

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### A. PH. A. COUNCIL, LETTER NO. 2. (Abstracted in part.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 20, 1921.

To the Members of the Council:

4. *Election of active members.*—Applications Nos. 2 to 17, inclusive.

5. *House of Delegates recommends changes in the make-up of the Program Committee.* Under date of September 30, 1921, Secretary Hostmann of the House of Delegates writes from New York as follows:

"At the Second Session of the House of Delegates the following was adopted:

"That the House of Delegates recommend to the Council the appointment of a program committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the House of Delegates, the Chairman and Secretary of each of the several sections and the General Secretary and President."

"I neglected to bring this matter to the attention of the Council and will ask you to do so in the next Council letter."

In commenting on these recommendations, your Secretary desires to call attention to the fact that the personnel of the Committee on Program is fixed by Article IX of Chapter X of the By-Laws. Since the latter can only be amended at a general session of the Association, it would appear that the only action which the Council can take at this time is to discuss the proposed changes with a view to determining whether or not they are worthy of adoption.

In this connection, I also desire to state that in my opinion the services of the Local Secretary are of such a nature that he should by all means be a member of the Program Committee.

6. *Request that the Association underwrite to the extent of \$300 the expense of printing the "Official Catalogue of Standardized Plant Names" compiled by the American Joint Committee on Horticultural Nomenclature.* Under date of October 3, 1921, Chairman LaWall writes from Philadelphia as follows:

"Enclosed you will find a letter from Dr. Youngken transmitting a communication from the Chairman of the American Joint Committee on Horticultural Nomenclature, giving the

details requested by the Council in the matter of the underwriting of the cost of publication of the official catalogue of Standardized Plant Names.

In looking over the list of societies participating in this work as detailed on the letterhead of the Committee, I am forcibly struck by the fact that our Association seems somewhat out of place, as almost all of the other bodies are trade organizations whose members are more directly benefited by the publication than ours would be. I do not know how our organization came to be associated in this work in the first place, but I do feel that the various botanical societies should be called upon before us.

"We have been very generous in the matter of annual contributions, I think, for some years past, and inasmuch as \$3000 seems already to have been guaranteed, our \$300 certainly cannot play a very important part, and in the present state of the finances of our Association, I do not feel that we can afford to assist in this matter."

The correspondence of Prof. Youngken with the Committee follows:

"In compliance with the verbal directions given me at the fourth meeting of the 1920-1921 Council held in New Orleans, I wrote to Secretary Kelsey of the American Joint Committee on Horticultural Nomenclature requesting that he answer the questions I propounded concerning the number of copies of the "Catalogue of Standardized Plant Names" our Association would receive if it were to underwrite \$300 of the cost of publication and the selling price of each copy. I also asked for additional information in order that the whole matter might be clarified when again brought before the Council.

"I have just received the enclosed communication from Mr. McFarland, the chairman of the Committee to whom my letter had been referred.

"May I ask that you take up this matter with the Council at your convenience and if there are still any questions bearing on the matter, apprise me of same?"

(Signed) HEBER W. YOUNGKEN."

"Our Secretary, Mr. Kelsey, forwards me yours of September 23 referring to the im-

pending publication of the nearly completed Official Catalogue of Standardized Plant Names, and to the recommendation that the American Pharmaceutical Association underwrite \$300 of the printing expense.

"When this work was first undertaken its extent and complexity were not foreseen. At that time the hope existed that in consequence of the support of the various constituent organizations of the American Joint Committee, copies of the Official Catalogue could be supplied for the members thereof.

"But as the work unfolded and as the demands on the time of the members of the Sub-Committee appeared, this hope vanished. Instead of a pamphlet, a substantial book is to be completed, of a character that if published by any of the publishers of similar technical works would undoubtedly cost from \$7 to \$10 per copy.

"It was therefore realized that there was no possibility of contributing copies to anyone, but an agreement has been reached in the Committee that an advantage be offered to members of the constituent organizations in a pre-publication price which would not only support the work but recognize the participation of the various organizations. Thus it has been agreed that advance orders will be accepted at \$3.50 per copy, accompanied either by the cash or on the basis of the cash being received prior to actual publication, while the sale price of the volume when completed will be either \$4.50 or more probably \$5.

"Your organization has been asked, as other constituent organizations have been asked, to underwrite the mechanical cost. The American Association of Nurserymen has agreed to advance in cash \$1000 towards the printing expense, to be reimbursed from sales after the mechanical cost has been met, and before any other use of the resulting funds shall have been made. Two members of the Sub-Committee have likewise agreed to guarantee personally \$1000 each against the mechanical cost; this guarantee to be effective if it should occur, as is unlikely to be the case, that sales of the publication did not reimburse the Committee for its mechanical cost.

"I trust you will see the fairness of this proposition and that you will also feel yourself authorized to cause the American Pharmaceutical Association to either advance \$300, as is more preferable, or to guarantee that amount on the same basis of reimbursement

as that arranged with the American Association of Nurserymen.

(Signed) J. HORACE MCFARLAND."

7. *Request for the appropriation of \$500 for the House of Delegates for postage, printing and clerical services.* Under date of October 8, 1921, Secretary Hostmann of the House of Delegates writes from New York as follows:

"At the second session of the House of Delegates the Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

"The Committee recommends that the Council be requested to extend to the House of Delegates such financial aid as will enable the Secretary to properly present the propositions above outlined, to State associations and others, the expense to be confined to the payment of postage, printing and clerical services, such aid not to exceed \$500 for the current year.

"The House approved of the recommendation, the minutes of the House were read by me at the last general session and were approved by the Association."

"I have engaged stenographic help, and the preliminary work is under way. I am very anxious to order the needed stationery, printing and filing cabinets."

It is moved by Hostmann, seconded by Arny, that the Council appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used by the House of Delegates for the payment of postage, printing and clerical services for the coming year.

Although the Committee on Finance has not been heard from on this matter, it is being submitted for discussion at this time in order that a vote may be taken within the next two weeks.

8. *Election of active members.*—No. 18, M. A. Thul, Wanboy, S. Dak.; No. 19, John Neufeld, 1430 W. 3rd St., Davenport, Iowa; No. 20, Otto Ebnet, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; No. 21, Max J. Schubert, 332 Pierre St., Pierre, S. Dak.; No. 22, Wm. H. Kammer, Greenmount Ave. & Preston St., Baltimore, Md.; No. 23, Wm. G. Lauer, 1001 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md.; No. 24, Leon Marmor, 635 E. Fort Ave., Baltimore, Md.; No. 25, Geo. P. Hetz, 1184 Columbia Ave., Baltimore, Md.; No. 26, Wm. Pensel, Hartford Ave. & Lanvale St., Baltimore, Md.

A. G. DUMÉZ, *Secretary.*