Executive Vice-president's Report

This report is an annual accounting of the major happenings in the society during the past year. I am pleased to share this information with you and look forward to serving the society and its members in 1976.

General Activities and Projects

Membership. Total active membership in the CSSA for 1975 was 3,796 as compared to 3,517 in 1974; a gain of 279 members or 7.9% over last year (Table 1). In some years I've tended to speculate on the reasons for a membership increase or decrease. For 1975 and probably quite a few years to come, no speculation seems to be needed since one only need read the newspaper or any of the news magazines. The world is hungry and there have been droughts, too many people in small areas, fertilizer shortages, storms, etc. — all factors creating a tight food situation. The agronomic sciences are in the limelight; crop scientists in cooperation with their colleagues in soils are being asked to solve almost immediately, problems which have been building for many years. The day of the agronomist or crop scientist or soil scientist, whichever you may be, has arrived — it is my belief that we are now in one of the "glamor" professions. This new professional status can only have good effects on membership in the society.

Publications. The circulation of Crop Science has increased by 294 subscribers; this represents an increase of 279 active member subscribers and 15 nonmember subscribers. Total circulation for the journal stands at 5,556 as compared to 5,092 for 1974 (Table 2), almost a 6% increase.

Circulation for the Journal of Environmental Quality continues to increase. The total circulation of 2,250 subscribers in 1975 compares to a total circulation of 2,154 in 1974; this represents an increase of 96 subscribers (Table 3). Again this year, the increase was gained in the number of nonmember subscribers by +99. The number of member subscribers decreased by -96.

Since CSSA now has the opportunity to co-sponsor some future monographs, and in fact has already agreed to co-sponsor some future monographs, a few words on the progress of the publications under consideration are in order. A number of monographs are in preparation or under consideration by feasibility committees. Editors and/or editorial committees have been appointed for monographs on Land Use Planning, Tall Fescue, Sunflowers, and Drought Control and Dryland Agriculture. Proposed monographs on Nutritional Quality of Cereals and Modeling of Plant and Soil Systems are still under study by their respective feasibility committees. Involvement of CSSA in these projects is intended.

Crops & Man, the first book in the CSSA-ASA seven-book series Foundations for Modern Crop Science is now a reality and available for distribution. Indications are that sales will be relatively good for this publication. Hopefully the manuscripts for at least one of the remaining six books will be ready in 1976. This project has been on-going for several years now; progress has been slow but steady. Dr. A. W. Burger, the project coordinator, and the editors of the various books are to be commended for their dedication and perseverance under what at times are trying circumstances. During the past year the published Proceedings of the Second International Turfgrass Research Conference became available. By the time you read this report, hopefully the societies' Author's Guide and Style Manual will be available for distribution. The Effect of FDA Regulations (GRAS) on Plant Breeding and Processing, Systems Analysis in Forage Crops Production and Utilization, Tropical Forages and Livestock Production Systems, and International and National Outlook — The Necessity for Efficient Nutrient Utilization, were all special publications published in 1975. CSSA either sponsored or cosponsored with ASA and/or SSSA all of the aforementioned special publications. An updated and the revised list, Registered Field Crop Varieties: 1926-1974 was also published during fiscal year 1974-75.

The publications schedule of the society for the current year will also be busy. A hardcover copy of the symposium "Soils for Management and Utilization of Organic Wastes and Water Wastes" will be available possibly in late summer of 1976. The symposium "Reclamation of Drastically Disturbed Lands," to be held Aug. 9-12, 1976, will also yield a hardcover book expected to be available in late summer or early fall of 1977. The three associated societies and TVA are co-sponsoring the symposium entitled "Phosphorus in Agriculture" on June 1-3, 1976. The three associated societies, at the request of TVA, will publish the proceedings of the symposium, under the same name, with publication availability expected in the middle part of 1977.

At least three special publications should be completed during 1976; all three are based on sympoia held during the 1975 annual meetings. The titles of the special publications are Biological Nitrogen Fixation in Forage-Livestock Systems, Multiple and Intercropping Systems, and Soil Testing: Correlating and Interpreting the Analytical Results. They are to be cosponsored by CSSA, ASA, and SSSA.

A Glossary of Crop Science Terms is now being prepared. Though the publication probably won't be ready in the next year, the society has a committee compiling a list of crop terminology. The society also has recently appointed a committee to prepare a booklet on plant science aimed toward the upper grade school and high school level student. The society's turfgrass slide projecj is still in the preparatory stages but hopefully at least one group of slides will be available in 1976. The society is also to become involved with a new teaching aid known as the slide-tape set. Several of our teachers have developed these materials for their own use in the classroom and have volunteered to turn them over to the society for duplication and distribution.

Finances. The total net worth of CSSA improved from $101,665.57 to $122,839.28 for the year ending September 30, 1975. This gain is largely attributed to the page charges levied by CSSA for papers carried in Crop Science. CSSA had a net income of $164,680.79 and expenses of $143,506.88 during 1975 for earnings of $21,173.66. All categories of projects for CSSA recorded earnings during the past fiscal year. Details of the financial operations can be found in this issue in the C211 Budget and Finance Committee report.