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Hello to All:

Welcome to the first issue of Caliph's Capers. The intention of this letter is to let the Caliphs and the Elected Line know what the Past Presidents have been up to for the past month. From the Caliph's Annual Stated Meeting, we discussed how, as a group, we could provide more support to the Elected Line. The result of those discussions was that we are all available to answer question, offer encouragement, and as needed fill in for the Elected Line if they are unable to be present at various A.S.O.B. Association meetings.

We dispensed with the reading of the previous minutes as Secretary/Treasures had previously distributed them. The financial report was read and approved. Next on our agenda was the election of officers. Jim Whitehouse was voted to become President with one dissenting vote from Jim Whitehouse. Tom Crow was elected Vice President. Al Zumpe was elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. I am not sure how many years Al has been Secretary/Treasurer, but I am sure it is a record.

Regarding the Elected Line Officers, an updated A.S.O.B. Past Presidents Contact List was distributed to the Caliphs and under separate cover distributed to the Elected Line Officers. Regarding assistance to the A.S.O.B. President several communications were made. As a reminder to the President, letters to all Ambassador Candidates and appointed Officers requesting their service for the ensuing year are needed. Although not an immediate need, the competition music should be identified and distributed to the Association by early fall. In regard to the Ladder of Smiles, a document showing all Associations and the performance of contributions by individual bands within an Association was send to the President. Past President Ralph Jubb volunteered to the President that he would take on the role of updating the document to reflect current contributions. The President has that under advisement. If any Line Officer would also like to receive these communications, I will be happy to provide if asked.

For July will continue to support the A.S.O.B. President and am going to focus on our outstanding Website. Working with Chris Tsaros and Darren DeHass I am hopeful to have several changes to the Website completed by fall or earlier.

Let me know your thoughts,

Jim