
Message from the President

Last year's message from the president ended with the byline—"the underlining of every nuance is a vital force in the establishment of the character of those involved."

This past year was a challenge to that statement in that the differences and variation of opinions were neither subtle nor placated.

Comments from the membership demonstrated a definite need for a climate of greater understanding that accepts change with more tolerance and civility. This is not to imply that the Society should be entrapped by sentimentality but to think broadly without myopia.

The Society must not become a target of those who have an axe to grind. Efforts need to be redoubled for protection against threats. It must be insured that adequate and accurate information is provided and disseminated on vital issues, public and governmental, which affect and effectively serve the needs of the Society and the profession.

Politics determine who wins and politics often means who has the best lobbyist, the most powerful voting bloc or most persuasive orator. Under the guise of "fairness," efforts to appease these conflicts often create as many problems as they solve.

As reference is made to history, the history should



be exact, sincere, impartial, and free from passion. It should be unbiased; by personal interests, fear, resentment, and unequivocally, faithful to the truth—which is the "heart" of history, the preserver of great actions, the enemy of oblivion, the witness of the past and director of the future.

In concert with programs already begun, it is of paramount importance that a comprehensive endeavor for planning, funding, and maintenance of these programs be continued.

Redress in education and employment is now the turn of entrepreneurial opportunity.

It is incumbent upon the Society to be flexible in the sense that it continuously examine what is best for the future and select a course of action that may not have been applicable in previous years.

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