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EDITORIAL (Based in part on editor's report to the Annual Meeting in
Edmonton, 9 October 1974)

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The Newsletter has continued to be published quarterly. It circulates approximately in the middle of each calendar quarter, and thus might appear to some people to be always 6 weeks late. This is not so, it is planned that way since the Annual Meeting of this organization in Mid-October a year ago. This present issue will be even more delayed as a result of special circumstances.

We have a steady circulation list of about 300, which is about twice the apparent membership of the Canadian Acoustical Association. There is a continuing problem to find enough useful and relevant material to produce each issue - we rarely have a backlog and sometimes have had to put out a very thin issue. This is our most serious problem by far, and unless the flow of articles, news items, etc., increases considerably it will be fatal for the newsletter. There is a limit to how much material one can, or even should, put in that emanates from only one or two organizations. We need widespread authorship as well as our country-wide readership. I hope that authors of papers at the annual meeting will write up and submit their papers for consideration, either completely or at least in abstract form. The first of these, on Whale Acoustics by Peter Beamish, appears in this issue.

It is with great personal regret that the editor must announce the resignation of Donald McKay from the Editorial Board. Don has borne the major share of work in producing the Newsletter from its inception two years ago, and without his efforts the Newsletter would often have appeared later in inferior form, or not at all. Fortunately he has agreed to continue to keep a watch on the printing and mailing of the Newsletter.

Our Chairman has appointed Garry Faulkner of the University of Alberta

as a new member of the Editorial Board and we look forward to working with him in the coming year. The editor recommended to the Annual Meeting that he should retire at the time of the next Annual Meeting - he feels that after three years that it is beneficial to bring in new ideas and different personal contacts.

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MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ACOUSTICAL ASSOCIATION
HELD IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA, OCTOBER 10th, 1974

ICA, IUPAP and CAA

The meeting, with 27 people present, opened with the chairman H. Jones reading a letter he had received from E.A.G. Shaw. It appears that the International Commission for Acoustics (ICA) is now aware of the existence of our organization (CAA) and in future we shall receive information and enquiries from the Commission. At the moment ICA is a special Commission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) and as such receives financial support. It has been suggested that there should be a change of statue and that ICA should become an affiliated commission. This would mean that representation would be by national societies rather than by individual scientists, the national societies would be represented on a General Assembly for Acoustics which would elect the Commission, and that the ICA would no longer receive support from IUPAP but would have to impose a levy on the national societies such as ours. It had been agreed that acoustics is so broad a field that it would be better if there were no direct control from IUPAP. E. Shaw mentioned in his letter that he knew of no case where ICA had been hindered by IUPAP and that the present system had political advantages, he recommended that we support the continuation of the present arrangement.

A motion that we support the status quo was moved by J. Manuel, seconded by T. Northwood and carried with 4 abstentions.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter editor's report was presented in a letter from T. Embleton. He drew attention to the fact that we had decided in a previous meeting that the Newsletter would appear in the middle of each calendar quarter, which would explain why some recipients wonder if they are receiving their copies late. He pressed the need for more material and more widespread authorship which if not forthcoming might prove fatal to the survival of the Newsletter. He expressed his willingness to remain editor for a further year but would then retire as he will have been editor then for 3 years. The meeting assured the editor of its appreciation and a motion on this moved by J. Foreman and seconded by B. Dunn was carried unanimously.

Discussion turned to the contents of the Newsletter and the ramifications of publishing technical papers in it. Would prior or subsequent