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>Finally, I have to sincerely thank the greater than 99 percent of the  
>membership for their unflinching support, both financially and by  
>correspondence. It was very heartening to know that this support was  
>underpinning our actions, both in and out of the law courts. It has been an  
>honor and a pleasure to serve the Association. We are in pretty good shape  
>for the future and I wish my successor all good wishes for a successful term  
>of office.

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>Hwyl Fawr  
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>Alan Upshall

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Ellis Jones [mailto:elljones@wales.org.uk]  
>Sent: Monday, July 08, 2002 12:10 PM  
>To: Alan Upshall  
>Subject: Several Items

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>Alan: It is 2:20 p.m. on Monday.

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>ITEM 1: Travel to Wales. What are the exact dates when you will be in  
>Wales--when will you be leaving and when will you be returning?

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>ITEM 2: Law Suit Chronology. I have looked over the Chronology of the  
>preparation of the North American Welsh Groups and it looks fine.

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>ITEM 3: 2004 NAFOW. My trip to Ottawa to meet with Myfanwy Davies  
>regarding plans for 2004 went exceptionally well. We were able to work out  
>a complete outline of the days in Niagara Falls. It needs to go to the rest  
>of the committee now for their review and possible changes prior to the  
>Committee meeting on Thursday, August 29, in Harrisburg at the Hilton Hotel  
>at 10:30. You are certainly welcome to attend.

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>At that Thursday meeting, the committee will put finishing touches on the  
>plan for distribution to the Board of Trustees the next morning.

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>ITEM 4. Needed Letters. You need to be writing several letters as follows:

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>A. Program Booklet letter. Have you been contacted about it? I am  
>putting together the pages which come from Headquarters and will be sending  
>it on to the Program Booklet Chairperson--Cindy Seibel (717-456-5922)  
>email: cseibel@frederickacademy.net They usually like to have the  
>president's letter in mid-July.

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>B. Letter for Summer HWYL. I am planning to produce the HWYL for the  
>summer issue by late July and want to include a short note from you to the  
>members on the occasion of your completing your term. You may want to  
>briefly review what has happened and express thanks for opportunity to  
>serve as the president.

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>C. Letter for Annual Fund Certificate winners. Work on the certificates  
>is proceeding well. In addition to the certificates, each one has been  
>promised a personal letter from the National President. If you will put  
>together the letter, we'll prepare them here and then send them to you for  
>signature. You also have to sign the certificates. Then a letter and a  
>certificate needs to be sent in a hard envelope to each winner (to prevent  
>unnecessary folding).

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>QUESTION: When David Williams completes the certificates, he could send  
>them to you for signature and then you send them here for my signature plus

>the seal and ribbons. Then if you'll send back to us the signed personal  
>letters, we'll combine the letter and certificate into the addressed hard  
>envelope and mail them from here. Is this procedure OK? An alternate  
>procedure is for the stuff to come here first, then on to you and then you  
>send them out from Kenmore.

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>D. Letter for Annual Fund Booklet. Barring unforeseen complications or  
>delays, we'll have ready the first Annual Fund Report by Harrisburg. It'll  
>contain a financial summary plus the names, city, and state/province,  
>country of those who contributed to the Fund. No one will be able to tell  
>who contributed how much but we will report how many contributors and  
>amounts there were for each of the four levels plus "Other."

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>An important part of the 2001-2002 WNGGA Annual Fund Report will be a short  
>note from the National President expressing appreciation for the broad  
>based support for this new Association procedure. If you want, I can  
>prepare a rough draft for you to review. It needs to be fairly short  
>because we'll also include a brief "background" for the Annual Fund, the  
>Financial Report, the list of Contributors, plus a "tear off sheet" at the  
>end for persons to send in a contribution right away. I would like copies  
>of the Annual Fund report available for distribution at the ANnual General  
>Meeting plus a copy for every member of WNGGA in the Fall HWYL mailing  
>along with the new 2002-2003 Annual Fund Information brochure.

