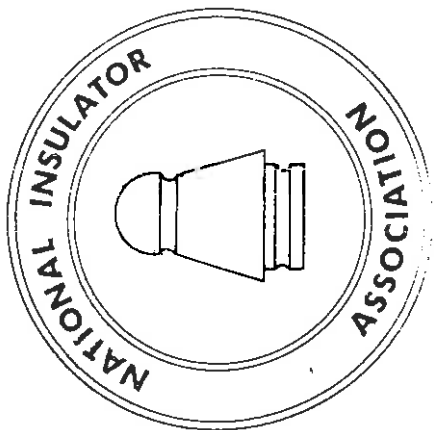


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NIA PRESIDENT

Here are a few items that will be of interest to all collectors. The 1979 NIA National being held in Denver this July, is fast approaching. All members that are going to attend, should be planning and making reservations now to insure a place close to the show and banquet. This fine show is being hosted by Mike and Darlene Bliss and their efficient helpers, Mel and Steve and their families. I am looking forward to seeing a vast number of NIA members there, for I know Mike and his associates put on a swell show in Denver year after year.

One thing that we should all keep in mind, the first day of the show is collectors day, only NIA members will be admitted to the show for the purpose of setting up their sales and display tables, and to do some buying and selling among themselves. Therefore, the dealers and displayers will not have to worry about the general public helping them unpack and set up.

The information that I have from Bill Hungate is that he has received all the nominations for President and Central V.P. for the ballot that will be in the next issue of DRIP POINTS. One thing though, you have to be a paid-up member of NIA to receive a ballot in the next issue of DRIP POINTS. Also, this year all NIA members will receive a ballot that is to be mailed back. This will give each NIA member an equal vote for the candidates of his choice. There will be specific instructions with the ballot and it will be appreciated if each of you follow them.

As you know, each year NIA presents the OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD to a deserving NIA member. This year we have had several individuals who have been nominated for this award. It will not be an easy task for the Board of Directors to select the recipient as each nominee is very deserving.

For our displayers, TEN categories with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. We are anticipating many exhibits and hope that everyone will try for one of these nice awards. I also want to mention that Bill Dreggors still has a supply of NIA ribbons for Class C approved shows. Anyone with a show coming up, let Bill know and he will be glad to send you a ribbon.

Len Linscott NIA # 255

BY-LAWS CLARIFICATION

The NIA Board of Directors is composed of nine members: The President, Regional Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Information Director, Executive Director and the two most immediate past presidents. Note in By-laws Article V, Paragraph 3 (page 7 of your 1978 Handbook) provisions are made for maintaining a full 9 member Board by filling vacancies through Board appointment should they arise.

One situation could arise which isn't specifically described in this By-laws paragraph. That is, whether or not a Board "vacancy" exists when a current President is immediately reelected or is subsequently reelected to the office of President after an intervening term(s).

In the later case, where a past president is elected to the office of President, or any other office, the By-laws clearly

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states that a "vacancy" on the Board is created and shall be filled by Board appointment.

In the former case, where, a current president is reelected either once or repeatedly, he can not be termed a "past president" while still holding that office. Thus, the "two immediate past presidents" remain those two members who served that office before the current president; they both remain on the Board, and no vacancy is created.

It is naturally desirable that this interpretation be brought up before such a situation may arise in the future years and to document it by publication herein for the record.

Jack Todd, NIA #13

No Eastern Regional ??

Oh no, it could'nt be? Did I hear someone say there is not anyone at the present time, who is willing to host the 1979 Eastern Regional? It is true though. After the fantastic 1978 show, I felt there would be several bids for the 1979 show. Charlie and Doug did a great job and the walk in crowd was huge. For that reason, I felt several parties would be interested in hosting this years show. Doug and Charlie showed all the collectors how successful an Eastern Regional can be. I am sure anyone who attended last years show would attend this years no matter where it was held or who was hosting it. It should be an annual tradition. So lets all get together, check into the details, and lets' have an Eastern Regional this year. The shows that we attend is what keeps this hobby going. Now is the time to submit bids for this show and also for the 1980 National.

