



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The *International Society of Olympic Historians* (ISOH) is now in its 12th year of existence and continues to flourish. At this time, I would like to give somewhat of a "state of the society" address, to update the membership on our current status.

We have received recognition in the Olympic Movement Directory, as well as financial support from the IOC. We currently have over 300 members in about 50 nations of the world. Our journal, the *Journal of Olympic History*, seems to improve with each issue and each year, and more often, it is cited in the bibliographies of articles from other sources. We have an affiliation with the *Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles*, which publishes back issues of the journal in PDF-format on its website.

We do have a website, www.olykamp.org/isoh, but this will be changing shortly, and we will keep the members informed of this. Revisions to the website are currently being undertaken and it should be up and running within the next month or two. ISOH Member Brandon Sanders has been helping with the revisions of the original design done by Kyle Whelliston, also an ISOH Member. Ideally, the new website will be more interactive and also updated frequently. We also hope to have it linked to many Olympic sites so that members can use it as their "one-source shopping" for Olympic sites. If any members have their own Olympic-related sites, please let us know this so that we can link to them. You can contact Brandon at brs89@brandonsanders.com. The website will also have a database of members, with member information, which should allow us to stay in contact with each other more easily. The database will be password protected, but any members who wish to keep their personal information off the database should contact Brandon and let him know that.

The Executive Committee has also worked to obtain tax exempt status for ISOH, which would be

registered as such in the United States. Currently, we have obtained legal status as a non-profit entity in North Carolina and are awaiting final word from the United States Internal Revenue Service about the tax exempt position. We expect that this will occur although there have been some difficulties because of lost paperwork (not from our end!).

We are making plans for a meeting of ISOH at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. It is likely that the meeting will be held in an area held by the Organizing Committee, but we will give you further details in a forthcoming issue.

In early 2004, elections for officers and the Executive Committee of ISOH for the next Olympiad (2004-2008) will take place. The current officers are: President – Bill Mallon; Vice-President – Karl Lennartz; Secretary-General – Tony Bijkerk; Treasurer – David Wallechinsky. The Executive Committee consists of Wolf Lyberg, Kostas Georgiadis, Harry Gordon, Peter Lovesey, and Dick Pound representing the IOC. Dick has recently replaced Fékrou Kidane.

At this time, I should formally note that I will not stand for re-election as President, for a number of reasons. Some of them are personal. But some are related to my own philosophy concerning ISOH. While I think it was altogether proper that Ian Buchanan served as our first President through two terms, as the group was in its infancy, I would prefer not to continue that precedent. I think that we have enough qualified members; that four years is an adequate term as President and that it should be passed on to other qualified persons.

Bill Mallon