

Chapter Status Report by Wes Sanchez

Now, more than ever, people are becoming aware of the need to share and communicate their experiences in the alcoholism field. Developing professional standards and techniques is a goal that ALMACA feels can be better stimulated by providing a forum to voice these experiences.

As we approach the end of 1981 and look towards the new year, ALMACA's new administration has achieved their campaign promise of rapid membership growth and establishment of new chapters while still not veering from the true nature of our goals and purpose.

Nine chapters out of a current total of 37 chapters have joined ALMACA National since the election of the new Board of Directors last year. The membership has increased from 2,150 in November, 1980 and is rapidly approaching 2700 members. It is a real pleasure to work along with forming chapters that are devoting their time and effort in establishing a workable chapter and it is with equal satisfaction that I can assist and provide existing chapters with membership information from our Word Processor.

Genuine interest is spreading throughout each region and I am starting to feel a more cohesive unity that was not as apparent in the past. Although we are still experiencing growing pains I feel that more people are looking to ALMACA as a leader that develops and promotes methodologies, standards and techniques in this growing field.

I would like to extend a rousing welcome to all new chapters developed in this administration and especially for all the hard work needed to incorporate a chapter into the ALMACA network. I look forward to meeting everyone able to attend our Annual Conference and would also like to thank those members that are not able to attend for their continued interest in ALMACA.