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>Weather here is merciless--temperatures in high 80s plus almost equally  
>high humidity. Not good.

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> Ellis J.

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From: huw.william [REDACTED]  
To: Ellis Jones <ellis [REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: Couple Items  
Date: Fri, 19 Jul 2002 20:26:04 +0000  
X-Mailer: AT&T Message Center Version 1 (May 26 2002)

Ellis: You bring up some very important points. Let me read them over a couple more times and give them some thought and if I come up with any thing brilliant I will get back to you.

The week of August 12th will be better for me. Let me check with Marie's schedule to see if she has any thing going on that I should be involved in. Tentatively I could fly up on the morning of the 12th and return around mid day on either the 14th or 15th. How much time do you thing we will need? Huw

> Huw:

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> First, Mary is in the finishing stages of the final reports for 2001-2002.  
> Yesterday she indicated that there were a couple entries with which she  
> needed help and that we'd need to get to them today. With regard to your  
> coming to St. Peter, the first or second full week in August would be fine.  
> By then, Mary should have finished with the accounts and Dave Anderson  
> will have had time to look them over.

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> My schedule is to be in Harrisburg on August 2-4 and on August 17 I have a  
> meeting with the Minnesota Gymanfa Ganu Board of Directors and will be tied  
> up most of the day.

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> Second, I have sent a note to Lynn making some suggestions (assuming she is  
> elected president) about the Executive Director's job. I called attention  
> to Article 8 of the Constitution which provides for assistants being  
> appointed by the Board of Trustees--the assistants can be Board members.

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> In my note I suggested that she think about replacing the committee system  
> (which has not worked well) with several assistants who would take over  
> some of the work which has been done by the present Executive Director.  
> The suggestions were:

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> 1. Management of Central Headquarters--this has to stay as primary  
> responsibility of Executive Director.

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> 2. Assistant for Venue Planning--this would be someone to be in touch with  
> identifying possible venues, working with them, traveling to meet with  
> them, and detailing what needs to be done.

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> 3. Assistant for Associated Welsh Organizatons. We have come a really  
> long way in bonding with the AWOs and getting them to feel that they are a  
> part of WNGGA. Berwyn and Martha did a great job in writing to the  
> non-AWOs and inviting them to join--I think we ended up with 10 more for  
> the year.

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> 4. Editor of Hwyl. I will be doing the Summer issue within the next  
> couple weeks but since Alf Reese has indicated he no longer wants to do it,  
> the Board needs to look at that and make a decision.

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> 5. Youth Activities. If the proposal now almost in its final form to  
> create a Youth Initiative Committee (not a separate organization as was  
> discussed in Kingston), then it will help to have someone either on or off  
> the Board to take charge of it. John Ellis has written a superb  
> philosophical statement about the importance of involving youth in WNGGA  
> because that is where the future is. He is interested in being chairman of  
> that committee if it passes all of the votes.

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> 6. Membership Recruitment. I stressed to Lynn that this is a cornerstone  
> of our organization and there needs to be not just one but several persons  
> actively involved in promoting membership. I also indicated that I have

> purposely not encouraged Life memberships because once they make a payment,  
> there is no other income from that group. Our very lop-sided membership of  
> so few annual members needs to be remedied in the future.

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> 7. Annual Fund Director. Right now in this first year, I have been  
> pushing to get things in place but it would seem better for either the  
> Treasurer or some other person to take on this including the things which  
> we have been doing--revising of Annual Fund brochure, keeping track of  
> contributions (that can be done by Headquarters), arranging for publicity  
> for contributions to the Annual Fund, preparing the Annual Fund Report,  
> etc. etc. etc.

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> Anyway, those are some thoughts and I have sent an expanded version of the  
> above points to Lynn for her to consider.

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> It would seem to me that this would make the job of appointing the  
> Executive Director a bit less complex since the "span of control" (in  
> office management terms) would be cut considerably.

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> As noted above, I have sent a copy of this to Lynn.

