



Messages from . . . The President

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This is my first message to the membership of ISOH since being elected President. I would like to thank all of the members for their support and trust in electing me President. I hope to serve you well over the next Olympiad.

We must honor our outgoing President, Ian Buchanan, who has shepherded ISOH through its formative years since it was founded in December 1991. Ian has worked very hard to expand the membership and the scope of ISOH. We owe him a great deal of thanks. I hope I can follow his example.

Ian has worked in concert with Tony Bijkerk, and I also expect to do so. Tony has done an excellent job of editing the *Journal of Olympic History* for the last four years and will continue to be involved with it as an associate editor. I also expect that Steve Harris, the new editor of the *Journal*, will continue to upgrade the content and quality of our publication. Steve and I have spoken about this, and we would like to begin to see the articles "refereed" as is done with academic journals. In this scenario, all prospective articles would be sent to several reviewers who would then decide if each one were acceptable for publication. In order to enact this, we need more articles, and hopefully high-quality ones, from the membership.

During the next four years, there are several things I would like to see ISOH accomplish. We begin this with our forthcoming web site that is now online. One of our members, Kyle Whelliston, helped design the site, and will serve as a webmaster for us. We will list members' names in our directory. We will also list e-mail addresses, but only if the members wish to have their addresses on the web site. If you do not want your e-mail address listed on the web site,

please contact either Kyle (KYLE@systemfactory.com) or me (bmallon@olykamp.org).

At our meeting in Sydney new ISOH Vice President Karl Lennartz spoke about the importance of writing the history of the many IOC members and the NOCs affiliated with the IOC. To that end, one thing I would like to see in the next four years is the expansion of the ISOH membership so that ideally we have a member in every country affiliated with the IOC.

Although financial matters can often seem outside our realm, there are several matters that need to be addressed. I trust we can make ISOH more secure financially. While we are doing well, increasing membership in more nations should help. As we grow, we need to investigate the tax-exempt status before the United States Internal Revenue Service, or some other similar organization, begins to investigate ISOH. Finally, with the numerous currencies and the difficulty some members have in paying dues, David Wallechinsky and I hope to look into setting up an account so that members may pay by credit card.

Finally, I hope ISOH and the IOC will explore the possibility of setting up an IOC Historical Commission. The IOC recognizes commissions for philatelics, numismatists and memorabilia collectors-but none for historians.

I would like to hear your thoughts on these ideas as well.

Again, I thank you for your support and look forward to the next Olympiad as your President.

G'day, mate. Sorry-after two great weeks in Sydney, I just can't stop saying it!

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