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Dear David:

Thank you for sending me all that material. I have been perusing it, but it will be a while before I have absorbed it.

Here are some thoughts about next year's section meeting: in the guidelines sent by the national office, under "suggestions for organizing a good section meeting" the following appear: "Plan for as many invited papers as possible. Consider contributed papers only if you cannot fill your entire program with invited papers." (Fifth suggestion on p.6.) "Never have anyone talk at a Section meeting -- including those giving contributed papers -- concerning whom you have no positive recommendation available." (Suggestion #16 on p.8.) My impression is that our section meetings have consisted primarily of contributed papers. Maybe we should have more invited talks - and invitations should be extended only if someone on the planning committee is reasonably sure that the talk will be good.

What about the following plan: in January or February send out invitations for perhaps 5 or 6 invited talks of half-hour to 50 minutes in length. Then be very strict about the deadline for contributed papers. If one had enough invited talks, along with a panel discussion or two, to fill up the program, then one could be very strict about contributed papers meeting the deadline. I would be willing to be involved in the arrangements for invited talks, e.g., making inquiries and sending out invitations.

The guidelines also suggest scheduling films and state that "Films produced by the MAA and distributed by Modern Learning Aids (MLA) can be shown free of rental charges at meetings of

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of Sections,... " (Suggestion #22, p.9) . I do not remember any films being shown in recent years (but I haven't attended all section meetings.) Shall I write to the address given; the brochure is dated 1971, so that address may not be current.

Did Major Hughes receive a copy of the guidelines for sections?

I am slightly confused about my duties as chairperson-elect. One of the documents states I should "act in place of chairperson if that officer cannot fulfill his/her position"; the bylaws of the Rocky Mountain Section give that duty to the vice-chairperson, with the chairperson-elect taking over only if the chairperson and the vice-chairperson cannot. Is Marie Ritten the vice-chairperson? In the event that Carl Kerns cannot perform his duties, Marie Ritten and I should be able to decide amicably between us who shall do what.

Sincerely yours,

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