Board Notes

The Board of Directors made several decisions effecting our Society at the annual meeting. First, in recognition of increased US postal costs beginning next year, the dues have been raised to \$18 US and \$20 Canada and foreign effective January 1, 1991. After the printing of the Journal, postage is the Society's largest expense.

As you note from the cover of this issue, the Board approved a new logo for all publications. This was designed by Jayme Irvin of Denver, Colorado.

The planning meeting/board meeting held in January at Zemurray

Gardens, Louisiana, hosted by Phelan and Fay Bright was so successful that the Board elected to repeat the interim meeting (see notice elsewhere this issue). Please contact any or all board members or officers with your wishes and goals for the Society. Your input will be appreciated and given every consideration.

New board members elected at the Raleigh meeting are Bob Adams, Dorothy Johnson Calloway, Joe Hickman, August Kehr, and Chuck Tubesing. New officers are John Allen Smith, President; Jayme Irvin, Vice President; and Phelan Bright, Secretary/Treasurer.

Q AND A

As a new service to members, two our most knowledgeable magnolia "experts" have agreed to take on the mantle of oracles.

Joe Hickman in the United States and Maurice Foster in the United Kingdom will answer, or pass on to someone who can, any questions you might have about the culture and growing of magnolias. Both of these gentlemen are experts at grafting and have long experience in the practicalities of gardening in their respective climes. They will attempt to answer your questions directly, by mail, and would appreciate return postage being supplied. If this isn't possible, write to them anyway. Selected questions and answers of general interest will be published in the journal from time to time. The addresses:

Joseph W. Hickman, P O Box 437, Benton, IL 62812, USA and M. C. Foster, White House Farm, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 ONN, England, UK. Disputes will be adjudged. CELEBRATE OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US

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