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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I hope most of you have had an opportunity to see the new membership brochures. They have an updated look and include a new back page for AMICA'S EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS. Educating the public about automatic musical instruments is an important part of AMICA's future.

One of our concerns this year has been the increased postage for our overseas members. The U. S. Postal Service has discontinued the bulk mail overseas rate which increases the cost of mailing The Bulletin. A dues increase will be discussed at this year's Board Meeting.

As reported last year, AMICA is now on YouTube, and I am happy to report that we have expanded our coverage. Please look at [www.amica.org](http://www.amica.org) and check out the three pages of YouTube representing automatic musical instruments ranging from player pianos to orchestrions.

Terry Smythe is this year's recipient of the AMICA President's Award for scanning the Billings Rollography and the AMICA Technicalities—an extraordinary and time-consuming effort. Terry is currently scanning all AMICA Bulletins since inception in 1963 to present. They will be posted on [www.amica.org](http://www.amica.org) for all members to access—more to come.

Website Manager, Karl Ellison, has brought AMICA up to date allowing new members to sign up on the website and they can use PayPal. By 2009, members will be able to pay their dues on-line with a credit card or with PayPal.

I am please to report that our Past President, Mike Walter, has agreed to take on the additional duties Honoraries/Honor Roll contact. He has previously held this position and brings some much-needed experience to get this up to date.

The 2007 convention in Germany and Holland was a huge success. Our convention committee did a great job setting up everything. We were busy from dawn to dusk visiting many museums and collections—everything from reproducing pianos to large dance organs—a big thank you to the committee.

Since I am staying on as president for another term, one of my goals is to meet members I do not know.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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