

Secretary's Report

November 15, 1996

This year has been a busy one for the office of Chapter Secretary. Not only with the day-to-day affairs of correspondence and minutes, but with the establishment of a Web site, creation and maintenance of several electronic distribution lists, and coordination of information for the Local Representatives. Fortunately, this has not been too onerous because everyone in the PEA office and UVic Chapter, with whom I have been privileged to work, is so very professional.

The position of Chapter Secretary is, in my mind, first and foremost about communication. I feel that this past year proved how well we, as professionals, could communicate - electronically, in groups, between departments, and one-on-one. I am sure we surprised a number of people at UVic, not just with our solidarity on the bargaining front, but with our individual knowledge and expertise about A&AP issues.

Good communication takes more than one person - it takes a coordinated, committed, informed network of people. We are privileged in this Chapter to have such a network in our Local Representatives. They are the first line of information to and from our members. They were important in getting bargaining information out to the members, and in the future they will be important in making our collective agreement work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them - it has been a pleasure working with you all. The Local Representatives are:

- Jeannine Moreau
- Jane Kovach
- Sandra Guerreiro
- Peggy Faulds
- Divani Geditz
- Joanne Thomas
- Morag Macneil
- Simon Churchill
- Charles Card
- Charles Mcquade
- Russ Smith
- Chris Moss

- Rosalie Phillips
- Ian Thornton
- Barry Smith
- Rick Crawley

Where do we go from here? If 1996 was the year of laying a strong communications foundation, what will the communications focus in 1997 be? I think we need to keep the foundation strong, but perhaps this is the time to turn outwards. Let's blow our own horns - raise our professional profiles amongst our non-AAP colleagues, and make sure that students know about what we do.

Let me close by announcing our new web site: The UVIC Chapter of the PEA can be found at <http://web.uvic.ca/uvicpea/>