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LETTER NO. 13.

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*To the Members of the Council:*

71. *Meeting of the Executive Committee.*  
Upon the call of Chairman Hilton a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council was held at 2215 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, January 5, 1935, to consider the following matters and any other business that should properly come before the Executive Committee:

Report of the Special Committee to confer with a Special Committee from the N. A. R. D.

Relation of the A. PH. A. to the National Drug Trade Conference

Report of the Committee on Maintenance  
Report of the Committee on Publication—  
National Formulary, Recipe Book,  
Pharmaceutical Abstracts

Representation of the A. PH. A. on the National Retail Drug Code Authority.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:20 A.M. with the following members present: Arny, DuMez, Dunning, Eberle, Fischelis, Hilton, Holton, Kelly, LaWall and Philip. Chairman Hilton stated that J. H. Beal as vice-chairman of the Council and R. L. Swain as a member of the A. PH. A.-N. A. R. D. Joint Committee, had been invited to attend the meeting—Dr. Swain was present at both sessions and Dr. Beal attended the afternoon session.

Messrs. Fischelis, Swain and Kelly submitted a verbal report as the A. PH. A. representatives on the A. PH. A.-N. A. R. D. Joint Committee and the following minutes of the first meeting of the Joint Committee and requested that they be given any instructions thought advisable with respect to the several subjects under consideration by the Joint Committee:

The first meeting of the Joint Committee representing the A. PH. A. and the N. A. R. D. was held at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, December 5, 1934, beginning at 8:15 P.M. The meeting was postponed from Tuesday, December 4, 1934, be-

cause Mr. Dargavel found it impossible to be present.

All members of the Joint Committee were present: Charles Ehlers, John W. Dargavel, Thomas S. Smith for the N. A. R. D., and Robert P. Fischelis, Robert L. Swain and E. F. Kelly for the A. PH. A.

By agreement Robert P. Fischelis acted as chairman and E. F. Kelly as secretary.

After an interchange of greetings, the Joint Committee proceeded to a consideration of the matters referred to it by the annual meeting of the Council, A. PH. A., and the Executive Committee, N. A. R. D.

After a lengthy discussion of the relations between the two Associations and between them and the State Pharmaceutical Associations, during which particular attention was given to the membership of the three groups, to the formation of Conferences of State Associations, and to the necessity for unifying the forces of the three groups, and providing for the effective representation of pharmacists, it was unanimously agreed:

1. That the proposal to consolidate the A. PH. A. and the N. A. R. D. was disposed of for the present by a formal resolution adopted by the N. A. R. D. at its recent meeting in New Orleans.

2. That, although the proposal for some form of affiliation between the two Associations did not appear to be practical under the existing conditions and in view of the apparent need for separate organizations to deal with the professional and economic problems of pharmacy, an effective plan of cooperation should be worked out.

3. That some practical plan of federating the State associations with the A. PH. A. and the N. A. R. D. more closely than is now the case is necessary.

4. That the Committee favors the further consideration of the suggestion that a plan be worked out for federating the State associations with both national associations by providing that members of each State association become automatically members of the national associations on a single membership fee plan.

Arrangements were made for a meeting of the Joint Committee early in January, pref-

erably on the 8th, to further develop the plan to which representatives from the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries, representing the State associations, will be invited.

With respect to Pharmacy Week, it was agreed:

1. That the A. P. H. A. should take the leadership and should appoint the Committee on Pharmacy Week including several representative members of the N. A. R. D.

2. That the two Associations should award a joint certificate to the ten best window displays after the first award.

3. That the annual appropriations of \$250.00 each from the A. P. H. A. and N. A. R. D. be continued and increased as rapidly as possible.

4. That as many carefully selected advertisers as possible be requested to give a definite time for Pharmacy Week on the radio and to provide them with a program.

After a general discussion of U. S. P. and N. F. Publicity, it was the sense of the Committee that the A. P. H. A. should direct this effort and that it should collect information about the work being done in the various States and work out a standard plan for promoting the use of official preparations.

