2014 President's Report – Alan Lewis

At the August 28, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting (teleconference) Tom Lemons reported on openings in the Members-at-Large of the CIE/USA Executive Committee. Of the six positions, nominations are needed to replace two positions expiring this year as well as nominations for two 1-year terms and one 2-year term. In his role as Nominating Committee chairman, Lemons requested nominations of the CIE/USA membership, with balloting on the nominations conducted from 9/24/14 - 10/6/14. Lewis announced the results of the balloting and welcomed the following in their role as Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee:

Member: 2014-2017 David Sliney Michael Jouaneh

Member: 2014-2016 Moji Navvab

Member: 2014-2015 Hy Kaplan Angelo Arecchi

Regarding the status of Members for Life, Lewis reported that the Executive Committee held election for Members for Life from 9/14/14 - 10/6/14. The list on the website was reviewed as well so that a current list will be posted on the CIE/USA website. According to the CIE/USA Bylaws, members who have rendered long and distinguished service to the CIE and/or CIE/USA may be elected as Members for Life. Accordingly, following is the current list of <u>Members for Life</u>:

Richard Austin, Rolf Bergman, Olive M. Blackwell, W. Calvin Gungle, Rita Harrold, James Havard, Jack J. Hsia, James Jewell, Hyman Kaplan, Jo Ann S. Kinney, Larry Leetzow, Tom Lemons, Ian Lewin, Alan Lewis, Calvin S. McCamy, Terry McGowan, Joseph Murdoch, Herbert A. Odle, Yoshi Ohno, Justin Rennilson, Richard N. Schwab, David Sliney, Philip Wychorski

Lewis explained that the list of nominees was especially long this year because no elections had been held for Members for Life for the previous several years and recognition of some long standing contributors to CIE/USA was overdue.

Lewis acknowledged the efforts of the team working on Membership, led by Jim Leland, for the excellent progress being made in building the membership base and recruiting sponsors. Lewis similarly recognized the outstanding work done by Ron Gibbons in managing the collection of member dues and related membership and financial records. Lewis concluded by noting the work done by Randi Myers in updating the website to reflect current information for the CIE/USA as well as updates based on CIE news and documents.

Lewis reported that CIE dues are approximately \$40-42k per year, and we have been able to remain current in 2014. However, we are two years in arrears with CIE, which still need to be paid. Leland explained that our first action was to rebuild the membership and establish a foundation for funding our organization and CIE obligations. By staying current on dues through quarterly payments we are establishing our commitment and demonstrating our viability. If at some point we are prepared to request re-evaluation of our dues in arrears or recalculation of dues, we would be in a better position to do so once we have our own house in order.