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As the newly elected director of District VIII of the National Science Teachers Association, I had the opportunity to attend the board meeting in Colorado Springs this summer. It was a real pleasure to work with the most capable staff and officers of NSTA.

Our district can be very proud of its representation for the past two years in the person of David L. Fagel from Marshalltown, Iowa. Dave did an outstanding job and is very much respected for his leadership. I hope that I may as ably serve District VIII.

Many new and exciting activities are being planned. The Los Angeles Convention in 1975 should be an outstanding event with many innovations. More details will be available in the forthcoming issues of *The Science Teacher*. Jim Rutherford, the new president, is interested in reorganizing the membership categories and the dues structure to serve members better. Bob Silber, the executive director, outlined some new projects that NSTA has interest in developing. Two of these are the Continued Education Program and the Testing and Evaluation Center. The Continued Education Program would establish special interest courses for science teachers such as a marine biology course in the Caribbean. The Testing and Evaluation Center would produce a consumer's report on science materials and products such as microscopes, balances, labware, etc.

The board approved the Issue Committee's position statement on accountability. The complete statement will be published in *The Science Teacher* in order that the entire membership may react to it.

The extensive report of the Committee of Education of Urban Youth was reviewed by a study committee. It was recommended that this committee continue its work and pursue grant support.

NSTA has been approached by several organizations to administer various projects of national scope. Recently a contract was signed with NASA concerning the Viking Student Project. Full details will be forthcoming.