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Open Letter From the President

Recent mailings from the Executive Secretary of the Iowa Academy of Science to every science teacher in Iowa should encourage each one of us to become an active part of the Iowa Science Teachers Section of the Academy and to become well informed about every phase of the program. By becoming involved in the Iowa Academy you can enjoy all the benefits of membership as well as the advantage of working with science teachers throughout the state.



Mrs. Keithahn

All nine regional directors are planning district meetings to meet the special needs of their area. This is an opportunity to meet with your neighboring teacher in a special interest area and to exchange ideas.

Elementary teachers are encouraged to become active members, especially in view of the many federal programs being introduced into the schools of Iowa at this level. Elementary teachers play a most important part in building good understanding of science.

Plans are under way for a stimulating Science Short Course at Iowa State University in early March. This is an idea-filled meeting that you will not want to miss. The program is nearing completion for the annual Iowa Academy of Science meeting in April on the Grinnell College campus. I would encourage all teachers who are teaching science either in elementary, secondary, or college to submit a paper for presentation at this meeting. Ideas, methods, research, and techniques are suggestions for an article that could be published in the *Journal* and read by other science teachers of the state.

The Iowa Junior Academy is an active part of our organization, having regional meetings, working in local science clubs, and preparing research papers for the Academy meeting. Often the Junior Academy has a concurrent session with the regional meeting.

The importance of the classroom teacher in the scheme of science education cannot be stressed enough. ISTS is concerned with the person who is in direct contact with the students. ISTS offers you an opportunity to contact other teachers and to benefit in turn from them. Join this active growing organization; you will enjoy working with your fellow science teacher.

Mrs. Lena Keithahn