

SINCE the last UPDATE there has been a great deal of activity within the Association and I think it fair to say that members are becoming much more aware of developments and progress. The five Regional Meetings have provided the impetus to move forward. Many of the suggestions and points of concern at these meetings had a common theme and the exchange of views not only between Section representatives and myself, but also amongst the Section representatives themselves was a positive and encouraging for the future. The matters arising at these meetings were considered in detail by the Regions Sub-Committee at its meeting on 10th November and a number of important decisions were made. I will be writing to the Section Secretaries with details of the Sub/Committee decisions and also decisions arising from the Board of Management meeting that day. Whilst it is anticipated that the majority of decisions will have a general approval within the Sections, inevitably some Sections will face re-adjustment from existing practices and procedures but the difficulties should not prove insurmountable.

The Association is aiming to establish five strong Regions and to this end there has been a re-adjustment of Sections within Regions to that originally anticipated. Mid Anglia and



Bucks/Berks/Oxon Sections will move for regional purposes to Midland and North Wales Region, whilst South Coast Section will move to South West and South Wales Region. This will create a much better balance of Sections to Regions, ie. Scottish - 5, Northern England - 5, Midland and North Wales - 5, South East - 5, South West and South Wales - 4. In time it is hoped that expansion will allow for creation of further Sections and the Board will seek to maintain the balance now established.

Regional administration is going to be most important and to this end Regional Administrators will be appointed in all Regions. To date four appointments have been made:-

Scottish	-	Chris Kennedy
Northern	-	David Golding
South East	-	Norman Exley
South West and South Wales	-	Gordon Childs

It is anticipated that an appointment for Midland and North Wales Region will be announced shortly. The delay has been caused by the movement of Sections outlined above and the need for consultations. In the meantime, Paddy McCarron will act in a co-ordinating role.

It has been agreed that Section Annual General Meetings will normally be held in November,

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