

heard and talked of the information revolution and the information society that is already with us?

It is a time of change and of challenge: traditional roles are being changed; new roles present challenges. Issues related to quality of information, to privacy and to freedom of information, to sharing and to ownership of information have emerged. Our new technologies provide powerful tools indeed to assist in the storage, retrieval, and dissemination of information.

The Society of Indexers is well prepared to deal with change and meet these challenges. The Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada looks forward to sharing this with you. Congratulations.

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SI's SILVER JUBILEE AGM

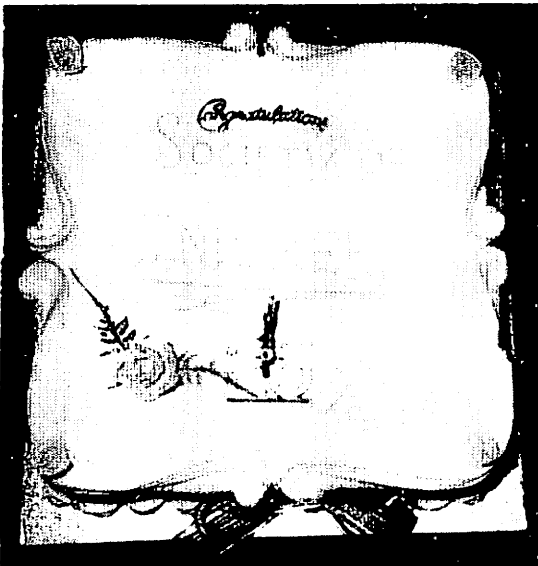
The sharp-witted lawyers who invented Annual General Meetings never intended them to be fun. Can anyone suggest a more boring topic for research than the history of AGMs? Yet somehow The Society of Indexers has succeeded during the last decade in making this repetitious formality into one of the year's popular attractions.

The 25th AGM had the advantage of being a special occasion for celebration. The photograph of the 'platform' Officers ploughing their way through the formal agenda captures the atmosphere precisely. Some two-score members carried through the business with

happy unanimity in less time than it must have taken to write out the minutes. And so to the presentations made by the SI President—the 1981 Wheatley Medal and the second Carey Award—which are separately described on adjoining pages. Then to the cutting of the birthday cake, a vast piece of delicious confectionery (also illustrated here).

There was still time in plenty for conversation (oh, how we talked!), and to allay the pangs of hunger and thirst. Indeed, so varied and plentiful were the viands provided that we could have emulated that doughty fighter for the cause of indexing, Dr Samuel Johnson, who declared, 'I like to eat, Sir, until my veins swell'.

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The Society of Indexers' 25th anniversary cake



A happy atmosphere as the Officers conduct the SI's silver jubilee AGM (left to right: Barbara Britton, Treasurer; John Ainsworth Gordon, Chairman; Cecil Robertson, Secretary)