It was agreed that First Aid Week should be directed by the N. A. R. D., and that the A. P. H. A. should assist in so far as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P. M. to meet at 10:00 A. M. on December 6th, with the understanding that the chairman and secretary would prepare for consideration at that time, a statement to be sent to the pharmaceutical press.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 A. M. on December 6th, with all members present except R. L. Swain.

After several changes were made, it was agreed that the statement, of which a copy is attached, should be issued by the secretaries of the two Associations.

The meeting then adjourned.

*The forenoon session* was devoted to a discussion of federation and of joint membership in the A. P. H. A., the N. A. R. D., and the State associations on a single membership fee or otherwise. A letter that Dr. Dunning had addressed to the secretary, on this subject, was read and it was requested that a copy of it be sent, with these minutes, to each member of the Council. President Fischelis explained his plan for federation and joint membership

on a single membership fee and stated that this plan would be given in his address to be delivered at the testimonial dinner to him in New York on January 10th.

After all present had expressed their views, it was agreed that the representatives of the A. P. H. A. should attend succeeding meetings of the Joint Committee with an open mind on the subject and should cooperate in the investigation and consideration of any proposed plan for federation on a single membership fee or otherwise, for submission to the respective associations.

Adjournment was taken at 1:00 P. M. for lunch and the afternoon session was called to order at 2:10 P. M.

*72. Committee on Maintenance.* Chairman Dunning submitted a verbal report that the sum of \$109,568.00 has been subscribed to the Maintenance Fund of which \$61,707.00 had been paid. Of this total \$50,000.00 was in the form of a bequest by will. The subscriptions to this fund were being segregated from those to the Headquarters Building Fund with the exception of one cash subscription of \$50,000.00, the donor of which had specified that it might be used for paying off any indebtedness on the building and equipment. All indebtedness including the note for \$40,000.00 with the Maryland Trust Company has been paid, leaving the project entirely free of debt excepting a balance of \$1000.00 due on the planting, and with a cash balance of about \$10,000.00. The mortgage of \$36,400.00 on Lot No. 7, which Lot the ASSOCIATION had found it necessary to buy in order to secure Lots Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15 from the George Washington University, could be continued at 5½% or might be refunded for an indefinite period at 4½%. This mortgage was amply protected by the bequest referred to above.

Chairman Dunning said that the work of his Committee would be continued as opportunity presented and requested assistance in securing funds for special purposes such as the library, museum, etc., and for special services that could be carried on in the building.

In reference to the exemption from taxation, Dr. Hilton reported that although final action had not been taken by the Board of Commissioners due to the recent change in administration, he had been assured that the matter would have attention at an early date.

Chairman Dunning reported that he and the secretary had given consideration to the suggestion made at the meeting of the Executive

Committee on July 17th, that special committees be provided to cooperate in connection with the Library and the Museum. As the Council was charged with the custody of the property, funds and publications of the ASSOCIATION, it appeared to be the duty of the Council to select these committees and to decide on their duties. After a general discussion, it was moved by Kelly that a special Committee on Library and a special Committee on Museum be created by the Council, membership not to be limited to the Council and to be selected with special reference to their knowledge and experience, to study the development of the library and museum, respectively, and to submit plans with respect to each. The motion was seconded by Holton and carried. It was moved by Army that the members of these Committees should be chosen by nomination and vote of the Council. The motion was seconded by Fischelis and carried.

On motion of Holton-Army, the report of the Committee on Maintenance was received with thanks to Chairman Dunning for his services.

73. *Committee on Endowment.* Chairman Beal reported that he had contributed \$1000.00 to this fund in 4% bonds, that the bonds would be delivered at an early date and that efforts would now be made to further increase this fund. The report was received on motion of Holton-Kelly, with thanks to Dr. Beal for his contribution.

74. *Relation of the A. Ph. A. to the National Drug Trade Conference.* Referring to recent discussion of this subject, Dr. Beal, who was at that time general secretary of the ASSOCIATION, reviewed the actions leading to the establishment of the Conference and to the purposes which it was intended to serve. It was not expected that there would be unanimity of opinion or of action with respect to all matters brought before the Conference but that there would be friendly consideration of them and cooperation on those which were found to be of mutual interest. Although there had been criticism of the Conference and of its work, he felt that it had served and could serve a useful purpose in providing a meeting ground for the member associations, representing every division of pharmacy and the drug trade, as had been intended by the A. Ph. A. in proposing the Conference.

