THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION

The Atlantic Provinces Linguistic Association was formed at a meeting held on October 28, 1978 at Mount Saint Vincent University. The Association was conceived as a forum in which linguists working throughout the Atlantic area could become acquainted with each other. It was felt that the exchange of interest, information and inspiration resulting from this contact would promote linguistic endeavors of all types in the region. The University hosted the association which was addressed in public lecture by Dr. Rex Wilson of the University of Western Ontario.

The following day, October 29, the Association held its first sessions of academic papers. Some of these papers appear in this first issue of the <u>Journal of the APLA</u>. We who have been working in establishing these modest ventures hope that they will thrive and carry out the purposes of the association.

The following members of the Association were elected as its first executive officers.

President:	George Patterson, Mount Saint Vincent
	University
Vice-President:	Moshe Starets, Université Sainte-Anne
Secretary-Treasu	rer: John Barnstead, Dalhousie
	University
Members-at large	: Smith Drew, New Brunswick Community
	College, Saint John, NB;
	Irene Bernard, Mount Saint Vincent
	University