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The Board of Directors of the MRA met on Saturday evening, March 17, prior to the opening of the annual conference. The following are the highlights of the meeting.

1. The newly-elected officers of the Board were welcomed and out-going officers were thanked. A special commendation was made to Shirley Goodman in acknowledgement of her years of service as treasurer.
2. Helen Johnson of Grand Rapids was appointed to fill the unexpired Member-at-large term of Merri Warren, who is now President-elect.
3. A letter will be sent to Dr. Porter and to the State Board of Education applauding their interest in establishing reading as part of the certification requirements for teachers and urging that they pursue the three levels of reading certification (teacher, reading teacher-consultant and reading specialist-director) as recommended by MRA and Right to Read.
4. Plans were made to investigate the possibility of initiating a system of rotating membership in which a new member's benefits begin as soon as dues are paid rather than at the beginning of the next fiscal year as is currently done.
5. Written reports were received from all standing and ad hoc committees.



International Year of the Child 1979

The right to *affection, love and understanding.*

The right to *adequate nutrition and medical care.*

The right to *free education.*

The right to *full opportunity for play and recreation.*

The right to *a name and nationality.*

The right to *special care, if handicapped.*

The right to *be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster.*

The right to *be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities.*

The right to *be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal brotherhood.*

The right to *enjoy these rights, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national or social origin.*

- U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child