Ray Klingensmith NIA #1654

Lightning Rod Balls

Lightning rod balls are hollow glass shapes with holes at each end so they may be mounted over a lightning rod. These fancy, colorful examples of the glassmakers art served only a decorative purpose and were somewhat of a status symbol in the neighborhood.

There are at least 32 known patterns with 15 additional variations known at this time. When it is considered that each pattern may have been made in at least eight to ten colors, it can be that a collection could contain several hundred balls.

The money value for the various balls ranges for a white plain round ball; \$2.50 to as high as \$250.00 for dated balls and unusual colors in other rare styles.

The earliest known lightning rod ball manufacture was the Mast Company, founded in 1840. Mast was followed closely by Reyburn-Hunter-Foy of Chicago, founded in 1849. Production does continue today with the George E. Thompson Co., Owatonna, Minn.

In some areas, lightning rod balls might be secured from the roofs of homes and barns, with permission of course!! Most commonly, the source of supply would be bottle and insulator shows, magazines, flea markets and antique shops.

Bob & Phoebe Adams NIA #381-380

Treasurers Report

NIA Members....Please note that your NIA membership card expires March 31st. If you have not already done so, please send in as soon as possible, your renewal of \$3 and \$1 for each additional family membership using the same mailing address. Junior memberships are \$1 per individual (under 18 years).

There are several reasons for expediency. #1 The election ballots will be included in the next Drip Points and you will not receive either if you have not paid for your renewal. #2 Admittance into the 10th National, on the first day (Friday), requires that each individual be an NIA member. (Re: NIA general show floor rules, #16, p.11 in your NIA Handbook, Revised Nov. 1978). This does not pertain to non-collecting minors who are with their parents/guardians.

As of February 15th the NIA membership is 819, with the treasury boasting a total of \$608.50. It should be growing rather rapidly now with the renewals coming in daily.

If you already sent in your dues, you will be receiving your card for 79-80 near the end of March. I am holding the first ones until I have 200, so that I can use the NIA Bulk Mailing Permit and save 8.6¢ per item. This is your money and the NIA is working to save and give you the most for your money.

