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New officers were elected by mail ballot in the spring. Kitty Uetz, outgoing secretary, reported the following results:

President-Elect: Dalene Hoppe, The Ohio State University

Secretary: Linda Wilcox, Harvard Medical School

Member-at-large: Andrea Briggs, University of California, Riverside

Complete listing of officers is to your left on the "letterhead"!

1993-94 Officers

President

Robert Shelton
University of Kansas

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Dalene Hoppe
The Ohio State University

Secretary

Linda Wilcox
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Harvard School of
Public Health

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Anita Madrid
University of California
at Berkeley

Members at Large:

Merle Waxman
Yale University
School of Medicine

Andrea Briggs

University of California
at Riverside

Past President

Ron Wilson
University of California
at Irvine

Mailed with the ballot were two survey questions. One, concerning whether campuses would be likely to provide funding for travel to a conference in Ireland, produced a large majority of "no" responses, thus effectively closing consideration of a possible meeting there in 1995. We have a solid offer to host the 1995 conference from Caryn Bills, at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

UCOA 1994? As announced at the Lawrence conference, we are joining in a joint conference with the Association of Canadian College and University Ombudsmen. Since our first joint conference was at Ohio State, it's Canada's turn to host. The conference will be in Ottawa, and Canada's usual meeting time is in June. Look for more information soon.

The second survey to which many of you responded in May provided suggestions for a title for our new Journal. The Board will select from these in the near future. Plans for the journal are perking along, and you can expect a mailing soon from Sharon Meixner (Cleveland State University) and Rich Hebein (Bowling Green University) requesting submissions. Incidentally, Sharon was also struck by an automobile, while riding her bicycle, and sustained a serious leg injury. Funding crises in Ohio have also endangered her ombuds position at Cleveland State, but she expects to remain there and to continue working with the journal.

The Board of Officers will have its fall meeting at Asilomar, November 7, preceding the California Caucus meeting. Please inform us of any matters you wish to bring to our attention. One agenda item will be appointment of a nominating committee.

Remember that UCOA can provide up to \$500 for relevant research projects. Proposals should be sent to our secretary, Linda Wilcox, for presentation to the Board for its consideration.

Many thanks to Mary Rowe and her staff for mobilizing the E-mail list. If you aren't on, and want to be, send your request to Mary: MROWE@MIT.EDU

Expect to receive a request from Linda Wilcox soon for confirmation of addresses, titles, FAX and E-mail addresses.

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