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EXTRACTS FROM INSTALLATION OF 1976-77 NATIONAL OFFICERS

"Our functions now are three. Allow the members to suitably recognize the out-going officers for their enormous achievement, provide a transition moment to the new officers, and secure dedication of the new officers to the large task ahead of them".

Larry Miles recalled that the first ~~10~~ of the 5 points of the strategy of Alexander the Great, when he conquered the known world was to "Operate From A Sound Base", and that through the effective efforts of the out-going officers, functional, operational and financial soundness had been provided as a springboard for the achievements of the new board.

Certain questions asked and comments made to point up some of the vital tasks and opportunities before the new board are here listed.

Do Value Analysts and Engineers, as they work, become progressively more skillful?

Does teaching improve?

Are more and more people learning?

The chapter system was established so that more people in all areas would have more opportunity to sooner learn more effective VE techniques. Are the meetings of the chapters such that at least half of the attendees at each meeting learns something valuable and useful to him?

Is V&A staying in companies after it becomes a winner there?

Why don't so times as many companies have the benefits of VA techniques?

Last year, many many thousands of tech. engineers, elec. engineers, Arch. or incers, and other engineers were ground out of colleges. How many Value engineers? None. Still Value Engineers must be "Custom Made." How much longer?

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