Today the officers of the American Federation of Aviculture are in the midst of working to change the organization for the better. We are working to improve services to members: individual members, club members, and commercial members. In working to improve, we start from the position of our mission statement, "To promote the advancement of aviculture."

Our major efforts to promote aviculture have been and will continue to be by way of education—to provide our members with an informative journal, to present an outstanding annual conference, and to educate regulators and legislators about aviculture.

One aspect of improving membership services will be to make positive changes in the journal, in the annual conferences and in the legislative arena. As you will see in this issue of the Watchbird, new authors are making their debut. Steve Hartman has a column on indoor breeding facilities, Fred and Lyrae Perry have the first in a series of articles on the Psittacula genus, and Glenn A. Mitchell on the ever popular Canary.

Beginning in the March/April issue, Brian Speer, DVM, will begin a series of articles on flock management. Other new writers will be seen in upcoming issues.

In our next conference we are making major changes in the scheduling of speakers so that we may include daily working sessions. These workshops and special interest seminars will allow conference attendees to actively partici-