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A Letter from the Vice President—Membership

Following is the text of a letter sent to all Chapters and Colleges by Kurt H. Schaffir, Vice President of TIMS for Membership. It is reproduced below because it is thought to be of interest to the membership at large:

As Vice President for Member Activities it is one of my responsibilities to coordinate the work of Chapters and Colleges. I am delighted to have this opportunity of working with you and look forward to it.

It is my objective, and the Council's, to carry out an active program of membership development in which the participation of Chapters and Colleges is essential. We are still in the process of formulating our plans but would like to tell you about two specific projects.

The first involves a sampling survey of our membership, as well as of some potentially interested non-members, to see how our meeting activities and publications compare in their minds with those of other organizations which compete for their interest. This survey will use a questionnaire and the information will be made available to you. We are convinced that it will provide a valuable basis for the planning of future activities at the national as well as the local level.

Our second project is to be a meeting of Chapter and College representatives which will be held in conjunction with the Philadelphia International Meeting on September 6-8, 1966. This meeting will provide an opportunity for review and discussion of The Institute's objectives and of the Chapters' and Colleges' role in promoting them.

In preparation for this meeting and in conformance with the Council's resolution of October 14, 1965, I would like to request each Chapter and College hereby to compile the information listed on the attached sheets.* Please return this information at the address shown above as soon as you can but no later than June 1. A summary of the results will be prepared and distributed to the Chapters and Colleges before our meeting. (We suggest you keep a duplicate copy of your own report for your files.)

One other matter:

Individual hand-lettered Chapter Charters have been prepared for presentation to the Chapters. Where possible, the Council wishes to arrange for these to be presented by a Council representative at a Chapter meeting before the end of this season. I would appreciate your letting me know quickly the dates of your remaining meetings this season, where they will be held and at what time so that the arrangements can be worked out. In order for me to keep more fully in touch with your activity in the future, I would appreciate your putting me on the mailing list for regular announcements to your membership.

I hope that this letter will initiate a more active exchange of views and ideas between the Chapters and Colleges and The Institute's administration and I look forward to continuing contact with each of you.

Cordially yours, Kurt H. Schaffir.

* Not published here.