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Please accept this certificate and our appreciation for your attendance at our 1980 IPA Convention and especially the Seminars.

Congratulations to you and approximately 170 others who participated in two or three sessions of the 1980 IPA Programmers and Speakers Seminars. We have checked the evaluation sheets and find the highest ratings yet for those held this year. We also had several suggestions for future years and several comments on how to make these meetings even better. At least fifteen evaluations were turned in without signatures, so we hope we have included all who attended the meetings. It appears that approximately 250 people attended at least one session.

There seems to be an overwhelming consensus that the 1980 IPA convention will join other great ones of the past as one of the best ever. Attendance was up 20% this year and our speakers surely were top quality. We are all looking forward to putting IPA Convention 1981 on our calendar. The question seems to be: How can we top this last one? However, it seems Dan Moore and his team continue to come up with new ideas and yet keep with traditions of the past, which makes for a grand combination and for a great week in an exciting place in America.

As for the future of the Seminars, as long as we keep getting high ratings surely they will continue. As you will note in TALENT Magazine and in the occasional letters from IPA, they really want to hear from you and welcome your suggestions for seminars or any other programs to add to future conventions. It is anticipated that a Seminar-Workshop Advisory Committee will be formed to plan these sessions from year to year and to develop more continuity. They will also react to the many suggestions that are turned into IPA and select the ideas that will contribute most to the convention.

Some ideas for future years include --- Listening Skills, How to Use Humor in Speeches, Problem Solving Techniques, Communication Skills, What is IPA, and Speech Writing and Publishing. Many people say we should continue at least one session in Parliamentary Horse Sense each year. The Mini-Showcase was the highest rated session this year and will probably have a repeat performance. We would appreciate hearing from you and how you rate these ideas. What other suggestions do you have?

Again, we say thank you for attending our Seminar and for your very kind comments. We really welcome your candid suggestions at any time, especially those you can offer for next year. We wish you much success in the future and hope we will see you at IPA in Washington again next year.

Most sincerely yours,

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Coordinator, IPA Seminars

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