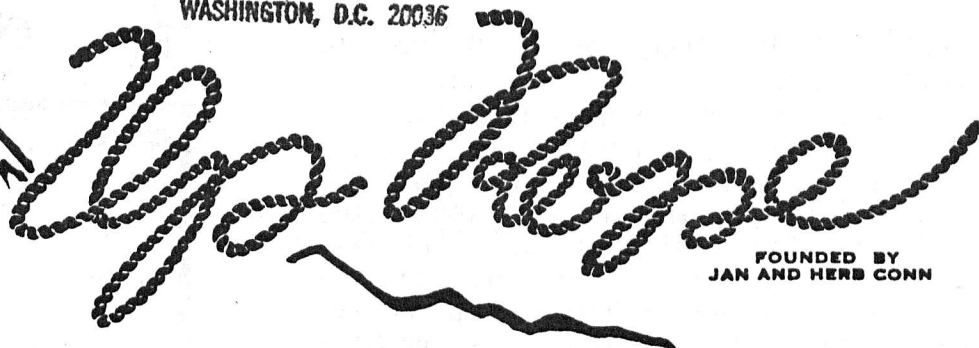


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### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

It should not be a surprize when I say I have given the Section's current problems a lot of thought. One major problem, as I see it, is the lack of communication between the Executive Committee and the rest of the membership. This is something I hope to correct. The Section's secretary and new editor of Up Rope, Patti Lemon, has assured me that minutes from both the monthly Business Meeting and the Executive Meeting will be published in Up Rope. I would also like to have a reading of the previous month's minutes at the beginning of each Business Meeting. In addition to the minutes, I would like to have a Treasurer's report at the Business Meeting every other month. Hopefully, such reports will serve to solve any communication problems.

Another area of confusion and misunderstanding is the role of the Executive Committee Meetings. I will briefly describe what I think an Executive Committee Meeting should be.

The Executive Committee Meeting should be held before the monthly Business Meeting. It is open to everyone. Section business, new and old, is brought up and discussed. The Chairman organizes the topics to be discussed

into a logical agenda that can be presented with speed and clarity at the Business Meeting. The Executive Committee does not dictate the Section's policy at these meetings.

Executive Committee Meetings, while not essential to operation of the Section, does allow the Section to operate more smoothly. The Chairman can get business organized and keep track of club activities. It is also an excellent forum for discussing Section business and getting feedback on different ideas to formulate proposals and projects.

This is how I wanted to operate the Section during my term as Chairman. What I have suggested may not be adequate to truly represent the membership to its satisfaction. If not, I am willing to listen to others' solutions.

In the February Up Rope, I attempted to express my views on what I thought of the Mountaineering Section's December meeting, what the purpose and responsibility of the Section is, and what I hope the Section can do in the near future. These are my feelings, hopes, and desires in regards to the

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