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Report from the President Harry R. Kissileff, Ph.D.

With the New Year upon us, this is a good time to set some goals for the coming year. I would like to propose the following for your consideration, and I would appreciate hearing from you about their implementation either in writing, on the phone, or in person:

1-Membership - We should aim to keep all of our previous members and add new ones in a ratio of 3 students to 1 regular. We should target on a total of 400 by the end of 1988. Please enroll your students and colleagues.

2-Program - Our program should stress both reviews of major advances and brief presentations of new ideas. Finished work should be presented with the regular societies with which we meet. If this format is effective, it should be introduced at a separate meeting of our own in 1990 or 1991. The society should plan to have special lectures and symposia presented by scientists whose main interest may not be ingestive behavior but whose work impinges on ours; for example, obesity, thermogenesis, the autonomic nervous system and exercise. These must be planned sufficiently far in advance to raise the necessary funds that will be needed to support these events.

3-Directory - The directory should include not only areas of interest but a working hypothesis, stated in a sentence or two. This kind of document will help us to recognize gaps in our field as well

as those who are working in similar areas.

4-Publication - The society should prepare an authoritative, up-to-date book on ingestive behavior that could be used as a text for graduate or undergraduate courses or reference for those wishing further information. It should be written by several members of the society and perhaps have several section editors. It should be started in 1988 and completed by June of 1989.

Some of these goals have been discussed with the board, and work is in progress on them. The publication has not, but it would be important to find out how much general support there is for the idea within the Society. These are not difficult goals to reach, except for the book, but they will require cooperation from each member. Let us aim to grow in numbers as well as in scientific stature during 1988. Happy New Year!

Dues are due

One of the topics of conversation at the November board meeting focussed upon the interesting fact that not many of the membership have paid their 1988 SSIB dues. Please make note that yearly dues are collected for each calendar year. 1988 dues should be mailed to the Society's Treasurer, Anthony Sclafani, Ph.D., Psychology Department, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY.