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# *From the President...*

## Secondary Reading: An MRA Priority

by Jerri Hansen

The Evaluation Committee of the Michigan Reading Association conducted a survey of its members. The purpose of the survey was to characterize the MRA membership, to discover the extent to which the Association is meeting membership needs and to provide direction for future decision making. One of the areas recommended for major involvement and future focus of MRA was that of secondary level reading instruction.

The Michigan Secondary Reading Interest Council (MSRIC) was very interested in promoting a joint reading venture. Michigan Reading Association gives to MSRIC the support necessary to ensure success as they focus attention on the importance of secondary level reading instruction. MRA's Secondary Committee serves as a connecting link between the two organizations and reports reading concerns of secondary teachers directly to the MRA Board of Directors.

The importance of the relationship is shown in this spring issue of Michigan Reading Journal. It has been devoted to secondary reading. We hope our special "**Secondary Journal**" will be helpful to administrators and teachers and all educators interested in learning more about reading program development and secondary teaching strategies.

Please let us know your reaction to our theme journal.

**Jerri Hansen** is President of the Michigan Reading Association.

## Editor's Note...

*Special thanks to Kenneth Krause and his committee for the hours spent gathering and reviewing articles for this issue of the **MR Journal**. We know it will be of specific interest to **middle** and **high** school teachers.*

*Congratulations to Carolyn Jane Blough and her committee on the excellent 1989 Annual MRA Conference.*

**Myrna Webb**