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The IAML-U.S. Donated Music Materials Program became a reality in the summer of 1995 under the direction of Marjorie Hassen at the University of Pennsylvania. The program solicits lists of available music books, journals, and recordings in good condition and circulates the lists to libraries in Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe, republics of the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Pacific Ocean countries. Potential recipients contact donors directly to request specific items on a first come, first served basis.

The branch has been promoting contributions to the IAML outreach fund as another means of participating in outreach efforts. Susan Sommer presented a generous check for the fund, in memory of Neil Ratliff, at our annual meeting, and other members have chosen to honor our colleague's memory in this way as well.

Our 1995 annual meeting was held in Atlanta, Georgia, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Music Library Association (MLA). We co-sponsored a plenary session with MLA on "The Realities of Music Librarianship Outside North America and Western Europe." Topics were "International Outreach Programs for Music Libraries" (Don Roberts), "Music Librarianship in the Baltic Countries" (Aurika Gergeležiū), and "What Can American Music Libraries Do To Assist?" (Ruth Henderson).

Plans are under way for a IAML conference in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2002. Newly-elected branch officers for 1996-99 are: Lenore Coral, President; Marguerite Iskenderian, Secretary; and Sherry Vellucci, Member-at-Large. Continuing board members are Robert Follet, Treasurer; Garret Bowles, Member-at-Large; Don Roberts and John Roberts, both International Board Representatives.

Ruth Henderson

President