Editorial

Thirty-Four Years of History

On executive for 19 years—the longest serving member!1975-83Secretary1983-86Newsletter and Journal Editor1987-88Vice President, NCTM Representative1988-95Newsletter Editor

AND WE HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN.

The Mathematics Council of The Alberta Teachers' Association had a noble beginning in 1961. Since that time, it has undergone many changes in terms of membership and in the activities it has promoted or participated in.

Annual conferences have been a highlight of the Council, being held throughout the province from Edmonton to Medicine Hat. Numerous miniconferences have also been held in communities large and small.

MCATA has always had just cause to be proud of its publications. *delta-K* has been published regularly since 1971, under the editorship of such capable people as Ed Carriger and John Percevault to name just two. Monographs, such as *Problem Solving in the Mathematics Classroom*, have gained international status.

The Council has always had two concerns, namely, increasing membership, which has ranged from 500 to 1,000, and providing those members with desired services. With close to 15,000 mathematics teachers in Alberta, our goal is to have at least 10 percent of them as members. Therefore, we ask that each current member attempt to sign up an additional teacher.

With regard to service, please let us know what else the Council can do for you. Also, your executive members are all hardworking teachers who are volunteering their time; therefore, they are always looking for help from members-at-large.

As we look forward to the next 30 years, what will MCATA's future be? Will it grow and prosper and continue to be a voice to be heard, or will it wither and die? It is really up to the members. Today's executive members, like those of past years, will do their best. Then they will move on and pass the torch to you. Personally, I have a great deal of confidence in our members and believe that MCATA has a bright future. Let's make it so.

-Art Jorgensen