

Editor's Note

The Executive Committee would like to call your attention to the By-Laws as printed in this issue of the Journal. As you will recall the membership had the opportunity to vote on some changes, proposed by the By-Laws Revision Committee and the Executive Committee, intended to increase organizational efficiency while at the same time making it possible for the members to exercise a greater voice in the decision-making process. Proposed By-laws were sent out to the membership in December, 1975 with an imposed deadline for the return of ballots. The proposed changes were approved overwhelmingly by the membership. Since these new By-laws do incorporate some significant changes, the Executive Committee would like to point out to you that these are now the official rules of the organization and supersede any previous printing of the By-laws in this Journal. The two most significant changes in the By-laws have to do with levels of and means of obtaining membership, and the nomination and election of officers.

The Editor and the Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to announce a change in the management of our Journal. This will be the last issue edited by E. J. Hardick. He has served as editor for the past eight years and witnessed the transition from the original *ARA Newsletter* to the present *Journal of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology*. At the time he took the position he had several goals in mind that have now been realized or at least gigantic strides toward realization have occurred: The transition from newsletter to full fledged journal has been accomplished; our circulation has increased substantially among individual non-members and institutions; the number and quality of articles has steadily improved to the point where the journal can take its place among refereed journals; and we have succeeded in eliminating the time interval between publishing date and date of reception by the subscribers. It is now time for someone else to take over the next stage of development of what we all hope will be a significant contribution to the literature on hearing impairment. It is with great pleasure that we announce that the new Editor of this Journal will be Ralph R. Rupp of the University of Michigan. Dr. Rupp has done an outstanding job in the development of the *Journal of the Michigan Speech and Hearing Association* and I am sure that his considerable background and talent will be immediately visible to you. The first issue under his leadership will be Volume 10, Number 1, which is scheduled for release in April, 1977.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many people in the Academy, in particular the members of the Executive Committee, who have been most helpful to me during these formative years. Without their support and encouragement the Journal would have long since ceased to exist.

E. J. Hardick
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