

Editor's Note

In the few short months since becoming Editor-in-Chief, I have come to appreciate, even more fully, the contributions of a number of people. First, AAPL owes Herb Thomas an enormous debt of gratitude for his tireless devotion and effort in starting and building the **Bulletin**. I also wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Mary V. (Polly) Odom, Laura Rice and the many others who worked with Herb over the years. Secondly, I wish to emphasize how important the Associate Editors are to the efficient functioning of the **Bulletin**. I am happy to report that the Associate Editors have been most generous of their time and talent in supporting my beginning efforts as Editor-in-Chief. (It is with deep sorrow that we announce the loss of one of our most cherished members and Associate Editors, Jonas Robitscher. Loren Roth has eloquently expressed our feelings elsewhere in this issue.)

The **Bulletin**, under Herb's able leadership, has enjoyed tremendous growth, both in terms of circulation and stature. This is a time to be genuinely complimentary, but not complacent. Thus, the Associate Editors and I now begin the task of reassessing the goals and priorities of the **Bulletin**. To do this most effectively, we need input from the membership. I invite you to write to me or the Associate Editors and share your advice and suggestions about the **Bulletin**.

I begin the task of Editor-in-Chief with excitement and enthusiasm. In the final analysis, the **Bulletin** is a shared task, and the ultimate product depends upon all of us working together in a collegial manner, the proper goal of an Academy. It is also to that larger goal that I will address myself as Editor-in-Chief.

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