A lengthy discussion followed with particular reference to the last annual meeting of the

Conference and the position of the A. Ph. A. on matters which the Conference was now dealing with, notably Food and Drug Legislation. No action was considered to be necessary.

75. *Committee on Publications.* Chairman DuMez said that the Committee was now faced with several questions which could not be satisfactorily considered and decided by correspondence.

With respect to the *National Formulary, VI*, the work of revision was nearing completion, the contract for printing and binding has been awarded and page proofs were now being distributed. Recommendations had been made by his Committee to the Council that invitations for bids on the distribution and sale of the N. F. VI be issued to a selected list of firms under specifications and proposal as submitted and that the retail selling price be set at \$5.00 per copy in buckram and at \$7.00 per copy in leather (see Council Letter No. 8, pages 1245 and 1246). Although these recommendations had received the approval of a majority of the members of the Council, some objection had been voiced to the proposed price of \$5.00 for the N. F. VI in buckram. The reasons for the suggested increase had been given in Council Letter No. 8, and were reviewed.

After a full discussion of the question, the vote on Motion No. 12 by which the retail selling price of the N. F. VI was set as \$5.00 per copy in buckram and at \$7.00 per copy in leather and the retail selling price of the *Pharmaceutical Recipe Book* was set as \$5.00 per copy in buckram was confirmed, on motion of Philip-Holton. Dr. Fischelis asked to be recorded as voting "No" on the price of the N. F. VI in buckram.

With respect to the *Pharmaceutical Recipe Book*, Chairman DuMez reviewed the progress of the revision and explained the difficulties that were being met with and the steps being taken to deal with them. It was not intended to issue the second edition until after the appearance of the U. S. P. XI and the N. F. VI. The contract for printing and binding R. B. II had not been let as it is not yet known how many of the present plates can be used again. The arrangements that had been made with Mrs. Kassner to act as Editor of the second edition were also explained. Mrs. Kassner had undertaken to complete the work under the direction of Chairman Lascoff as far as possible before her return to England late in February and to attend to the remainder by

correspondence, and desired to leave the matter of payment for decision after the work was done.

Chairman DuMez stated that at a conference with Chairman Lascoff and Secretary Kelly, it had been decided that a meeting of the full Committee on Recipe Book would not be required but that a meeting of certain members would be necessary later. It was believed that the expenses of this meeting and other incidental expenses would be covered by the present appropriation of \$500.00 in the budget and that \$500.00 should be added to the appropriation to cover the cost of editing. On motion of DuMez-Army, \$500.00 was added to appropriation for the *Recipe Book* in the 1935 budget.

With respect to the *Publication of Changes in the N. F. VI*, Chairman DuMez submitted parts of the report covering the changes as prepared by Chairman Gathercoal and explained the estimated cost of publishing the entire report. After a general discussion it was moved by Philip that while greatly appreciating the fine work done in preparing the abstracts of the proposed changes in the N. F. VI, the Council believes that in the present financial condition of the ASSOCIATION, the large expense that will be necessary in printing these changes and the small amount of space available in the JOURNAL, makes the publication impractical at this time. The motion was seconded by Army and carried.

With respect to the *Publication of Abstracts in the A. Ph. A. Journal*, Chairman DuMez reviewed the recommendations made by the Special Committee on YEAR BOOK in 1933 and which were referred to the Committee on Publications for action, and stated that the latter committee was arranging to publish the abstracts for 1935 in the JOURNAL beginning with the March issue. They would be printed in forms of 32 pages separately numbered and following "Editorial Notes" in order that these pages could be removed for separate binding if desired. The ASSOCIATION data and roster of members can be printed in one issue of the JOURNAL and it is planned to have several hundred of the YEAR BOOKS bound in the present style for sale to libraries and others interested in continuing the series. This would provide a total of 384 pages per year for abstracts which approximates the number of pages used in the YEAR BOOK. It is proposed to pay the abstractors at the rate of \$2.00 per page in English and \$3.00 per page for other

languages. On motion of LaWall-Army, the Committee was authorized to proceed with the publication of abstracts in the JOURNAL on the plan proposed.

