

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

For the past several months, there has been considerable activity among the temporary directors, and among the officially designated Officers of the AAHS, with most efforts directed toward the establishment of a firm foundation for the future of the AAHS. This statement is for the purpose of informing the membership of the status of the AAHS to date. A financial statement for the preceeding calendar year will appear in the first Journal of each following year.

When the AAHS was formed a year and a half ago it was realized that certain administrative duties had to be borne by persons in the organization along with the Editor. Therefore, eleven temporary directors were selected to form the policies of the organization, and to lay the ground work for the future. These directors were: Peter M. Bowers, Dustin W. Carter, John C. Durand, Chalmers A. Johnson, Gregory C. Kohn, Charles G. Mandrake, Willis L. Nye, Merle G. Olmsted, Warren D. Shipp, James J. Sloan, and Frank Strnad. Their primary job was the writing of a constitution, which was necessary before we could obtain a charter for the AAHS. They also had to select a slate of officers, each with a specific duty to perform in the administrative aspect of the AAHS, and had to pass on many other important questions which come up in any new organization. Once the new officers took office, the job of the temporary directors was at an end. They have served admirably, and I should like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for a job well done, and hope that we may be privileged to call upon them again if need be. Their cooperation and help at this important time was invaluable. Thanks.

The Officers of the AAHS are:

President	Warren D. Shipp
Vice President	Peter M. Bowers
Secretary/Treasurer	James J. Sloan
Editor of the Journal	William T. Larkins
Director	Willis L. Nye
Director	Chalmers A. Johnson

They will serve until such time as our constitution is established, charter is obtained, and a general election is held. They constitute the Directors of the AAHS.

The constitution and by-laws of the AAHS is practically completed, and has, for the most part, been accepted by the Officers. Copies will be sent to members as soon as they are printed. We are now preparing a charter which will establish the AAHS as a non-profit making organization in the State of New York. Once this is accomplished, the foundation of the AAHS is secure, and we can then devote our entire efforts to making the Journals one of the finest publications anywhere. Much credit for its excellence must go to the Editor who, while grinding out the Journals, also had to take an active part in the forming of the organization.

The AAHS started out with a modest dues requirement, and has been able to retain this low price without reducing the size or quality of the Journals, and still remain solvent. However, with the increase in the costs of printing the Journals, especially the photo pages, we find it necessary to increase the yearly dues to five dollars. This, and our present membership of over 300, will enable us to increase the number of interesting photo pages, print the constitution, and provide some working capital

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