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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi There Gang!

Boy-O-Boy - What a lousy winter! Somehow, I'm looking forward to the summer warmth, and the Cedar Rapids National can't get here too soon in that regard.

And for you Eastern members - while you are waiting for the snow and ice to thaw, now's the time to get your bids in for the 1982 Regional and 1983 National shows. Vi Brown, NIA Executive Director, needs this info by May 1st, so how about getting with her!

The proposal to amend Article V, Paragraph 1 and 2, concerning voting procedures, as presented to the membership at the Sacramento National and subsequently published in the Fall 1981 issue of Drip Points, has been ratified. Starting with the ballots included here-in, all interested nominees have been listed. Sixty days after the ballots have been mailed, all ballots cast shall be counted and the results announced at the annual membership meeting. So---make sure you vote.

Good collecting, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in July.

Pat Patocka NIA#140

FROM THE TREASURER:

Our balance in the treasury is \$1,417.01. There will yet be expenditures for printing and mailing two issues of Drip Points (this is one of them), expenses for the Directory, and the cost of the NIA trophies and ribbons for Spring shows and the National.

Our only source of income is YOUR dues- and the income and out-go just about balance out every year. Remember dues are due April 1st, and, happily, they have been rolling in at a steady rate! Please don't wait until Cedar Rapids to pay yours- we don't want to take valuable time from all the visiting and wheelin' & dealin' at the National! The three days go by so fast!

Shirley PatockaNIA#633

FROM THE EASTERN REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello from the East! things are slow- or should I say FROZEN! We're having one of the worst winters in years. Right now we are having what the weathermen call a 'heat wave' - 30 degrees!

Shows are few and far between. In February the Somers Bottle Club of Conn. will be having their show which yours truly sets up at. This year I will be having a display of lightning rod balls and insulators,

The Yankee Polecat Club is in the process of their membership drive and the planning of a Spring show. This years show date will be March 21st. It's a good time for all of us with 'cabin fever' to get out.

The end of March (27th & 28th) the M T Bottle Club of Florida is having a two day show. Bill Dreggors is in charge with a past turn-out of 100 sales tables. My family and I will be heading South for this show and some warm weather. I will give you a run down of these shows and any other news in a few months.

Keep Warm - Try Insulating!

John DeSousa NIA#419

FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN:

Since the 1981 National Show in Sacramento, an NIA trophy has been sent to show host Len Linscott for the Eastern Regional show November 20 - 22, and eight(8) NIA ribbons have been mailed out to local class C shows across the country.

It is the ideal situation at these shows to have both a Crown Jewels ribbon and an NIA ribbon to award to deserving displays. The Crown Jewels ribbon usually goes to the display that most encourages others in the hobby to display, while the NIA ribbon has most often been given for most educational. Regarding the NIA ribbon: "most educational" is not binding. You may award it to any display you feel deserves it, and make it fit your particular situation. Remember, the main purpose of these ribbons is to encourage good quality displays!

Marilyn Albers NIA#541

FROM THE HISTORIAN:

1981 NIA Convention

The 1981 National Insulator Association Convention, 'Supershow XII', was held in Sacramento, California on July 10, 11 and 12, 1981. There were 96 sales tables and 41 displays.

Attendance on Friday, NIA Day, was good. The General Meeting on Friday night was held at the El Rancho Hotel, and was attended by approximately 100 members. It was announced that Pat Patocka had been re-elected as NIA President, and Grant Salzman is the Western Region Vice-President.

The pace was brisk on Saturday when the general public arrived. It was felt that the emphasis on 'antique' and the inclusion of a few collectibles enhanced the number in attendance. On Saturday night the banquet was held at the El Rancho. Trophies for displays were awarded by show host Grant Salzman and NIA Show Chairman Marilyn Albers. Life Membership was awarded to Frank and Margaret Miller and Evelyn Milholland. Marilyn Albers was presented the Outstanding Service Award. Jerry Turner did his usual dastardly job of awarding "42 Awards" to the delight of all those lucky enough NOT to be recipients!

Sunday saw a lot of glass changing hands with last minute wheelin' & dealin' .

Thank you, Grant Salzman, for hosting a great show!

Carolyn Theesen NIA#1590

FROM THE INFORMATION DIRECTOR:

Things are moving right along with the plans for this years National Show in Cedar Rapids. Larry Whitlock has informed me that over half of the dealer sales space has been sold, and that there are only about ten (10) display spaces available as of this Drip Points issue. Larry informed me that if you want a written confirmation of your hotel reservation at the Sheraton Inn, then you must indicate that on the reservation card. Please make your reservations as soon as possible - space is limited. (con't)

The following is a listing of some of the up-coming shows.
You can do your part for the hobby by attending these local shows.

