

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

A.W. Bruns



Members of MCATA join in thanking Mr. Bruns for his enthusiastic leadership of the organization in the past year.

As I look back at my enjoyable term of office as President of your Mathematics Council, let me say at the outset that I wish to thank the members of the 1968 Executive for their cooperation and willingness to help the mathematics teachers of this province to become better teachers of mathematics. Many hours have been spent at executive meetings discussing ways and means of reaching the math teachers. We have not always been successful in doing this because teachers do move from one part of the province to another, and the problem of communication is a very real one. I hope the incoming executive officers will be able to solve this problem.

It would be good to be able to say that we no longer need inservice training in mathematics. But changes will continue to take place; new ideas will continue to come forth from dedicated teachers on how to teach both the old and new concepts. Our pupils must be given an opportunity to keep up with many new developments in technology; our teachers need to keep up to date in the new mathematics of today's world through inservice training.

I feel that MCATA has played an important role in the continuing evolution of mathematics and in the inservice education of teachers. However, we need a strong organization of people interested in mathematics. We need members and teachers with imagination and innovative ideas who are willing to present their ideas to the Council through seminars, newsletters and other means. I invite the teachers of mathematics to support the Council and to encourage participation in the work of the Council. We should not sit back and let Joe do it, but we should unite to make 1969 a successful year for the incoming officers.

My congratulations to the new officers, and best wishes for a very successful and rewarding term of office.