

ANS Reports 1960

EDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1960

[Read in absentia at the 9th Annual Meeting at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
on December 29, 1960]

As Editor for 1960 I regret being unable to read this report in person but this is one of those things that happen to us unexpectedly. After I had assumed the editorial office last January, I was called to a task that took me, though temporarily, out of the country; it was clear only at the end of April that I had to accept the new assignment. This explains why I report from Athens, Greece, instead of in your midst, as I would have liked to.

This report may be divided into eight headings.

I. *Taking over the editorial machinery.* Dr. Madison Beeler, upon my suggestion before the election of the new editor, made up the March 1960 issue (which was his last) and is, therefore, responsible for it. However, the editorial policy of the new editor appeared on the Editor's Page in the same March issue, the proofs of which he also read. (Books received from Dr. Beeler were forwarded to Mr. Harder as the nucleus of the now established American Name Society Library.)

II. *The new editorial setup.* As I saw it, an effective editorial routine had to be established for the satisfactory editing of the journal.

(a) The Editorial Board had to work as a body. To that end I sent a few circulars to the Board requesting their opinion on certain suggestions. I also submitted manuscripts to each member of the Editorial Board for critical reading and evaluation, but also to other expert ANS members. The result was very satisfactory to me, for I had the utmost benefit of their cooperation.

(b) In accordance with my statement on the editorial machinery ("Editor's Page," *Names* 8 [1960], No. 1, March, p. 63), the Book Review Editor and the Associate Editor were appointed by the Editor with the approval of the Editorial Board and the assent of the executive officers of the Society. These two special editors, who had been in close cooperation with me even before their appointment, were appointed as such before I had knowledge of the unexpected developments of the dictionary project. Mr. Elsdon C. Smith has been in charge of all reviews from inviting such reviews to reading proofs of the set reviews. Professor E. Wallace McMullen has been in charge of the column entitled "For Onomatologists Only," designed to be popular and informative, as developed in the three issues of June, September, and December. When it was clear that I had to be away for a while, Mr. McMullen was asked to do more work within the country. He now receives manuscripts at his address, assigns them for evaluation to readers, corresponds with the

contributors, and forwards such materials to me for final decision; he also reads proofs of each issue. The correspondence among the three editors has been regular.

(c) Close cooperation was set up from December 1959 on between the Editor and the Executive Secretary in most matters of the Society and on a number of related important issues. This regular communication and close cooperation was not only useful and stimulating but it also resulted in solutions for both the journal and the Society.

III. *Evaluation and scrutiny of manuscripts submitted for the journal.* I took it for my first task to read all manuscripts forwarded to me by my predecessor and to have editors and other expert members read the same manuscripts (even when some had been accepted) and evaluate them for me. Two readers were necessary for each manuscript but usually a third one, sometimes even four or five in all, did the reading and reporting. In this way, by June 1960 tens of manuscripts were returned to their authors, either to be reworked and revised or to be rewritten stylistically, or as rejected. Among these there were several manuscripts that had been submitted to me or to Mr. McMullen that were subjected to the same procedure. When in the process it was discovered that a goodly number of contributors of items for *Names* were not members of the American Name Society, the rule was set that these contributors had to become members before their articles were either read or accepted for publication or published in the journal (in three or four individual cases only I did not insist on this policy for valid reasons).

IV. *The printer and the timely appearance of the journal.* The Editor has been in regular correspondence with the printer since January 1960 (and the fact that the correspondence is held in German and not in English has facilitated our mutual understanding). The agreement with the printer has been improved in that we see not only page proofs but also galley proofs, and usually there have even been three proofreadings. Another agreement with the printer has allowed us to have several manuscripts set beforehand and in proof before making up each issue. This practical arrangement is important because the editor can select and arrange pages needed in a comfortable way and avoid the delays that arose from the setting of manuscripts just for one issue. We are well satisfied with the printing job by the Winter printers.

After the March 1960 issue I have striven to have the journal distributed on time in June, September, and December. Most of the Society's problems are believed to be settled if the journal's production is not delayed, for the late mailing of *Names* has been a source of irritation to members and subscribers. Since at the writing of this report (December 2, 1960) I have before me an advance copy of the December 1960 issue, it is hoped that most members will receive their copies within December 1960. The March 1961 issue (now in galley proofs) will be distributed by the Secretary-Treasurer in March 1961.

V. *Editors and writers.* There has been prompt correspondence with all those who addressed the Editors, and every author was duly notified at each stage of the processing of his paper submitted for publication. For expediting matters a special editorial postcard was printed to be sent by the editors to those who send in any manuscript item. Also a number of inquiries from members have been promptly answered. The editors hope that there are no complaints in that respect.

VI. *Material for the 9th volume of Names (1961)*. There is enough material in the editor's hands for the four issues of *Names* in 1961, considering also reviews and other timely material expected to flow in as time goes on. My present estimate is that the backlog material will reach even the 10th volume.

