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Nominations for Society Officers.

Nominations for the following posts are invited: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, editor, Two Publicity & Exhibitions Officers (North & South), Sales Officer, Librarian, Branch Co-ordinator and Two other elected members of the Committee. Nomination forms are available from the Society Secretary:

Mr. P. Dransfield, 10 Beechwood Road, Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 9JX, and should be returned to him not later than 10th February 1997.

Motions for the AGM

Motions for the 1997 Annual General Meeting should also reach the Secretary before the 10th February 1997.

Peter Dransfield (Secretary)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Management Committee met at Keen House, London on Saturday the 7th September, 1996. The meeting lasted for almost 5 hours. During such a lengthy meeting many issues were discussed including the Swiss Model Shop list (recently circulated to all members) which it is hoped to update early in 1997. The success of the Minehead weekend for which thanks were recorded to Roy Dunglison, and the steady increase in membership which at the date of the meeting stood at 944 including 1 member from Saudi Arabia and 1 from Hong Kong (the name of the Society is spreading). It was agreed at the meeting not to increase the subscription for 1997

which will remain at £10 UK (other subs also remain as last year). It was also decided NOT to try and organise a Society trip to Switzerland in 1997 for the 150th celebrations (they are spread over the entire summer in several areas) but to publicise in the Swiss Express information for members, details of travel agents organising trips to the events as they are known. (Plus Travel are offering several trips for members - Ed.)

Since the date of the meeting it is with regret that the resignation of Brian Hemming (Membership Secretary) has been received.

Peter Dransfield

EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

May I start this edition by wishing you all the very best wishes of the season and that you and your families enjoy a very pleasant Christmas and New Year, whichever part of the world you happen to reside in.

I have travelled to Switzerland on numerous occasions this year, in doing this I have met with members on various platforms and train journeys all enjoying the scenery as they pass through.

I have also had meetings with railway companies and hotels, some of you have already taken advantage of the discounts and special rates that they have made available to Society members.

I am pleased to say that we have secured some more offers for the membership in 1997, the MOB and Hotel National will be continuing with offers throughout the year. I will have full details in the March issue of the Swiss Express. The Rigi-Bahn along with some others are arranging discounts

for members.

The model shop list was gratefully received by the members and is being enlarged by Dave Howsam and Andy Mickelthwaite and a the new list including discounts from some shops will be with the March Swiss Express. Along the same lines it has been suggested we compile a list of hotels that members have used and would like to recommend to other members. I would like you to submit the name, address, star rating, telephone Number/fax, whether English is spoken etc. distance from railway station etc. also most important the date last visited, to keep the list as current as possible.

My apologies for the errors in the last Swiss Express, we try and get it right but sometimes pressure of work and other gremlins creep in while we are not watching. Thanks to all those who have supplied material, keep sending it in. **L.Heath**