



February 4, 1997

Our combined fourth quarterly and first annual meeting was the most exciting meeting we have experienced to date. We had 21 people present and all the chili disappeared. A lot of the soup was gone too. Very good fellowship was had by all.

We elected Theresa Dean as our new president. She will be planning and moderate our meetings. She and I will be working together in getting the information out to you. By general consent we agreed to ask the first members in each state or country, serve as trustees, working together with others in their areas and in our association for communication with our association.

The next trustee meeting will be hosted by Ken & Judy McCray in April. You are invited to bring some of your best sheep with you as well as any you would be willing to trade or sell. This purpose is to compare our stock and see how you would like to improve your stock. The McCray's plan to take a vacation going through Nebraska and other states on their way to Canada. They hope to bring back some poled rams. Please let them know whatever you would like to buy or trade. They plan to be back with that stock before the April meeting. Their phone number is (918)767-2711. We adopted new standards for registration of our sheep. I will get the proper forms and standards out to you as soon as I can get my plumbing and car to running. We also voted to go international. The financial report is enclosed with our members report.

We have had five new members join since the first of the year. I will do my best to get a members directory out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March or with the new standards for registration. This is very important because we have members living in different parts of this country and others who would love to trade rams rather than to just continue inbreeding. I hope we can have some printed materials to hand out soon. Another important thing we should be thinking about is becoming a non-profit corporation some time this year. Our funds are increasing and will allow us to move ahead. Thank you for you help.

Your Secretary/Treasurer,