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Carolyn Humphrey-Cummings

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I assume the duties of President of the Michigan Reading Association. I anticipate a hectic, busy year, but I look forward to the challenge of the numerous changes which have been and will be occurring within the organization for the future.

The first election of a vice-president and three regional representatives took place during the past few months. My commendations to Dr. Kenneth Carlson and Joyce Armstrong, elections committee chairmen, for the fine job they did in developing the new election procedure.

Congratulations to the new board members who will serve this year:

Merri Warren, Kentwood Public Schools, President-Elect; Barbara Jacoby, Ingham I.S.D., Vice-President; Betty Anne Rowlands, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Treasurer; Ron Somers, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Member-At-Large.

And Regional Representatives:

Susan Stuber, Oscoda Area Schools, Region 2; Harriet O'Brien, Vassar Public Schools, Region 4; Aurelia Spengler, Comstock Public Schools, Region 5.

A special note of recognition and thanks is due Shirley A. Goodman who has served with dedication and competence as treasurer for the past six years. The board will miss Shirley's knowledge of the state and art of reading and her true professional leadership.

My sincere intent is to involve members from all geographical regions in committee work this year. Your local council president will be receiving a form asking for volunteers for committees. Please contact her/him if you would like to be involved or contact me directly at P.O. Box 1601, Saginaw, Michigan 48605 or at 6235 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48603.

The association is continuing to interrelate with many groups related to reading. These include the Michigan Department of Education, Right to Read, the Middle Cities Group, and the Michigan Education Assessment Program. Two new groups, the Secondary Interest Council and a special interest council on Gifted and Talented students are evolving out of our own membership. We will continue to keep you informed of these activities.

Certification and possible legislation, changes in membership format, expanding services to members, and increased and improved publications are among the concerns of the Board for the coming year.

In this year of transition, we are fortunate to be hosting the Fourth Great Lakes Regional Conference in Detroit from October 18-20, 1979. Plan to attend.

The Michigan Reading Association is a vital, 'alive,' professional organization. Accept the challenge . . . join us in working to promote and improve reading in Michigan.