

Toward Better Conventions

One of the main functions of APGA is holding its conventions. But in recent years there have been many complaints about the conventions: too many competing sessions, too many dull and valueless meetings, the hassles in getting around a large downtown area to go from meeting to meeting, the expenses of hotels, meals, travel, etc., etc., etc. Practically everybody agrees that major improvements are needed.

In 1973 APGA will try an experiment: three conventions in three different parts of the country at three different times. We have wanted to bring our readers some word about the plans that have been developing, and when Jon Boller's article commenting on the 1972 Convention in Chicago came in, we thought this would provide a good stimulus. So we sent his manuscript to the three 1973 Convention Coordinators and invited them to write their reactions to it and also tell us what they plan to do to make their conventions better than what we've had in the past.

A few weeks later the Hedlund-Kramer article arrived, and we decided that it would add another dimension to this issue by describing an innovative kind of session that was held at the 1972 Chicago Convention.

We think that readers will be better prepared to make best use of the 1973 Conventions if they read this material. And we hope too that chairpersons and presenters will find some ideas here that they can put to good use in San Diego, St. Louis, or Atlanta. See you there! ■ *Leo Goldman*