Commentary

President's Message

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In preparing this, my first letter to the Association, I spent a most enlightening day! I wanted to re-read what my illustrious predecessors had written in their first message. Thus, I ended up on the floor at the foot of my bookcase with every issue of the IAOM Journal spread around me.

I began with Volume I, No. 1, Jan., 1975, and read President Bill Zickefoose's hopeful and positive words in the very first issue. I also re-read Hansen's study of a "Longitudinal Research on Malocclusions and Tongue Thrust." Obviously, not all the Journals carry a Presidential message, but after awhile it really didn't seem to matter. I picked my way through, re-reading articles and reviews that brought fresh ideas and thoughts to mind. What a wealth of information, that lends itself to many readings! We have a publication that is an excellent addition to any professional library.

I went on to read each of the President's messages: Bill Zickefoose, Marv Hansen, Dick Barrett, and Logan Barnard, all of them conveyed in their own way, each expressing feelings of deep pride and great expectations for the future of the Association. When I looked upon the offerings that were abundant in our Journals, contributed by our own members to enhance our knowledge and broaden our perspectives, I could see that many of those expectations have indeed come into being.

My hopes are much the same: to increase the membership with qualified, dedicated people; to strengthen our professional status; and to continue the very special sharing of ideas and experiences.

The future does indeed look bright because of your efforts as members, and the dedication you have shown to IAOM in the past.

You have made me very proud to be a member and it is a special privilege to be your President. May the New Year bring all the best to all of you!

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