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1995 was a year of rebuilding, reorganizing, and reactivating the Japanese Branch. The branch Constitution was adopted in May, and the first election of Board officers was held. The Board members in 1995 were Keiichiro Watanabe (President), Shigeru Joho (Vice-president), Yo Akioka (Secretary), Yasuko Todo (Treasurer), Shuko Kato, Hitoshi Matsushita, Toshiko Sekine, Mariko Teramoto (Members-at-large).

The branch Newsletter resumed publication: there was actually a lacuna of thirteen years between the publication of the first issue, and the second which appeared this August. IAML President Veslemøy Heintz kindly sent us an article with friendly greetings to our members, and Ioannis Zannos of SIM (Berlin) contributed an article reporting about the paper which Professor Fukushima read at the Danish Congress of 1995. A very important message from Adam O'Connor of RILM New York appeared in the third issue of our Newsletter; his sincere and enthusiastic message moved his Japanese colleagues and helped us to understand the new policies of international RILM office in New York. Now the Newsletter is published quarterly, and from the fourth issue, it is also being sent to each national branch of IAML. The Newsletter is basically in Japanese, but some of the important articles are bilingual; our future plan is to use the Newsletter to report about the present status of important musical sources in Japan such as the Cummings Collection in Nanki-bunko.

During the last twelve-month period, we have acquired twenty new members, while three old members left the Branch. Now we have 57 individual members and 22 institutional members in total.

Yo Akioka

Secretary