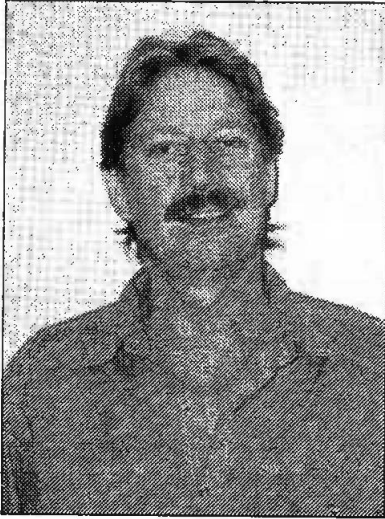


From the President's Pen



At the MCATA annual general meeting in Red Deer in November 1996, proposed constitutional amendments were accepted by the general membership. These changes were subsequently ratified by ATA table officers. Changes will allow for shorter terms of office for MCATA table officers. This will relieve table officers of the lengthy commitment to specific duties on the Council and better support the opportunity for turnover of executive members. The revised constitution is accompanied by a slight change in structure and expectations of executive members to assist in the work of the Council.

The MCATA executive met January 17-18, 1997. We renewed our commitment to enhance our public relations initiatives, focus on providing leadership to our members, and support professional development opportunities and publication materials. A number of initiatives addressing professional development opportunities, publications and membership support are in place for the upcoming months.

The MCATA executive invites input from all members. If you have any concerns, suggestions, questions or comments, please feel free to contact any executive member.

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