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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hon. M. Brent Oldham

First, may I express for the Washington Chapter its thanks and appreciation to those members that participated in the 1982 Annual Meeting. If in any sense the meeting was a success, it was due to your interest and cooperation. To those members who did not attend, we missed you and certainly hope to see you in 1983.

While certainly structural changes have taken place in our organization, our purpose, goals and enthusiasm have not changed. We are deeply indebted to those who served in New York City as our headquarters. Their endless hours of devotion to NAALJ have brought the organization to a point of wide recognition and respect. We all say "thanks a lot." And it is reassuring to know that David Agatstein will still handle the Journal and the award responsibility. Let's give him all the timely cooperation we can.

It was generally agreed at the Annual Meeting that our top agenda item was meaningful broad based growth. It is a sort of "Catch 22" period when pressures are being brought to bear on us to serve the public with less resources, at the same time that the field of administrative law is actually expanding. This is a difficult challenge to us as we strive to harmonize our individual aspirations with the general goals of our Association.

Your incumbent officers in the ensuing year will strive to expand the size of the membership and increase the degree and frequency and communication among us. We hope our vice presidents can hold regional or local oriented meetings, and every effort will be made for the officers to meet with one another on some geographically feasible basis. President-Elect Thompson of Oklahoma is producing a Newsletter which promises to be successful with the members' cooperation. And don't forget Treasurer McClanahan of West Virginia will be expecting to hear from all of those new members we will be recruiting.

Initial steps have been taken to ascertain sources of some funds which could provide the Association with a semblance of a permanent staff. Your officers will be in touch. Watch the Newsletter.

Best wishes for a good year.