MARCH 21st - GLASTONBURY CONNECTICUT contact: John deSousa,
5 Brownstone Rd., East Granby, CT 06026

MARCH 27th & 28th - OMAHA NEBRASKA contact: Paul Ickes,
1115 S 32nd St., Council Bluffs, IA 51501

MARCH 27th & 28th- DELAND FLORIDA contact:
P. O. BOX 1581 DeLand, FL 32720

APRIL 2nd 3rd & 4th - BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA contact:
Dee Willett 1930 Lucky St., Bakersfield, CA 93307

MAY 1st & 2nd - ENUMCLAW WASHINGTON contact: Andy Brown
7049 243 Ave. N. E., Redmond, WA 98052

MAY 15th & 16th - EL PASO TEXAS contact: Chester Morris
4529 Hercules, El Paso, TX 79904

JUNE 12th & 13th - LITTLETON COLORADO contact:
Bill Frederick 5118 S Osceola, Littleton, CO 80123

Please be reminded that we are in need of bids for the 1983 National Show. I know that many of you could do a fantastic job of hosting a National. Take some time and check out your local facilities. I'm sure you could find the 'perfect' site to put on a National. Don't wait for 'the other guy' to get motivated. We need bids NOW. And don't forget that we still need bids for this years Eastern Regional too.

In closing, might I point out that the enclosed ballot (s) contain the nominees for elected office. You will find a brief biography on each candidate on the following pages. After your careful consideration, take the time to VOTE and RETURN the ballot.

Thats about it this time around. I hope everyone will try to make it to Cedar Rapids. If you have never attended a National Show, you don't know what you're missing. As ALWAYS.....

IT'S GONNA' BE GREAT!

Mike Bruner NIA#1482

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Hello, my name is Marilyn Albers, and you'll find my name on the ballot for NIA President for 1982-84. I am 54 years old and live in Houston, Texas with my husband Bill and daughter Mary, 17, (the youngest of 6 children). I have been collecting insulators since 1973 and began a general collection just like all the rest of you. In 1975 I took the first of 3 trips to Europe serving as a chaperone for a group of school students. This started my interest in foreign insulators and since July of 1979 I have written a monthly column in Crown Jewels magazine reporting on research and new finds in this area. (By the way, if I am elected, I will continue to write this column!) I have just published a new foreign glass insulator book called 'Glass Insulators Outside North America'. Since its inception in the Fall of 1980 I have served as one of 7 members on the NIA Catalogue and Authentication Committee. I have also been your NIA Show Chairman for nearly 2 years.

If I am elected President, rest assured that I will try my best to live up to this important committment. Our outgoing President, Pat Patocka, with his wife Shirley's help as Treasurer, has done such a fantastic job over the past 2 years that it will be difficult to fill those shoes. The entire Board And Committee chairmen have done super jobs! With all the help I have been promised, we will continue to make the NIA an organization that truly promotes our hobby, " grows"with it, " listens" to its members suggestions for change and/or improvements, and insists on high standards for trading, selling, and collecting! The only way to accomplish this is to have an active interested and growing membership, and good open lines of communication between the general membership, the Board and various Committee Chairmen. This is so important!

See you in Cedar Rapids!

Marilyn Albers NIA# 541

Dear Fellow NIA Members,

My name is Kevin Lawless and I have been nominated for the Presidency of the NIA.

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For those of you that do not know me, I would like to briefly biograph myself: I am 27 years old and I am an inside salesman for a wholesale rubber distributor in Schenectady, New York. Prior to this, I was co-owner of R & K Coins and Insulators. I have been an insulator collector since 1978 and specialize in McLaughlins, Maydwells, and Stars, and I also collect Baseball cards.

I consider myself a strong supporter for local clubs, and I have been an active member of the Capitol District ans Yankee Polecat Insulator clubs for several years. In addition, I am also a member of the National Bottle Museum Society, the Genessee Valley Bottle Collectors Association and the Capitol District Sports Collectors Club. I have been an NIA Member since 1977 and I currently serve on the NIA's authentication committee.

My main objective as NIA President would be to promote new interest in research and to get more new and young collectors to actively participate in the hobby. By improving the insulator-collecting hobby's public image through media participation, public displays and the support of local clubs, we can accomplish these goals.

Good Collecting,

Kevin Lawless
NIA# 1679

CANDIDATES FOR CENTRAL REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello, I am Michael Sovereign. I am twenty-six years of age and employed by the DuPage County Assessors Office, as Chief Deputy Appraiser. My wife, Eileen, and I began our collecting in 1976, with a general glass collection of both threaded and threadless, with some emphasis on power, CD 162.4 and CD 151. I am also an avid lightning rod material collector and from time to time pick up a porcelain telephone or telegraph sign.

(con't)

I believe that I am somewhat familiar with the workings of the NIA, being Information Director under Presidents McDougald and Linscott.

As Central Region Vice-President I would attempt to be a liason between the members and Board. Many of you may think it evident that the NIA anact policy changes. I agree that the NIA must take careful, progressive and positive, open approach to our great hobby. therefore I would, if elected, welcome letters from anyone with ideas that would wish them brought to the attention of the NIA Board.

The National Insulator Association can become a stronger and more useful organization in which to promote collecting, but it's not only up to the elected; it's up to the electorate.

Michael Sovereign
NIA# 1548

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Hello, I'm Bill Brandon from Austin, Texas, and I have been an insulator collector for the past eight years. My specialty is H.G. CC 19's (CD162). I also have a real liking for Denvers. This does not preclude my digging through every box of insulators that I see at a flea market. One never knows when there is a real jewel at the bottom.

I have served as President of our local club, Austin Bottle & Insulator Collectors, for three years. I have also served in the capacity as Treasurer, and I am currently club Vice-President. I have also been our Show Chairman for the past five years.

If elected I will be happy to work with other NIA officers and all NIA members to further our hobby.

I do not have a great wealth of original ideas, but I am certainly willing to work hard.

Bill Brandon NIA#1011

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