VII. *An editorial policy for the future*. Virtually little can be changed in the editorial policy of our journal and, if changes should be made, they are (1) strengthening of the publication with more contributions of expert onomatologists, (2) expansion of its space, and (3) adding special monographs. I am discussing this in a separate statement (above, p. 69-71). A few essential things may be briefly mentioned here: One is the increase of the journal's volume to 80 pages per issue starting with the March 1961 number and to 96 pages per issue with the 10th volume, if the Society's finances permit; I can promise a series of excellent articles, if we have the space, for we would be able to invite such papers from outstanding onomatologists in America and in Europe (a fine opportunity for doing this is, e.g., the 7th international congress of onomastics in Italy next spring). As it is now, we cannot possibly invite any papers for lack of space. One article had to be chopped into three installments in order to get it in three issues of this and next year's volumes. Longer papers have to wait too long to be printed. A series of monographs should also be started, if and when the growth of the Society permits such a policy; longer papers, i.e., papers longer than 35 pages, should be taken care of as monographs; onomastic dissertations can also be published with a subsidy from the respective authors.

VIII. *Acknowledgments*. In the job that is full of responsibility and thankless enough, pleasing everyone is impossible. I wish, therefore, to record my regrets for any mistakes I have made this past year and I apologize to members and other contributors for the inherent difficulties of the slow publication of their papers in a journal whose pages normally number only 256 per volume.

On the other hand, it is a happy duty for me to express my gratitude to the membership of the Society for the privilege of editing its publication. Our thanks certainly go to the more than thirty contributors and reviewers whose names cover the 8th (1960) volume. To publish this work a numerous staff has offered its services. I am glad to acknowledge with deep appreciation the fine cooperation of my able colleagues of the Editorial Board: Margaret M. Bryant, Meredith F. Burrill, Audrey R. Duckert, Elsdon C. Smith, George R. Stewart, Francis L. Utley, and to thank especially the Book Review Editor, Mr. Smith, the Associate Editor, Mr. E. Wallace McMullen, who both have shared with me the responsibility and the burden, and Miss Audrey Duckert, for their unstinting support for the past months, as well as the President and the Vice-Presidents and the very able Executive Secretary. I am also indebted to all readers of manuscripts; indeed, it is a great pleasure for me to mention gratefully the help of the six members of the Editorial Board, of Mr. McMullen, and of the following scholars: Frederic G. Cassidy, Robert A. Caldwell, Barbara D. Georgacas, Erwin G. Gudde, Kelsie B. Harder, Henry R. Kahane, Jaroslav B. Rudnyčkj, Mary Florence Steiner, Andreas Tietze, Virgil Vogel, and probably one or two more. Thanks from me personally and from our Society are due also to the Carl Winter Verlag and especially to Mr. A. Hemmerich, who has been in charge of the journal's production.

Demetrius J. Georgacas

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1 to December 31, 1960

Balance Forward from 1959 (checking account)		2,046.80	
<i>Income</i>			
Membership	3,046.83		
Sustaining Membership	365.00		
Sale of NAMES	100.90		
Contributions to A.C.L.S.	75.00		
Miscellaneous	60.08	3,647.81	
Credit to mailing of NAMES		45.84	
Income Total			5,740.45

Expenditures

President's Office

Stationary & Office Supplies	37.50	37.50	
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Editor's Office

Stationary & Office Supplies	104.18		
Postage	62.08		
Miscellaneous	3.83	170.09	

Secretary-Treasurer's Office

Stationary & Office Supplies	419.37		
Postage	94.99		
Postage (1959)	5.52		
Miscellaneous	5.05		
Mailing NAMES from California	203.96		
Mailing NAMES (1960)	100.27		
(45.84 credited - misc. income)		829.16	

Other Expenses

Parcel post on Transfer of Records	119.52		
Printing of NAMES (1959)	602.00		
Printing of NAMES (1960 - 3 issues)	1,742.65		
Corporation fee	1.00		
Advertising	40.00		
Expenses of Nominating Committee	17.74		
Refunds	26.58		
Back issues of NAMES bought	50.25	2,599.74	

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Expenditures Total		3,636.49
Transfer to Publications Fund	347.50	3,983.99
<i>Income less Expenditures (Checking</i>		
Account Balance)		1,756.46
<i>Savings Account (Publication Fund)</i>		
Balance Forward	1,040.40	
Deposits to Account	160.00	
Transfer from Checking Account	347.50	
May Interest	7.07	
November Interest	16.65	1,571.62
<i>Total Capital on Hand</i> – December 31, 1960		3,328.08
Less estimated cost of NAMES (fourth issue)	580.00	2,748.08

Kelsie B. Harder
Treasurer

December, 31 1960.

ANS Notes

NEW MEMBERS OF THE ANS IN 1960

Following is a list of new members obtained since January 1, 1960. The list is closed as of December 19, 1960. Included are also previous members who have rejoined the Society. These are noted as OM. The member who invited the new member is also included in the list. It must be noted that the Secretary has only the invitation to tell him who invited the new member. When the membership was not accompanied by an invitation, then the one who invited the new member could not be identified.

	Invited by:		Invited by:
Mrs. Mildred R. Bennett	Catherine Horner	OM (Georgacas)	OM (Georgacas)
Robert Klymasz	Mamie Meredith	John P. Pauls	OM (Georgacas)
Robert Toerne	Georgacas	Walter H. Kammann	
Henry Q. Collins	Smith	Herman Iventosch	Georgacas
G. F. Delaney	Harder	John S. Caponnetto	Trolle-Steenstrup
John W. Zerkowski	OM	Sandoz Library	Meredith
Wilbur Zelinsky	OM	Victor A. Moitoret	Stewart