

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The Historic Brass Society is three years old and has far exceeded the expectations most people had for our organization. The HBS has over 400 members and we've continued to publish important scholarly research in the HBS Journal as well as practically oriented material in the HBS Newsletter. In addition, the News of the Field section, as well as the book, recording and music reviews help give a clear idea as to the state of affairs in the early brass world. The tentative contents for our 1992 publications show that we will continue to publish a wide and varied range of the best early brass articles. The HBS is now a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization. This means that all contributions over the annual dues are tax deductible. It also enables the HBS to receive corporate, private and government funding. Please continue to help the HBS. Continue your membership, spread the word to your colleagues, request that your library subscribe and help with an extra donation. If you are pleased with the HBS, please show it.

Keeping the HBS growing has been a massive job and I've continued to receive a great deal of help. As you probably know, everyone who works for the HBS does it as a labor of love - no one gets any money and several lose a bit at the end of the year. The executive members, Ben Peck, Stew Carter, Linda Klein, and most particularly Karen Snowberg, have been extremely helpful - as always. The Board of Directors, Board of Advisors and Editorial Board members have continued to give the HBS direction and much needed support. Special thanks must also be given to Barry Bauguess for the fantastic job he has done producing the HBS Journal. Authors and contributors, and of course, the HBS membership, are all making the organization a great success. We need your continued support. Please let us know your thoughts. Write in and send news of your early brass activities. It's been a great and successful three years; let's continue.