



Gray Outlines Aspirations for Quarter Century Club

CONCERN ABOUT IMBALANCE TOWARD DISTRICT 11.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This President's Message -- my eighth and last -- signifies the completion of the two years in the office of President allowed me by the QCC Constitution. It has been an honor to serve.

With present and upcoming changes in the appointed offices of Editor and Secretary/Treasurer, as well as the annual election, our leadership will change considerably. As chair of the nominating committee, I'll address the slate of candidates for this coming year, which is as follows:

President -- Emil "Butch" Biendara of San Diego and presently Director of QCC for District 11.

1st Vice President -- myself. I can't run for further terms as President, but I have promised Butch I would help him if needed and I intend to complete some of the projects I have started this past two years, as I will explain later.

2nd Vice President -- Richard Von Tersch of the San Diego area and a holdover from this year.

Historian -- Norman Root of the Sacramento area. He is presently also Chair of the California Transportation Foundation History Committee, so this will be a good tie to that organization. While the QCC Constitution calls for this office to be filled by election, it has been unfilled for a number of years. I am pleased that Norm is willing to take it on.

One of my concerns is that this slate is heavily weighted with San Diego area people. This may not be healthy for the organization, even if we all fully intend to address statewide concerns. Other candidates would be welcome.

At present, the status of the key positions of Editor and Secretary/Treasurer, both appointed by the elected officers, is as follows:

Editor -- with the resignation of Joanne Ellis, the Executive Board has appointed Gene Berthelsen as Editor.



As you may know, Gene, the Editor of Caltrans' *California Transportation Journal*, retired recently and I am grateful that he is willing to stay involved in that type of work. (Incidentally, the last few issues of the *Journal* are a special credit to his talents.)

Secretary/Treasurer -- George Ellis has graciously agreed to carry on these duties for a while longer. After the election, the new Executive Committee will be responsible for filling the position. I am sure they would be happy to consider any of you willing to serve. The pay is 10¢ per QCC member per month (now you know why we stress keeping dues paid up) and the kudos are incalculable.

I intend to continue to work to document some of the history of the QCC and Caltrans, especially the leadership of the 12 Caltrans Districts. I plan to submit the results of my study for District 11 leadership as an article in the spring 2004 issue of *Cue See Seer*. Most of the work for this was completed in connection with the recent publication of *Highway Recollections of Jake Dekema* by the Sacramento Caltrans Library as part of the Highway Recollections Series of the Caltrans History Preservation Committee.

That's all for now. Drive safely and fasten your seat belts!! It promises to be a challenging year.

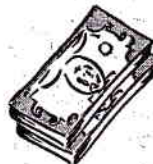


-- George Gray

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their prayers and well-wishes. Since my treatments have been going well, I have agreed to continue the duties of Secretary/Treasurer until the new President and Executive Committee can appoint my successor.

As a reminder, this is dues payment time again. You may mail them directly to me or as otherwise directed by your District Director/Treasurer.



I wish everyone a joyous holiday season and New Year!

-- George Ellis