Following the meeting of the Executive Committee, Chairman DuMez wrote that in order to have a complete record, he would submit the plan for publication of the abstracts, as outlined on page 45, to the members of the Committee on Publications and has advised that the following has been approved by the Committee:

"Several years ago the Council of the A. Ph. A. appointed a Special Committee on YEAR BOOK, at my request, to make recommendations with respect to the nature and number of articles to be abstracted and with respect to the future disposition of these abstracts. There has been a demand which has become more and more urgent in recent years that these abstracts be made available to the members much sooner than they have been in the past.

"This Special Committee made a careful study of the situation and rendered a written report to the Council on two consecutive years. The second report made certain definite recommendations, among which was that the abstracts should be published monthly in the JOURNAL. The Council approved this recommendation and authorized the Publication Committee to put it into effect just as soon as the affairs of the ASSOCIATION would permit. We are now ready to carry out these recommendations and the essential details of the plans which have been made for doing so and which are now submitted to you for approval are as follows:

"1. The abstracts will be carried as a section in our JOURNAL, immediately following the editorial notices and preceding the advertising section. The pages of this section will be numbered separately so that they can be taken out from the other material, combined with the ASSOCIATION data and the indices to make what would be essentially the YEAR BOOK as we now know it.

"2. In making the new contract for the publishing of the JOURNAL a provision was made to include a 16-page form in each number of the JOURNAL, or 32 pages on which to carry these abstracts. This will give us a total of 384 pages or approximately the same number of pages as has been devoted to this purpose in the YEAR BOOK.

"3. It is planned to set a definite rate of compensation for the preparation of abstracts. This has been set at \$2.00 per printed page for abstracts prepared from publications in the English language, and \$3.00 per printed page for abstracts prepared from articles published in other languages. The rate is about the same as that which has been paid for abstracting in the past where it was found necessary to pay anything at all for this service.

"4. I am informed by the Lord Baltimore Press, the company which has the contract for publishing the 1933 volume of the YEAR BOOK, that the new arrangement will effect a saving in publication of approximately \$600.00 to \$700.00. I doubt, however, if the ASSOCIATION will gain to this extent, as the new arrangement will very likely bring new expenses that have not been anticipated.

"Please let me have your vote on this matter promptly as we have no time to waste if the first abstracts are to appear in the March number of the JOURNAL."

With respect to the YEAR BOOK, Chairman DuMez stated that Volume 22, for 1933, is being printed and that the copy for Volume 23, for 1934, will not be completed for about six months. It had been recommended to hold Volume 22 until Volume 23 is completed and issue them in one binding, but it was felt that the delay would bring criticism.

After discussion and on motion of Arny-LaWall the Committee was authorized to proceed with the publication of Volume 22 of the YEAR BOOK.

Messrs. Dunning, Fischelis and Holton requested to be excused at this time as they had to leave the meeting.

76. *Representation of the A. Ph. A. on the National Retail Drug Code Authority.* The Chairman stated that this subject had been included in the program to provide an opportunity for a full consideration of it.

The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from NRA since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, outlining certain necessary changes in the By-Laws of the ASSOCIATION respecting membership if the ASSOCIATION is to be permanently represented on the National Retail Drug Code Authority, and that NRA had been advised that the ASSOCIATION would not meet until August 1935, when the proposed changes would be considered. In the meantime, the secretary continued to serve as temporary representative

of the A. Ph. A. on the Code Authority and as its secretary-treasurer.

Referring to the discussion of the subject at the meeting of the Executive Committee on July 17th, the secretary stated that he had believed it necessary to continue his additional work on the Code until the Loss Limitation provision and the Budget of the Code Authority could be settled, which had been delayed much longer than had been expected. Decision on the former question had been reached on September 21st, and on the latter on December 13th. At the December meeting of the Code Authority, he had therefore requested to be relieved of the work additional to membership on the Code Authority, through the employment of an accountant to take charge of the budgets, which was done promptly, and by the selection of some one to take full charge of the work of the Code Authority which will be done as soon as possible.

