

## Secretary's Report for 1994-1995

This year has been very much a behind—the—scenes one, with the officers and members beavering away quietly to ensure the continued quality of the Association's work. Training continued to dominate the time of several members, with courses in the North, South, Midlands, and Wales.

Interest in learning to control seems to be growing steadily, with demand outstripping supply sometimes. It is encouraged to enrol new student arbiters as associate members of the CAA, which not only gives them contact with the officers of the Association, but also to the excellent magazine produced by Richard Furness. This is not only a useful handbook but combines serious articles with humour, traditional views with radical. I am thinking of Colin Crouch's revolutionary ideas in pairing.

It may not be to everyone's taste, but at least we can't be accused of being blinkered. Please keep Richard supplied with articles, if only half-page spacefillers. I'm sure they'll all be appreciated. The mythical Casebook is still gathering dust in my attic, though new cases are filed occasionally. I will try hard to get something more concrete produced soon. We are also planning an Arbiter's handbook, but again it is a question of finding a volunteer with the time to collate the material. At least two offers have been received to produce the item once assembled. Like many organizations, the CAA is suffering from too few people to do too many jobs. Sometimes we acquire tasks by stealth, and find ourselves taking minutes at an events planning meeting which we thought we were only observing, whereas rather foolishly we may volunteer for a post believing the work to be minimal.

May I conclude by making two pleas to the membership generally; please do what you can to ease the work of the officer by, for example, by supplying as much information as possible with any query, and in my case at least, to communicate by letter unless desperately urgent. This gives me time to assemble the information you may require rather than leaving you hanging on the phone. Several members may already be acquainted with my very temperamental answerphone; you have been warned! I will say more later under the 'Training' banner.

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