

Society for Co-operative Studies

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1982-83

1. Officers

Dr. Margaret Digby, George Gay, Lloyd Harrison, Lord Jacques, Dr. Robert Marshall, Will Watkins and Lord Young continued to serve as Presidents. Additionally, the Society was pleased to welcome as Presidents Keith Brading, former Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, and Ted Stephenson, a stalwart of the Society and former lecturer in management studies at the University of Leeds. The chair this year has been taken by Professor Tony Eccles with Jack Prichard and Mike Gibson as vice-chairmen. Brian Rose became secretary while Dr. Alex Wilson became treasurer and membership secretary. Dr. Robert Marshall and Professor Tom Carbery continued as joint editors of the Society's Bulletin.

2. National Meetings

The national officers met in September, November, February and May and will have a further meeting immediately before the AGM.

3. Membership

The paid-up members for year ending
31st March 1983 (with 1982 figures in
brackets) are:-

<u>Region</u>	<u>Individuals</u>		<u>Organisations</u>		<u>Total</u>
Metropolitan & Southern	59	(56)	21	(21)	80 (77)
Midland	24	(23)	7	(7)	31 (30)
North West	17	(17)	9	(8)	26 (25)
Scottish	26	(26)	5	(5)	31 (31)
North	2	(1)	1	(1)	3 (2)
South West	3	(3)	2	(2)	5 (5)
Yorkshire & Humberside	5	(6)	4	(4)	9 (10)
Overseas	5	(4)	5	(5)	10 (9)
	<u>141</u>	<u>(136)</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>(53)</u>	<u>195 (189)</u>

During 1982-83, 28 individuals and 9 organisations
joined as new members, while 15 individuals and
9 organisations lapsed in membership.

4. The Bulletin

The Bulletin remains the main service
of the Society to its members. In the past
year, the customary three issues have been
published with special features as follows:

No. 46 (December 1982): A Future for
Consumer Co-operation in Britain?

No. 47 (April 1983): Women and Co-operation

No. 48 (August 1983): Co-operation Internationally.

The first Bulletin of the year, dealing with the movement's future, attracted considerable attention and all spare copies were soon snapped up. The officers were pleased to welcome Peter Clarke and Jenny Thornley as joint authors of the Bulletin's newsletter and there has been some preliminary investigation of the possibility of publishing the newsletter separately from the Bulletin. Meanwhile, the officers are grateful to the CWS for their continuing service of printing and distributing the Bulletin at a subsidised rate.

5. Financial Position

The 1982/83 Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet prepared by the Treasurer are appended along with the Auditor's Report and show an encouragingly healthy financial position thanks largely to the assistance of the CWS in the printing of the Bulletin. This assistance has reduced the printing and distribution costs from £749.60 in 1981/82 to £39.88 in 1982/83. This more than anything else enabled the Society to show a surplus of £1,135.83 for the year with bank balances amounting to £1,500. Such a financial condition should enable the Society to consider new activities and members will no doubt wish to consider some of the possibilities at the AGM.

6. Syndicates

The Society's syndicate on Co-operation between Co-operatives has continued its work and a meeting of two of its members, Harold Campbell and Will Watkins, with the chairman and director of the Co-operative Development Agency has led to an interesting initiative which it is hoped will bear fruit in September shortly before the AGM. The officers have provided a slot at the annual conference for the syndicate to report on what happens on that initiative which is, at the time of writing, not completely firm. For those members unable to attend the AGM, the following issue of the Bulletin will contain the report.

Society for Co-operative StudiesINCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

(for year ended 31st March 1983)

Income

	<u>Note</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>(1981-82)</u>
Subscriptions	1	1,351.00	(1,263.00)
Annual Conference	2	256.41	(328.47)
Sale of Publications	3	84.77	(34.30)
Bank Interest		48.50	(-)
		<u>1,739.68</u>	<u>(1,640.63)</u>

Expenditure

	<u>Note</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>(1981-82)</u>
National Officers	4	305.15	(166.50)
Secretarial	5	118.90	(108.20)
Bulletin	6	172.54	(956.31)
Bank Commission		7.26	(4.14)
		<u>603.85</u>	<u>(1,235.15)</u>

Excess of Income over
Expenditure

1,135.83

Notes on the Accounts

<u>Note</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>(1981-82)</u>
<u>Note 1</u>	Subscriptions:		
	Individuals	556.00	(513.00)
	Co-operatives	705.00	(600.00)
	Other Organisations	90.00	(150.00)
		<u>1,351.00</u>	<u>(1,263.00)</u>
<u>Note 2</u>	AGM & Conference:		
	Income	896.00	(1,173.00)
	Expenses	639.59	(844.53)
		<u>256.41</u>	<u>(328.47)</u>
<u>Note 3</u>	Sale of Publications:		
	Sales	73.34	(26.70)
	Sundry Debtors	11.43	(7.60)
		<u>84.77</u>	<u>(34.30)</u>
<u>Note 4</u>	National Officers:		
	(Meetings)		
	Travel	216.75	(151.15)
	Other Travel	78.35	(11.75)
	Telephone	5.05	(3.60)
	Accommodation	5.00	(-)
		<u>305.15</u>	<u>(166.50)</u>
<u>Note 5</u>	Secretarial:		
	Postage	107.15	(92.01)
	Stationery & Photocopying	11.75	(16.19)
		<u>118.90</u>	<u>(108.20)</u>

Note 6 Bulletin:

Editorial Expenses	152.66	(231.71)
Printing & Distrib.	39.88	(749.60)
	<u>192.54</u>	<u>(981.31)</u>
Less stock	20.00	(25.00)
	<u>172.54</u>	<u>(956.32)</u>

BALANCE SHEET

(as at 31st March 1983)

Use of Funds

Bank & Cash:	<u>£</u>	<u>(31.3.82)</u>
NSB Investment a/c	1,000.00	(-)
Co-op Bank Inv. a/c	291.50	(300.00)
Co-op Bank Current a/c	239.14	(121.44)
Cash	8.06	(1.76)
	<u>1,538.70</u>	<u>(423.20)</u>
Stock	20.00	(25.00)
Debtors	11.43	(7.60)
	<u>1,570.13</u>	<u>(455.80)</u>
less:		
Creditors	15.60	(1.50)
Advance Subscriptions	51.00	(20.00)
	<u>1,503.53</u>	<u>(434.30)</u>

<u>Financed by:</u>	£	<u>(31.3.82)</u>
Fund brought forward	434.30	(28.82)
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,135.83	(405.48)
	<u>1,570.13</u>	<u>(434.30)</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have pleasure in returning the Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Society for Co-operative Studies for the year ended 31st March 1983. These have been fully audited and found to be correct in every way. I thus confirm that the Income and Expenditure Account is an accurate reflection of the conduct of the Society's Accounts during the year and that the Balance Sheet accurately states the balance of the funds as at 31st March 1983.

A. Rhodes
Hon. Auditor
12th May 1983.