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> Ellis J.  
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Date: Tue, 01 Oct 2002 19:40:13 -0700  
From: Lynn Owens-Whalen <lowens [REDACTED]>  
X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.75C-CCK-MCD {C-UDP; EBM-APPLE} (Macintosh; U; PPC)  
X-Accept-Language: en  
To: Ellis Jones <e [REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re: Prydwyn Piper

You are awesome ! You should know that Wilf and I are in the UK leaving here October 12 and returning October 28. I plan to go to Cardiff and plan to meet with the National Tourist Board, the Welsh Assembly, et al. I think it is great timing to make further contact re: not only 2003 but also to offer the services of the WNGGA to plan a visible role in raising the profile of Wales in North American.

I received a letter from Connie Claypole today and will put her interests in the committee mix. By the end of the week, I can send a draft to you. I have been working on it.

So, with NZ, I should wait for the stationary I think because it is coming so quickly. Yes ?

Wrote to Mary and I think she is relieved. However, I did respond to her and ask her to think about it in the future, just in case.

Take care. It sounds like quite the week.

Lynn

Ellis Jones wrote:

> Lynn:

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> First, I have already responded to Prydwyn Piper. When those requests come in, I simply refer them to Myfanwy.

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> Second, progress report on items:

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> A. Stationery had to be taken to local printer because college print room was backed up until third week in October on anything other than copying.  
> The stationery will be done by day after tomorrow (Wednesday) and I'll send you a supply immediately.

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> B. FACTS brochure has been redone and we have 1,000 copies in office which are being sent out regularly.

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> C. Price Lists will be done by day after tomorrow.

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> D. Annual Fund Brochure has been taken to printer and will be done late in October. When it is done, I'd like to send it as a special mailing along with a letter from you on stationery with a postage paid return envelope to see if we can get lots of people to make contributions before the end of the year. I'll get back to this later.

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> E. When stationery is done, we'll send a special note to the 500 plus non-members who were in Harrisburg sending them a FACTS brochure and a special personal invitation to join to get on the main data base to receive immediate information about the 2003 NAFOW.

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> F. Brochures about 2003 NAFOW arrived and we'll enclose one with each HWYL sent to WNGGA members and AWOS.

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> G. Calendar for HWYL is to have it in mail early in November--midway between September 21 and December 21--the Fall season.

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> H. Not possible to have HWYL on e-mail since out of 2494 records, we only have e-mail addresses for 157--6.92 percent. Request has been in last few issues of HWYL in prominent place but hardly any response. Sorry.

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> I. Yes, I'd be pleased to help with the 2004 planning committee. I'll be on the committee anyway for a year but will be glad to continue beyond that.

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> J. About two weeks ago I sent to each Board member a draft copy of their

> entry in the Directory. So far only 10 responses so Wednesday, we will be  
> calling each of them so that the Directory can be finished. Myfanwy has  
> had very poor response--only three as of last Thursday.  
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> K. Myfanwy and Rick, her husband, leave for Singapore on October 3  
> (Thursday of this week) and return on October 14. Joan Owen Mandry  
> finished the Friday Board of Trustees meetings but has been laid up now for  
> about 10 days with a severe case of sciatica. Huw Williams will be leaving  
> with people from his church shortly for two or three weeks on trip to Europe.  
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> L. My schedule for this week: Tuesday--Janet and I will be attending  
> funeral of 16 year old son of a friend in Kiwanis. He hung himself  
> (committed suicide last Thursday). After the funeral I plan to be back on  
> campus but there will be over 6,000 other folks here in addition to our  
> 2500 students here for our annual Nobel Conference. Parking will be  
> non-existent. Crowds everywhere. I hope to attend one of the  
> sessions--title of conference is Nature of Nurture with a couple Nobel  
> Laureates and other experts in the field of child development presenting  
> pertinent topics. WEDNESDAY--more sessions of Nobel Conference, banquet on  
> Wednesday night; THURSDAY--here all day but overnight in St. Paul to help  
> the Executive Director of Delta Pi Epsilon with a site visit for the 2006  
> National Research Conference all day on Friday. Home late Friday afternoon.  
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> I'll be the Welsh Center as much as possible since I'm receiving from 20 to  
> 40 e-mails a day and they have to be processed. Yours have top priority.  
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> Onward...  
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> Ellis J.  
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To: lowens-w [REDACTED]  
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@ [REDACTED]>  
Subject: Items  
Cc: aupshal [REDACTED]om, rbas [REDACTED]st, buck [REDACTED], huw.will [REDACTED], cariad@the- [REDACTED]  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Folks:

Here is an update from Headquarters. First, Donna Green broke a bone just above her ankle about 10 days ago but is recovering. We have worked out projects that she can work on at home. Mary is continuing to recover from her back problem, and Ron Green is feeling much better after they confirmed the exact diagnosis which he had earlier in the summer. Our work study person is working 10 hours a week and seems to be enjoying the wide variety of tasks she has been asked to complete.

Item 1. A mailing has gone to 331 persons who indicated on their Harrisburg registration form that they were not WNGGA members. The mailing included a copy of an invitation letter, a copy of FACTS plus the Price List. Letter contained a strong suggestion that information about 2003 NAFOW would be sent first to those who members. Last year this approach drew 30 plus new members.

Item 2. 227 copies of the 2001-2002 Annual Fund Report (the yellow booklet) were sent to all persons who were listed in the booklet. The back cover was set up as a tear off to be sent back to Headquarters with an additional contribution for this year. Some have already been returned.

Item 3. 2,514 copies of the 2002-2003 Annual Fund Brochure with a letter signed by Lynn have been sent to all WNGGA members. Replies (and contributions) have started to come in.

Item 4. 120 packets of items are being sent to the 100 AWOs plus 20 members of the Board containing copies of brochures available from headquarters. The cover letter asks for their help in distributing copies of the brochures to members of their organizations. An order blank was included for them to use in ordering multiple copies of the brochures.

Item 5. HWYL is at the printer and within the next day or so I anticipate it will be ready to be mailed along with a copy of the 2003 NAFOW information brochure to all 2,500 plus WNGGA members.

Item 6. New WNGGA members are being sent the 20 percent discount coupon and a number have already called in an requested not just one item but several. Sell! Sell! Sell!

Item 7. The Financial situation in connection with Harrisburg is slowly drawing to a close. Because far fewer people registered (950) than had been expected (1500), it is beginning to look like there may not be a surplus.

Item 8. All of you should have received the memo about the refund and official cancellation of the contract for the Convention Center in Niagara Falls. No contract has been drawn up yet for the alternate Center. One of the Board members has raised the question about seeking another site. In a conversation with Myfanwy earlier today I offered to contact Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Just minutes ago I finished a lengthy conversation with the assistant to the person at the Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau who had been in touch with us a year ago. That contact person (Malonia Johnson) will be calling me back tomorrow afternoon.

A possible scenario would be to have the NAFOW at one or two of the hotels in Buffalo but scheduling a massive bus caravan to take convention people to Goat Island on the Friday of that special event.

I will be doublechecking to see what complications might arise if we were to cancel the current contracts with the 3 hotels in Niagara Falls. One selling point is that Labor Day weekend is one of the two most popular tourist weekends of the year. If we were to release all the hotel rooms which we currently have under contract, they would be able to charge their regular rack rates for those rooms rather than take the discounted rate which is in each of their contracts.

Another point to consider is that since Labor Day weekend is such a busy time, we could have our NAFOW just about 20 minutes from there (downtown Buffalo) without the hordes of tourists and gamblers from the Convention Center.

Looking ahead, if the Buffalo situation looks appealing, it is important to have a site visit before any further negotiations are made. That detail can be worked out a bit later.

Weather here in Minnesota has been "late fall" but in a couple days it heads down to the middle 20s and upper teens. However, no snow for the time being.

