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t is with the most profound sense of grief and gratitude that we note the death of Bob Goulding on grief at the loss of one of the most influential and beloved therapists of our time; gratitude for all he gave and taught to so many.

Bob, one of Berne's early colleagues in California, was a giant not only in the world of TA, but also in the larger pay chotherapy community. He and his wife, Mary, became known worldwide for their redecision therapy, and through their positive modeling and influence helped spread TA in many countries. He served ITAA in many capacities over the years: on the Board, as an officer, as committee member and chair, and as staff liaison. Through his workshops and presentations, countless people were introduced to the best TA had to offer; many more were given that chance by his articles, books, and videotapes. His legacy is stunning and will remain with remy for years to counte.

There was a memorial service for Bob on Sunday, February 16 in California,



after which his body was cremated. Mary has asked that those who wish to make donations do so to one of the following: the ITAA, the American Group Psychotherapy Association, or US House of Representatives Member Barbara Boxer of California.

Much, much more needs to and will be said about Bob in upcoming issues of *The Script*. For now we simply want to acknowledge the greatness of the man and his life and how much we will miss him. Good-bye Bob, and thank you for everything.

The State of the ITAA

by Susan Sevilla #44.

n my eight years as Executive Director, I have enjoyed overseeing an association that is well-organized and possessed of both committed, energetic volunteers and a thoroughly professional staff. I have met with volunteers from many countries and have been impressed with their pride and enthusiasm for the ITAA. The following are excerpts from my Annual Report, which outlined our collective efforts in 1991 in support of the goals and objectives of the ITAA. (The full 11-page report is available from the ITAA office.)

Headquarters Building: An Ad Hoc Committee on Capital Assets, Chaired by Ian Pizer, began considering capitalizing ITAA's major asset—its headquarters building—as well as other investment possibilities and any complications of moving the ITAA administrative offices (see page 4).

Direct and Affiliate Members: A new Ad Hoc Committee on Direct and Affiliate Membership, chaired by Jill Slatyer of Australia, considered how ITAA should view direct versus affiliate membership as it evolves toward a federated structure in which most members join via their regional or national organization, especially whether

we should continue accepting direct members in countries where an affiliate exists. The Board concluded that the existing policy should stand. It recognizes the desirability of supporting growth and development of affiliate associations while guaranteeing the rights of members to belong directly to the ITAA.

Eric Berne Fund: In its fifth year of grant distribution, the Fund offered three grants—1) to the GK Foundation Correctional Center of Alabama for a pilot program to bring TA into the prison, 2) to the New Zealand TA Association for two complete sets of the TAJ, and 3) to Gladys Baez Diekreiter of Texas for her research on the Life Script Questionnaire.

USATAA Affiliation: The Board approved the USATAA affiliation agreement to begin in 1992. Although this "Phase One" of the agreement will not change the status of the roughly 200 USATAA members nor the delivery of services, it is an important symbolic commitment to evolution toward "Phase Two" affiliation in the near future.

Bylaws: Four changes were made in order to simplify operations and save money—1) Candidates will be announced via *The Script* and announcements to affiliates rather than by direct mail; 2) a preferential system of voting

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