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Materials Research Society

Dear MRS Member:

Enclosed herewith the fourth annual meeting program. You will, we are sure, be pleased with the quality of the program. Our three symposia continue our style of selecting themes within the major categories in materials research: Materials Characterization; New Materials; New Process.

You will know from our past record that this society is run by what Lewis Thomas in his classic book, "Lives of a Cell," called "a bunch of people." It is disorganized, has amorphous leadership, with no staff, no overhead, no fancy brochures. However, those of us who are members and who attend the meetings belong for two reasons:

- (1) the meetings are good, small, old-fashioned with ample discussion, and anyone can organize a part of it;
- (2) we know that such goal-oriented, interdisciplinary collections of scientists and engineers form the most stimulating milieu.

The Society is gathering momentum again and we need specific help from each of our old members who "believe" in the cause.

First: Please renew your membership by sending \$15.00 to Aram Tarpinian (see back of program). We have hardly cost anyone anything so far. You will be investing \$15.00 in your profession! Your last "annual" membership fee of \$10.00 lasted three years!! Ask your friends to join. In December we will put on a bigger membership campaign. The income is needed for front money to get meetings started, printing, postage, etc.

Second: Please try to attend the Boston Annual Meeting or send your colleagues.

Third: Please volunteer to work, especially to put together a program, and/or to serve on a steering committee or council which will meet perhaps once or twice a year (in New York or Washington, DC). These names will be given to the nominating committee.

The 1978 meeting plans are being made now and if you want to pull together a symposium please call Ken Jackson now to discuss the topic (201/582-4211).

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