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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear Lisp Friends:

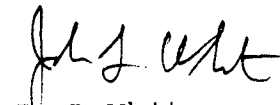
Beginning with the next volume, Lisp Pointers will change from a quarterly publication to just three issues per year. This new schedule was adopted by the SIGPLAN Executive Committee at its meeting in January 1995. The main reason for this change is the lower rate of submitted articles and columns, so that there is not a regular supply of sufficient material justifying the quarterly publication.

However, because your Lisp Pointers subscription will fairly regularly include additional conference proceedings (such as that for the Lisp and Functional Programming Conference, and the Lisp Users' and Vendors' Conference), we feel that there will be no real loss of benefits to you (there are no plans at this time to lower the subscription price.) In fact, some subscribers---especially libraries---would welcome a more regular publication schedule of fewer issues rather than a somewhat irregular quarterly.

Yet, as ever, we still need your contributions and comments. Think of a short paper describing some technical accomplishment you have done; think of a tutorial on some Lisp topic that newcomers find opaque; think of news tidbits, announcements of workshops, etc.

And welcome the first appearance of our new columnist, Ken Anderson!

Sympathetically yours,



JonL White

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**Guy L. Steele Jr.**

**January 1995**

**IEEE/ANSI Scheme Standard Recommended for Reaffirmation**

After some newsgroup discussion, the IEEE Working Group on Scheme achieved general consensus that IEEE 1178-1990 should be reaffirmed. The Working Groups sponsor was so notified and a request to initiate the balloting process for reaffirmation has been made.

—Chris Haynes

**Common Lisp Now an American National Standard**

According to document X3/95-0030, dated January 4, 1994, by Lynn Barra, Coordinator of Standards Processing for X3: the American National Standards Institute completed final action on December 8, 1994 for ANSI X3.226:1994, American National Standard for Programming Language Common Lisp, which is now a new standard. ANSI will insert the appropriate notices in a forthcoming issue of *Standards Action*. The document goes on to say:

In accordance with BSR procedures, those objecting to [the approval] are hereby notified of their right to appeal which must be received in writing with the Chairman of the BSR within 15 working days after receipt of this notification. The appeal must be based on due process or lack of consensus and include a statement as to why the BSR action should be modified. The BSR will not render decisions on the relative merits of technical matters, but it shall consider whether due process was afforded technical concerns.

The new standard for Common Lisp has not yet been published. Kent Pitman, project editor for X3J13, has begun to work with ANSI on the final document formatting process, which may take several months.

**CBEMA Changes Name to “Information Technology Industry Council”**

CBEMA, the Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association, has for many years served as the secretariat for Accredited Standards Committee X3—Information Processing Systems. The title of X3 has recently been changed to “Accredited Standards Committee X3—Information Technology” and CBEMA has changed its name to “Information Technology Industry Council,” known by the initials “ITI” (but note that its E-mail address, given below, uses the abbreviation *itic*, not *iti*). The change from CBEMA to ITI was effective December 1, 1994. According to a memo from Jean-Paul Emard, director of the X3 Secretariat:

The new name conveys the vitality and dynamism of our association that focuses on the integration of computers, business and telecommunications equipment, software and services. ITI's mission is to shape policies and actions that: open markets, promote free and open competition, rely on market based solutions, protect intellectual property, and develop and advance the use of voluntary standards.

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### **Guy Steele Steps Down as Chair of X3J13**

I have worked on Common Lisp since its inception in 1981 and served as a member of X3J13 since it was formed in 1986. When Bob Mathis resigned as chair, I served as acting chair and became official chair in 1992. My three-year term will end in April 1995 and ITI, the X3 Secretariat (see previous item), has issued a routine call for volunteers to serve as chair of X3J13 beginning in April 1995. I have decided not to stand for office this time around. While I do not intend to abandon X3J13, it seems to me high time that others now have a chance to serve as chair and guide Common Lisp through its next stages of evolution.

It has been a very interesting process these last 9 or 14 years, depending on how you count. I want to thank everyone concerned for their hard work and creative contributions to making Common Lisp an American National Standard and, even more important, an outstanding practical workhorse language for symbolic computing and program development.

**Accredited Standards Committee\***  
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**Subject:** Notification of Approval/Adoption/Reaffirmation/Withdrawal of Standards

The American National Standards Institute completed final action on December 8, 1994 for the following:

ANSI X3.226:1994 American National Standard for Programming Language Common LISP  
(new standard) (X3J13)

ANSI X3.254:1994 Fibre Channel - Mapping to HIPPI-FP (FC-FP)  
(new standard) (X3T11)

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