the obvious faults with the resolutions, including me. The general indication repeated a few times about "intent" has to be overcome if we are to get something accomplished, as our C&B is now grown up to the point that we can make any, that's ANY amendment with respect to general subject matter, and can in fact turn an unacceptable resolution into a n acceptable one. The handwriting is on the wall. SOMEONE has to come up with a compromise that will solve the Northern California Supporting Membership...which is NOT new. I have in my correspondence information from around 1967 mentioning this. If this is not looked at, then you'll probably find some new Resolutions made up on the topics that many hope will have been terminated at the conclusion of this year's meeting.

The voting, in my own opinion, will have to be a better proposal than what we presently have. I don't know but there seems to be an approach that someone wants to get rid of the "battles" that take place on the floor each year...but there haven't been battles each year. They are usually the result of Resolutions prepared with too narrow an interest in mind, rather than the good of the WHOLE organization. I heard that the Executive Committee got rushing over Resolution 9 and 10 due to lack of time. I know from past experience that this has happened in other years, but the general membership do not know that a hasty recommendation was made. Also I think that whether some people like it or not (and I am not picking on anybody in particular because I don't really know who fits the description) any change that eliminates the opportunity for the general membership to debate the issue is not in the interest of the organization.

As was seen in my point of order claim to stop setting a precedent of having the organization "outlaw" a part of the C&B illegally, I have a great deal of faith in the Board of Officers, possibly even more so than in the whole Executive Committee, as many are not that close to what's happening. BUT the basic ruling of the association comes from the general active membership and as a person opinion...there it must remain, at least the ability to speak out on it before the vote takes place.

CONFERENCE LOCATION Something has to be done, and I have heard will be done, regarding Conference Hotel. From the brochure Ed Simon has distributed, there is no problem in 1974. I registered at the Muleback (guess that's really Muehlebach) against my better judgement and paid normal rates (apparently no break for conference) for what my wife can only say "was better than what they tried to stick us with in Boston". If there is to be little or no fragmenting of accomodations, then the site must be properly chosen. This conference was in the process when Rhett's time was very short in view of demands placed on him by the Florida F&G, but future years should improve

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as the professional touch is with us. I think the worst part about the Mule was an attitude that can be most preposterously demonstrated with this fictional example, "Sir, the roofs about to fall in!" "Oh don't worry, it's always like that". It seems that everyone there was adjusted to work around being serviceful to visitors. In spite of that, I thought that Ed B and crew did a very good job and it was a successful meeting.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS See Retired President McAndrew. I believe that he is going into the consultant business in this line!

That's more than enough for now. Hope you don't get indigestion over it all.

Regards,

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