

## On The Right Track

Region II Chapter Presidents have just held the first of several meetings planned for this year. This step was taken to implement the idea that the most effective service to the members comes through strong and well informed local chapters. Most of the meeting involved the discussion of immediate problems of the chapters and exchanging information and ideas on how to provide a balanced program for the year. Included on the agenda, however, was an opportunity to express the needs of the chapters for the type of service required from the National.

Some general suggestions were made as to how the National could provide more assistance through a continuing effort towards upgrading of our Annual Conference program and the possibility of encouraging more regional activities. Interesting to note, however, was the feeling that there were certain limitations on how much centralized leadership the National could and should provide in specific services in an organization which wants and encourages considerable local autonomy. The consensus was that beyond continuing to publish the *Journal*, providing a high level approach to the Annual Conference, continuing and possibly extending the Institutes to Regions, the encouragement of Regional activities under National coordination and providing more information to the chapters to assist them in program planning and development, the major share of service was a chapter's responsibility through its own membership. This is not to state that the Presidents were satisfied with status quo but it was important to see recognition given to the idea that service to the members was primarily the responsibility of local chapters.

We are still striving for greater overall organizational competence at all levels from the National to the chapters. We can all see places where we are doing less than our best. We're on the right track, however, when in meetings of chapter presidents we hear these leaders expressing their opinions about the membership assuming their full share of responsibility for finding more effective ways to give service rather than waiting for someone else to do the job for them.

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