

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since the last Journal we have formed an eleven man Board of Directors to guide the Society in matters of policy and regulation. The members serving on the Board are Peter M. Bowers (see page 22), Dustin W. Carter (21), John C. Durand (60), Chalmers A. Johnson (22), Gregory C. Kohn (58), Charles G. Mandrake (19), Willis L. Nye (20), Merle G. Olmsted (20), Warren D. Shipp (22), James J. Sloan (20), and Frank Strnad (60). A majority vote by the Board will carry the motion. On matters of major importance we may poll the entire membership but it must be remembered that this is an expensive and time consuming project.

A most enjoyable dinner meeting was held in June between local members and out of town visitor-members who were here for the annual Aviation Writers Association convention in San Francisco. Howard Levy, Burton Kemp, Jesse Davidson, Ed Deigan, Alex Dawydoff, Walter Jefferies and Gordon Williams met with the local contingent composed of Chalmers Johnson, Willis Nye, Doug Olson, Larry Smalley, Earl Holmquist, John Mitchell and Bill Larkins.

In answer to several inquiries; yes, we will have an annual index to the AAHS Journal. This is one of the reasons that the pagination runs consecutively per volume. This should be of value and help, and will further increase the future use of back numbers of the Journal.

In answer to other inquiries about captions for the large photographs; we simply do not have the information available. Since this is a co-operative effort, we suggest that several of the members take it upon themselves to do the research necessary to properly identify the photos used. In most cases they represent rare photos that have been saved for many years, and whatever information is contained on the face or rear of the print will be published, but further technical information will have to result from additional research. The Vought V-43, in this issue, is a good example of this. We have supplied the photo, which is rare, now some of you supply the information and background to go with it.

Some articles are still being prepared, such as the World War I aircraft list, and we feel it is better to delay the publication of the articles in order that they may be more complete and accurate than to publish them at this time.

For those of you who may be interested in joining Air Britain, obtaining some of their publications, or obtaining any British books or magazines, we now have a growing list of Air Britain members who wish to exchange such material for a paid membership to AAHS. Will anyone interested please write the Membership Chairman, 3321 Betty Lane, Lafayette, California. He will send you the name and address of the person in England and you can make your own contacts. This is a splendid opportunity for many of you to obtain British publications, and it offers our Air Britain friends a way of obtaining the AAHS Journal.

Our most sincere thanks to the Press Bureau of Boeing Airplane Company for their very kind special printing of the chart on page 119. This type of wonderful cooperation, and interest in historical matters, is typical of Boeing's attitude over the years.

Our membership now totals 123, showing steady growth.

William T. Larkins, 8 August 1956