Ellis J.

P.S. Yes, as you probably have heard Minnesota is in a state of shock over the loss of Senator Wellstone. They are expecting that tonight probably 15,000 plus persons will attending the memorial service for all of the passengers in the plane. The service will be held in Williams Arena (where the University of Minnesota basketball team plays). A sad byproduct is some very inappropriate comments being made by leaders of the Republican party in the state about Walter Mondale even before the choice of him to be a candidate has been made. The coming days will be memorable, I'm sure.

To: huw.williamson@minnstate.edu  
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@minnstate.edu>  
Subject: Items  
Cc:  
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Huw:

Yes, winter weather is slowly approaching--little snow earlier this morning with forecast for colder temperatures--down into the 20s later this week and the next. Brrr!

Several items:

1. Unemployment Taxes. First, I don't recall if I let you know that Dave Anderson and his office have contacted IRS and have determined that we do not have to file Federal Unemployment taxes. Thus, I was able to void three checks amounting to over \$200 which I had written in response to my conversation with an IRS person. When I mentioned this to Dave, he asked--Did they know you were 501-c-3? I had to admit that it hadn't come up in the conversation. So Dave checked and 501-c-3 don't have to file. Second, Dave called Minnesota Unemployment and the same misunderstanding had occurred so we'll pay unemployment tax for final quarter of 2002 but not after that. The change is that what we had paid in earlier had gone into an unemployment fund which would be used to reimburse any employees who qualify for unemployment. We have sent a letter requesting to be changed to a different fund which would make WNGGA liable for payment of unemployment benefits rather than have assistance from any state fund. I told Dave that the possibility of any of our staff filing for unemployment is practically nil. Sooooo, we'll not be making that payment after the first of the year.
2. Letters requesting cancellation of our contracts with hotels in Niagara Falls are going out late today or tomorrow. Lynn let me know that the Exec. Cttee approved the suggested procedure.
3. Harrisburg (Pat St. Clair) has informed us that she has made another payment to Harrisburg Hilton and has pretty much closed their checking account. There is still a tiny balance but they are negotiating with a person involved with the preparation of their CD. A further report will be sent to us very shortly. I think we'll have to have a telephone conversation when we get the final reports in.
4. Contributions to Annual Fund are coming in at a nice pace. I plan to send another note out to AWOs asking them to distribute copies of the Annual Fund Brochure at any event they have before the holidays. Contributions made before the end of the year will help on their income tax calculations since they are tax deductible.
5. I spent 50 hours last weekend flying out to Vancouver to meet with the Venue Planning Committee for 7 straight hours on Saturday. Alan ran a very tight agenda and they were able to go through all the major decisions needed for the REGISTRATION Form which for which I had prepared a draft copy. They are in good shape--it's going to be a wonderful event. The Dunvent Choir which is coming over won the Eisteddfod last summer plus the Children's choir won their category also so we'll have two first place choirs. Will be a real treat.
6. On a somber note, about 2 weeks ago I was diagnosed as having Type 2 Diabetes. Suddenly I had insatiable thirst and blurred vision. It has been caught early so I'm just taking pills, checking blood twice a day and no insulin. The glucose count is dropping toward the normal range. It was not unexpected because my mother, her mother (my grandmother), four of my mother's sisters, plus at least one first cousin have had it. I'm exercising every day plus watching my diet very carefully. The family doctor is confident that we can bring it under control.
7. Our daughter, son-in-law, 3 grandchildren will be with us for Thanksgiving for first time in many years. Previously it was easier to go to their place because Mike (son-in-law) had to do chores at both his place and his dad's place on that day but they no longer have any hogs so there are no chores. We're all looking forward to our big family trip leaving Christmas Day and returning on New Year's Day to Phoenix. All of our family--9 of us will be going to join my brother and his entire family except for one daughter. Will be a really nice week. Just hope they have all kinds of snow and cold temperatures in Minnesota while we are gone with hot weather in Phoenix to make it really worthwhile--Ha!