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How quickly the summer months go by!

I want to express my profound honor in serving as the first elected president of RAGIS. For each of us, myself included, this is a personal opportunity to 'give back' to a mentor who had such a profound influence on our lives and careers. He not only taught us how to do good science but also how to live our lives prudently and productively, and with integrity. Now it is our privilege to continue his legacy.

The first RAGIS conference was a great success, and a wonderful reunion. The University of Minnesota is considering all of the verbal responses it received to the mock offer for one of us to return to their ranks. We have it all on video, Ed, Gabriel, Beulah, John..... Watch your mail for their reply.

As a first step to moving the Society forward, we must work to increase the membership of RAGIS. I have already requested that each of our present members send me the names of the three most promising of Dr. Good's 'intellectual grandchildren' -- your three best students. I will need only *your* recommendation and their full name and contact information. I will personally contact the individuals and invite them to immediately join us as 'associate members', until we receive and review their cvs and bibliographies. Hopefully, this plan will double our present membership of 124. You can email this info to my address below. Please don't put this aside. Do it today!

Secondly, we must begin to relieve Bibi Day-Good of the financial responsibilities of carrying the Society forward into the future. Again, paying your dues on time really helps. The new membership fees will help. We will try to develop modest annual corporate sponsorships for 5-year periods. Fred Modell has offered to work with us in finding such sponsors. If you think *you* can identify such a potential sponsor, please let us know - or run the idea past them and then contact us. These funds will help to defray our expenses for administrative assistance, such as for correspondence between committees and society members, for fiscal oversight and accounting of our activities from year to year, and for future meetings, which are in the early planning stages.

Thirdly, many of you have been asked to contribute a manuscript to our first joint publication. It is our intention to publish such issues periodically. Please join in when asked. Keep your colleagues informed about your most recent research achievements. The present batch of manuscripts is due at the publishers on October 1st. So please submit your manuscripts to Bibi. All Childrens Hospital/USF, Box 9350, 801 6th ST South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

If you have some other ideas about how to strengthen the Society, I would love to hear them.

Sincerely,

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