The Secretary estimated that at certain periods the Code work had taken up as much as one-third of his time, much of which, however, could be made up, and stated the amount of salary which the Code Authority had paid him on account of the additional work, all of which salary payments had been deducted from his salary from the A. Ph. A.

It was the general opinion that the secretary should be relieved of this additional work as promptly as satisfactory arrangements can be made, and it was understood that the secretary will advise the Council of these arrangements as soon as they can be completed.

No action was taken by the Committee.

NOTE: The members of the Council have been furnished with further details in this connection through copies of correspondence between the president and the secretary.

On motion of LaWall-Philip, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

*(Motion No. 27) It is moved by Kelly that the Minutes of the Executive Committee as presented herewith be approved by the Council and that the actions of the Executive Committee become the actions of the Council.*

A vote on this motion will be called for in about ten days.

The Secretary is now prepared to report that Mr. W. S. Elkins of Decatur, Georgia, was elected as Executive Secretary of the National

Retail Drug Code Authority and took up his duties on March 15, 1935. Mr. Elkins will have charge of the office of the Code Authority and of its administration.

The Secretary will continue as a member of

the Code Authority, representing the A. Ph. A., until further action of the Council, and as secretary-treasurer of the Code Authority, and will act in an advisory capacity.

E. F. KELLY, *Secretary*.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

It was the thought of President R. L. Swain and others that the work of this Committee should be coördinated very closely with that of the Committee on Prescription Tolerances. It is recognized that the accuracy of prescription compounding depends in no small measure on the accuracy displayed in weighing and measuring quantities of ingredients. Unless balances, scales, weights, graduates and other weighing and measuring devices are accurate, it is impossible to provide accurate compounding and dispensing.

In order to determine the present status and accuracy of the weighing and measuring devices in the pharmacies throughout the United States it was decided to address the Department of Weights and Measures of each state and ask for information as to what supervision is exercised by the state over weighing and measuring devices in retail drug stores. These departments were also requested to supply copies of their annual reports and any information which they might have in their possession bearing upon the questions in which the Committee is interested.

As a result of communications addressed to the 48 states on this subject a variety of replies was received consisting in most instances of copies of laws and regulations and in a few instances of reports and comments.

It appears that the economic wave which has overtaken state activities, has resulted in a curtailment of the publication of reports by various departments.

No replies of any kind were received from the States of Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Washington although several follow-up letters were sent.

The following states indicated that drug store weighing and measuring devices are in a satisfactory condition: California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina and Utah.

The following states have no Departments of Weights and Measures: Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri.

In Oklahoma the activities of the Weights and Measures Department are handled by the State University.

In New Jersey the Department of Weights and Measures reported as follows:

"For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, 513 prescription scales were examined of which 472 were found accurate, 32 required adjustment and 9 were condemned.

"Four thousand fifty-seven (4057) metric weights were examined, of which 3804 were found accurate, 185 required adjustment and 68 were condemned.

"Two hundred and seventy-one (271) troy weights were examined, of which 236 were found to be accurate, 21 required adjustment and 14 were condemned.

"Eight thousand, four hundred and eighty-eight (8488) apothecary weights were examined, of which 6943 were found accurate, 539 required adjustment and 966 were condemned.

"Three thousand, one hundred and forty-six (3146) glass graduates were examined, of which 3020 were found accurate and 126 were condemned."

In the State of Wisconsin for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, seven hundred and thirty-five (735) prescription weights were examined, of which 19 were adjusted, 23 condemned for repairs and one condemned.

In the District of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1933, four hundred and forty-one (441) prescription scales were examined and tested. Of these 412 were approved with adjustment, 44 were tested and 27 were condemned for repairs and one was confiscated.

For the same period 7965 prescription weights were tested, of which 7754 were approved and 211 were confiscated.