Jacquelin Linscott NIA# 1380

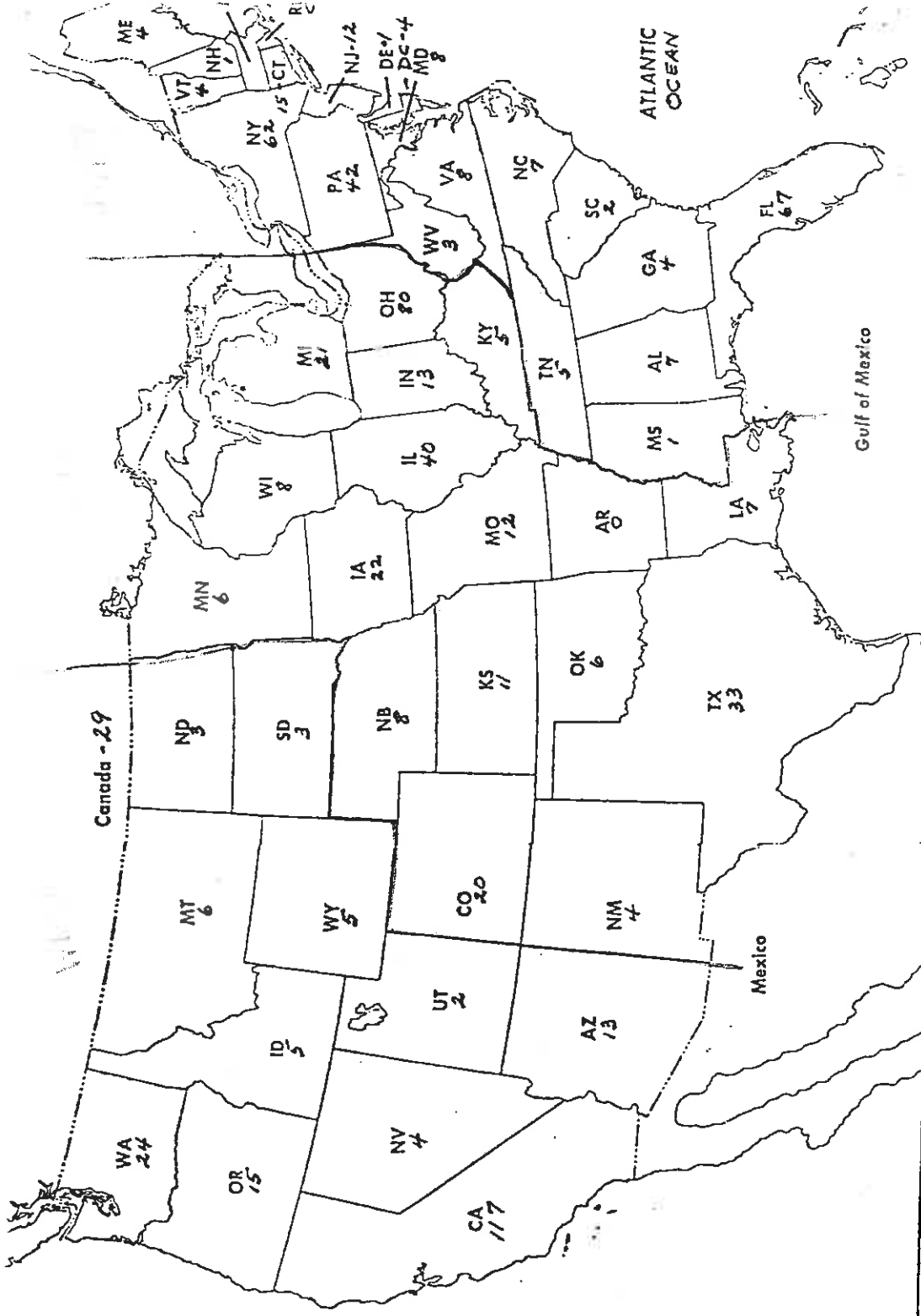
I (we) apply for membership in the National Insulator Association

Name _____		Age _____
Phone _____		New ()
Street _____		Renewal ()
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Family Members: _____		Age _____
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The NIA Board and its members truly wish a speedy recovery to, Fred Griffen, who is recovering from recent surgery. We are sure that all of you would personally want to wish Fred the best.

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1874 Florence A. Emery
4 Dickman Drive
LaVallette, NJ 08735
- 1875 Robert M. Johnson
3541 Riverland Rd.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
- 1876 Richard C. Bitzer
9875 S.E. Fed Hwy.
Hobe Sound, FL 33455
- 1877 Byron F. Nielsen
432 Southview Drive
Brookings, SD 57006
- 1878 James D. Pullman
2830 Forrest Green Dr.
Decatur, IL 62521
- 1879 Russell Travis
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California State College
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Bakersfield, CA 93309
- 1880 Jenny Ellinger
3245 Arcadia Place NW
Washington, DC 20015
- 1881 Clyde S. Venable
4401-Hughes Lane, #79
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- 1882 Bill Rohde
12411 N. Friant Star Rt.
Fresno, CA 93906
- 1883 Andrew Henninger
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Tulare, CA 93274
- 1884 John D. Rutoskey
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- 1887 James K. Cleary
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- 1891 Peter Shouldice
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HOW DOES YOUR STATE SHAPE UP ?

Using the most recent membership information from N.I.A. President Len Linscott, we have indicated state enrollments on the above map. It is possible for each N.I.A. member to locate his or her own state and tell at a glance how many active members are living there. For your information, the five leading in membership are California (117), Ohio (80), Florida (67), New York (62), and Pennsylvania (42). These states are to be commended for their continued support of the National Insulator Association. Your help is requested in securing more members from your home state. Thank you for your cooperation !

Bob and Phoebe Adams #380-381
 N.I.A. Membership Chairmen

