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It is with deep regret that I am writing to inform you all that I can no longer continue as state secretary. I have a few reasons, which I will explain.

The first reason is the constant attacks on the State Committee. Every committee we have had has had some faults. I will be the first to admit that we are not too good at P.R., for example. But, instead of help, or constructive criticism, we get knives in our backs. So some registers are pissed off, why have you not the guts to tell us directly?, instead of letting it get through to us via the grapevine. It pisses me off that people have not got the common decency to tell us that they are upset. Instead of trying to work out problems rationally, it's "let's get rid of the bastards at the Register's conference". What is wrong with the association? All this infighting has yet another committee on the verge of resignation. There has never been a committee that has lasted it's full term. Secretary's have about a two month average term. Why? These are symptoms of a problem. It is up to all of you to work out what the problem is, and rectify it.

Another problem is that the Association has no direction. We just cannot continue bumbling along on different courses. We must have some sort of future goal to work towards. Otherwise, the Association is stuffed, and you might as well wind it up, and turn back into submissive mushrooms. What ever you decide to do at this conference, at least work out where we are headed, and do something positive for a change.

The other main consideration in my decision to resign is my ability to do the job. I am not capable of doing the job expected of me, through a lack of time, and a lack of the skills required. The position of secretary is, I believe, the most important position on any committee of management. The job has the potential to be enormous. The secretary should accompany our representatives to meetings with, say, Government departments, to record what was discussed, and what conclusions can be drawn from that meeting. One of our biggest problems is the lack of records of meetings in the past. When a new committee steps in, and they find a complete lack of records, this makes the job so much harder. The secretary is also the main link in communications, whether they be with the outside world, or internal, between registers. This is a bloody enormous task, and anyone employed full-time outside the Association would be hard pressed to achieve the standards required. I believe that one of the future aims of the Association should be to create a full time paid position for the secretary, as in Trade Unions.


The President's position should not be full time. It does not need to be, as long as the Secretary does his/her job properly. The Secretary should also be the person who does all the running around and phone-calls to arrange meetings for the President, or any other representative of the Association.

I also believe that our insurance service should be contracted out to another agency. It is too much to expect committee members to carry on doing insurance business. I also think that committee members should not take it upon themselves to do it. Who the agency goes to is not for me to decide, it is for you, but things like this should be decided this weekend. We won't make as much income this way, but it will leave the committee free to carry out their duties unhindered. We will also still have the memberships that are generated by the Insurance service.

In closing, I hope that this hasn't been too negative, and that it may get your thinking processes going on real solutions that might result in a proper direction for the Association. If you can't bring yourself to even think about the ideas put forward, (and they aren't new ideas,) just screw this up, call me a bastard and forget about the whole thing, because you shouldn't have bothered coming.

Thanks for the fun times.

Ride safe,


Ken Bechaz.