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NALLD MEETINGS AROUND THE NATION Capsule Reports from the President

I am glad to report that my efforts toward establishing exchanges of information and ideas at the regional level seem to be bearing fruit.

I had the privilege of visiting the Western Chapter in October and of attending one of their meetings held at Berkeley. It was a great experience—pleasurable, profitable and extremely encouraging. Chairman Philippon and his cohorts are doing a splendid job. The meeting was well attended—people were interested, ideas were exchanged

A North Central Chapter was launched in Chicago in December. It seems to have picked up a lot of momentum immediately. Being in the hands of Joe Morrison and Tom Goldsworthy there is no doubt that it will succeed. They organized a meeting for April 19 in Milwaukee, in conjunction with the Central States 6th Annual Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

I was in Boston in March where about 30 people from New England, some coming from as far as Maine, met, thanks to the wonderful work of Shelby Miller and Gail King who had done extensive canvassing and mailing—and who hosted most gracefully the meeting at Boston University.

This again was a most encouraging experience. People showed interest in future meetings. A long list of topics of interest to all those present was established, to be used in elaborating the agenda for future meetings. It was decided that each one among those present would try to contact people interested in language labs, in his/her own area, especially in the secondary schools (which were hardly represented at the meeting), and to meet with them on the local level. Then a couple of meetings a year would be attempted at the regional level. The meetings, both at the local and regional levels, would be devoted to the fruitful exchange of information and ideas.

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Helen Koppel of Tufts University, generously offered to circulate information among all interested . . . and *did* so in publishing a newsletter soon after!

A meeting was held, as scheduled, in Atlantic City on March 19, in conjunction with the Annual AECT Conference. Dr. Michael Toconita of St. Joseph College, Philadelphia spoke on the language laboratory, 1961-1973, and Dr. Willard Martin described the listening-learning services at Penn State. His presentation was accompanied by a sample of visual materials used in teaching German at Penn State.

An informal meeting was held on Saturday, April 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. at the Washington Hilton Hotel, in conjunction with the Northeast Conference. The discussion centered on the need for an exchange of information on the availability of recorded programs.

It was suggested it would be useful to make available, through a computer system, a general repertory of all sound (and eventually, visual) programs existing in various institutions. Such an undertaking requires considerable funding and is not immediately feasible. Anyone interested in working on this idea is urged on contact NALLD President, P. Capretz, 24 WLH, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. 06520.

It was agreed that in the meantime the *NALLD Journal* could publish a list of institutions where programs in the less commonly taught languages can be found. For practical reasons it was decided that the following commonly taught languages would be excluded from the listing: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian. All others are fair game. Professor Joseph Sheehan, of Georgetown University, generously offered to direct this project.

Professor Christopher Hartley has agreed to study the feasibility of an inquiry on "uses of the language laboratory". This project should eventually lead to publication in the *NALLD Journal* of a chart indicating how and for what various institutions use their laboratory so that members with common interests may contact each other directly to establish useful exchanges.

Pierre Capretz, President
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*Minutes of the 10th Annual Business Meeting, National Association
of Language Laboratory Directors, Atlantic City, New Jersey,
Shelburne Hotel, Tuesday, March 19, 1974:*

Officers Present: (3) President, Pierre Capretz; Vice-President, Roy Krynitz; Editor, Charles Richardson.

Officers Absent: (4) Past President, George Wilkins; Secretary, Jonathan Tibbets; Treasurer, Dale Lally; Executive Secretary, James Dodge.

1. The meeting was called to order by our President, Professor Pierre Capretz. He requested Tom Goldsworthy to take the minutes in the absence of our Secretary.
2. The President read the financial report, dated 28 February 74, from our Treasurer, Dale Lally, Jr. in his absence. The report showed a balance on hand as of February 13, 1974 of \$1,853.88. Emilio de Torre moved that the report be accepted, and this was seconded by Joe Morrison. Approved.
3. Pierre Capretz explained that since the constitutional amendments published in the Winter, 1974 (Vol. VIII, No. 2) issue of the *NALLD Journal* were not received by members 30 days in advance of the annual meeting, they will apparently have to remain pending until next year. Perhaps we can just reprint the ballot at an appropriate time.
4. Pierre Capretz discussed the small number of members attending the annual business meeting, as contrasted with larger turnouts at some of the regional chapter meetings. There was general consensus among those present that perhaps AECT is not the best site for our annual meeting every year. However, no change is possible until the constitution is amended.
5. Pierre stressed the importance and desirability of forming Regional Chapters of NALLD. The initial size of regional chapters is not important; small groups of interested lab directors can have very worthwhile and interesting meetings. However, the opportunity for direct member participation at the local level seems to stimulate growth. He requested any people interested in forming local chapters to contact him.
6. Pierre turned the floor over to our Editor, Charles Richardson, to make a short plea for assistance. Specifically, we need members who can submit short articles; they need not be elaborate dissertations. Charles also seeks people who can review audio

or visual materials which they are using in their courses. Others are needed to scan particular journals for pertinent articles.

7. Emilio de Torre reported the progress of his committee which was charged to assist individuals desiring to contact lab directors with the same kinds of lab equipment. This is of particular interest to directors who have labs manufactured by companies who have now gone out of business. Emilio has prepared a questionnaire to facilitate this purpose, which was mailed with the last issue of the *NALLD Journal*. If you missed your copy, you can request one from: Mr. Emilio de Torre, Director of Individualized Learning Laboratory, Queens College, Flushing, New York 11367.
8. NEW BUSINESS. The President called for new business. Joe Morrison (U. of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus), made the following motion, which was seconded by Roy Krynitz, our Vice President and subsequently passed:
"The Winter 1974 (Vol. VIII, No. 2) issue of the NALLD JOURNAL contined the constitutional amendments and absentee ballot did not reach the majority of the membership in advance of the 30-day requirement. Consequently, no vote was taken at the annual business meeting. However, it is important that action be taken, if possible, before next year. Therefore, I move that in order to faciliate bringing the constitutional amendments before the membership immediately, a new ballot be prepared to make this possible."
"I futher move that this new ballot contain two parts; the first part be authorization by the membership to conclude this business by written ballot. The second part to be a reissue of the ballot contained in the Winter 1974 issue of the *NALLD Journal* (Vol. VIII, No. 2) with appropriate deadline changes."
9. NEW BUSINESS. Joe Morrison discussed the desirability of changing the name of our organization from Language Lab Directors to Learning Lab Directors. An informal poll of those present showed that at least half of those attending were in charge of a department named something besides "Language Labs." Joe Morrison then suggested that the President appoint a committee to study what we must do to make our organization more attractive to Directors of auto-tutorial labs, learning labs, etc. He further suggested that this "Organizational Expansion Committee" be charged with bringing forth proposals to broaden our membership.

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10. There being no additional new business, Emilio de Torre moved that we adjourn. Seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote. Adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Goldsworthy
NALLD Advertising Manager

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