

**JANUARY MEETING
P O S T P O N E D**

Due to an unforeseen conflict with a major activity of the Audubon Society in the Eames Theatre, we are having to postpone our regular monthly meeting to the following Monday, January 17th, 8:00 p.m., Eames Theatre, Pacific Science Center. The program will include a discussion of the Boletus group of genera, common species on slides, presented by Dr. Stuntz. Following will be Session I of the Mushroom orientation and identification course conducted by George Rafanelli assisted by George Tokuda.

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH
EXPLOSIVE**

We announce with mixed feelings the accession to membership in our Society during the past few months of over 100 new families, a gain amounting to somewhat over 50%. On the one hand we glow with pride over the evident success of our efforts to get people to think kindly about mushrooms, and on the other hand we cringe at the administrative problems incurred. We hope that our members, both old and new, will be very, very tolerant about our ineptitudes in mailings, record keeping and bulletin writing.

Herewith, then, is your membership roster tentatively guaranteed to be up to date as of the end of December. Space is left between paired alphabetical groupings to permit corrections and additions as they will be announced in the bulletin from time to time. Errors should be reported to Membership Chairman Connie Wood, LA 5-7732.

DUES ARE DUE

Before you spend all your money on Christmas bills, please accept our gentle reminder that Society dues are also payable this month, in accordance with action of the Board of Trustees last summer to put the membership year in phase with the calendar year. Our Annual Meeting will remain in March for the time being. If you've forgotten, dues are \$5.00 for families or for individual adults, \$2.50 for juniors (under 18). Renewals should be mailed to the Society's office, c/o Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Ave N, Seattle 98109.

NOMINATIONS

In a group with as large and diverse a membership as ours, we encounter the hazard, common to many organizations, of having the leadership increasingly concentrated in a small clique who happened to be around at the beginning. While this arrangement may not of itself be bad, and indeed may yield good results, the accompanying rigidity often precludes participation by other gifted and talented individuals and prevents infusion of new ideas and viewpoints that may benefit the Society.

Under its Articles of Incorporation, the Society places all of its governing and policy-making powers as well as its management functions in its officers and board. At the present time the governing body consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer together with 10 Trustees. This Board is under normal circumstances only controlled by the membership through selection of its members during the annual nomination and election process. It is therefore of greatest importance for members to exercise their rights of nomination and voting.

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We have been most fortunate during these past two years of formation of our Society in having received the dedicated service of persons both in official positions and out. While the duties undertaken and the responsibilities assumed have been at times highly demanding, those who have participated have been rewarded by many personal satisfactions -- deep feelings of accomplishment, warm friendships and associations, and access to the most valuable kind of information on where to find mushrooms.

We therefore urge you to give serious consideration to nomination of persons, not excluding yourselves, who will be assets to the Society as officers or trustees. The handy form at the bottom of this page may be detached and mailed to the Election Committee consisting of Charles Volz (Chairman), Constance Wood and George Tokuda. Deadline for mail nominations should be February 4th to give to Committee time to consult with the nominees and prepare its report to be presented at the Membership Meeting on February 14th.

Ben Woo - Bull. Editor

Charles Volz, Chairman
PSMS Election Committee
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NOTE: Name any member, including yourself, giving reasons. Sign & mail by Feb 3. Committee will consider all suggestions but reserves right to limit number of nominees for each position, for obvious practical reasons.

Dear Charlie: I think the following members will be great in the positions noted:

- PRESIDENT _____ reasons:
- VICE-PRES _____ reasons:
- SECRETARY _____ reasons:
- TREASURER _____ reasons:
- TRUSTEE _____ reasons:
- _____
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Signed _____