

From the Editor

VOLUME 18 of *McIlhainea* begins a new chapter as we go online with the journal. You can find *McIlhainea* at the NAMA website, www.namyco.org. An advantage of the change is timely publication of material in a format that allows liberal use of color illustrations. Each year I plan to add articles as received and expand the Table of Contents as each new article is added. The volume will close at the end of each calendar year with the process beginning anew with each new year. As an editor, I will not have to hold up timely material while I wait for one critical article to finally arrive at my desk. As an author, you will know that your material will appear soon after review and acceptance. As a reader, you will get to see the new material in a timely fashion.

Furthermore, *McIlhainea* will only be limited by the number of interesting and well-written articles received each year and not limited by the costs of publishing and mailing a maximum number of pages. My plan is to submit regular updates to the *Mycophile* editor so that readers can be informed as new material is added to *McIlhainea*.

McIlhainea is designed as the vehicle for papers that further the mission of NAMA “to promote, pursue, and advance the science of mycology” and to provide the home for reports from the Toxicology Committee on mushroom poisoning and the Voucher Preservation Committee for foray reports. We seek

to include highly interesting papers that are pertinent to our mission. By design, some papers will be of a more technical nature and will appeal to the more technically inclined members, while other papers will be written to entertain the generalist.

A lot is going to depend on who decides to write for *McIlhainea*. If those of you who are authors do not step forward, I will fill the pages with my own writing (mostly about mushroom poisoning), as I have done to get this issue off the ground. But I am looking forward to adding a wide range of articles as this year progresses.

One thing that I would like to be able to do in these pages is to memorialize some of our senior members. We need a place to say good-bye to people like Ben Woo and Marie Bailey who have passed from our ranks, and I would love to receive an article about Ben, Marie, and others who have passed since 2007. But think also about doing living memorials. I would like to be able to tell the story about some of our people like Leeds Bailey who have lived interesting lives in the service of mycology—and to publish their stories while they are still living and can appreciate the honor.

As some may be aware, I am serving only as interim editor. If there is an Editor out there among you, please step forward.

Sincerely,
Michael W. Beug



Left: Ben Woo at 1976 NAMA Foray (photo by Michael W. Beug). Right: Marie Bailey (photo by Kit Scates Barnhart).