

New ASCD Executive Secretary



AT the March 7th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development held during the 26th Annual Conference in St. Louis, Neil P. Atkins was appointed Executive Secretary of the Association. Acting upon a recommendation of the Executive Council, the Board of Directors set April 12, 1971, as the effective date of the appointment.

Dr. Atkins joined the Washington staff of ASCD in 1968, first as Associate Secretary and later as Deputy Executive Secretary. In both posts, he served as liaison officer with the affiliated units of the Association. The continuity of his fine administration will help move ASCD forward at an accelerated pace.

Dr. Atkins is a native of Vermont, where he received his public school education. He received his B.A. degree from Middlebury College, his A.M.T. degree from Harvard University, and his Ed.D. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Before coming to ASCD, Dr. Atkins spent twenty years in public school education as a teacher of English, department chairman, curriculum coordinator, director of instruction, and secondary school principal in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. In addition, he has taught graduate courses at Teachers College, Columbia University, and at the University of Maryland.

Since 1961, Dr. Atkins has been prominent in the development of the middle school movement, having been the first principal of one of the early model middle schools in Mount Kisco, New York. He has served as consultant to private educational foundations and numerous school districts throughout the country.

Dr. Atkins has written articles which have appeared in various educational periodicals and in *Technology and the Curriculum* and *Vision—A Mandate for Change*.

Dr. and Mrs. Atkins, who live in Fairfax County, Virginia, have three children: a married daughter, a son in college, and a daughter in elementary school.

Dr. Fred T. Wilhelms, who has served as Executive Secretary since August 1968, will remain with the ASCD headquarters staff as Senior Associate. This new experimental position was created by the Executive Council, at Dr. Wilhelms' suggestion, in an effort to realign the human and financial resources of the Association to help ASCD identify its proper work and get it done.

The role of the Senior Associate is designed to explore new possibilities in relationships for ASCD, in idea definition, program development, and action.

—ALVIN D. LOVING, SR., *President, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1971-72.*

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