

TENTATIVE PLAN FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN
PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

To those who have kept in touch with the affairs of the American Pharmaceutical Association during the past two decades, it is apparent that there has developed among its members a divergence of opinion along two main lines with respect to the limitations to be imposed on membership and the nature and scope of the Association's activities. One group has taken the stand that the Association can secure the greatest benefits for pharmacy as a whole by confining its activities principally to furthering the interests of professional or scientific pharmacy. Those who hold this view are satisfied with the limitations on membership which the restricted nature of these activities would automatically impose. The other group has given expression to the belief that the Association must broaden its activities and enlarge its membership if it is to develop to the best advantage its power for doing good. Those inclined to this belief maintain that the activities of the Association should be extended in scope to cover all fields of pharmaceutical endeavor, and that the benefits to be derived from membership in the Association should be made so general in nature as to attract workers from all branches of pharmacy and thereby develop an organization truly representative of American pharmacy.

In a measure, the views held by the latter group are shared by the majority of the members of the Association. This is evidenced by the action taken August 19, 1912, in creating the House of Delegates. This body, as constituted at present, is composed of delegates from the various state associations, and was brought into being for the purpose of giving these organizations an opportunity to participate in the formulation of the Association's policies and the management of its affairs, and thereby stimulate a more general interest among pharmacists in the work of the Association.

It was hoped by many of those who supported the measure, that the action taken in creating the House would be the initial step in a progressive movement to expand the Association to a point where it would ultimately represent effectively all branches of pharmacy in this country. These expectations have been realized in part, but not to the extent which the favorable reception of the initial step would appear to warrant. A very marked interest has been shown by the state associations in the House of Delegates; its membership has grown and its powers have been extended, but the effect on the Association as a whole has not been entirely what was hoped for. The process of evolution has been too slow to be satisfying and a considerable sentiment has developed among quite a number of the members of the Association for a complete change in the present organization. This feeling has been heightened by the appeals which are being continually made through the various drug journals for the creation of a national organization which will be representative of all branches of pharmacy, in fact as well as in name.

The Council of the Association has not been unmindful of this steadily growing sentiment among its members and took definite action thereon at the third meeting held in New Orleans, September 7, 1921. At this meeting the executive committee was instructed to make a thorough study of the present organization of the Association and to present to the Council at its next annual meeting a comprehensive plan for reorganization.

Pursuant to the foregoing instructions, the secretary of the executive committee on direction by the chairman, sent, on October 31, 1921, a request to all members of the committee to express their views upon the general subject and to make such recommendations as appeared to them to be appropriate. In answer

to this request, several plans and a number of suggestions for a more or less complete reorganization of the Association were submitted. The nature and magnitude of the changes proposed in these plans made it impracticable to discuss them satisfactorily by correspondence, especially if the task was to be completed in the allotted time. It was, therefore, decided to expedite matters by issuing a call for a meeting of the committee. This was done and the meeting was held at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., February 25, 1922, all members being in attendance, with the exception of Prof. James H. Beal, who found it impossible to be present.

At this meeting, the proposition of reorganizing the Association and the probable effects thereof were discussed from every angle, the result being that a tentative plan for the complete reorganization of the Association was drafted and unanimously agreed upon. This plan, while only tentative, is submitted herewith for the purpose of eliciting comment and criticism, which it is hoped will be of service to the committee in drafting its final report and to the Council in disposing thereof.

In reaching its conclusions, the committee was influenced mainly by the fact that the present unsatisfactory conditions affecting the various branches of pharmacy are due in a large measure to the failure of these branches to properly coordinate their activities, and by the opinion, held by some, that the American Pharmaceutical Association is not rendering adequate service to the retail pharmacist in particular. In fact, the search for a means of remedying these conditions has been the impelling motive in drafting the plan here presented. The organization as outlined is intended to create a forum where all pharmaceutical associations and societies may get together on common ground for their mutual benefit, without losing their individuality or necessitating a curtailment of their activities. Even the local branches of the American Pharmaceutical Association as constituted at present may continue to function by operating as sub-divisions of their respective state associations.

It should be noted further, that the reorganization as here set forth will not necessitate the making of any great changes in our constitution, nor will the present funds of the Association be affected in any way. The by-laws of the Council, with slight changes, can be adapted to the Board of Directors, while the by-laws of the Scientific Section may be eliminated completely, if deemed advisable.

In the event that this plan is adopted by the Association at the Cleveland meeting, it is not proposed to put it into operation immediately, but that it shall first be submitted to the various state associations for ratification. It is intended that the plan shall be made operative only after a certain number of state associations, say 20, have given definite notice of their acceptance, that is, that they will come in with their full membership, when it shall automatically become effective. This procedure will give ample time for the necessary readjustment and avoid as far as possible any interruption of the present activities of the Association.

C. H. LAWALL, *Chairman*,
W. B. DAY,
S. L. HILTON,
(Signed) J. HOSTMANN,
E. F. KELLY,
W. F. RUDD,
A. G. DUMÉZ, *Secretary*.

The organization plan follows:

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- GENERAL SESSIONS: 1. Receive President's
2. Receive the report
3. Transact such other

ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP: Elect by mail ballot
(Privilege of voting is

LEGISLATIVE AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATION.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Membership.

(Only members of the American Pharmaceutical Association in good standing, who have held membership for 2 years or more, are eligible.)

U. S. Army, 1.

U. S. Navy, 1.

U. S. Pub. Health Service, 1.

Sections of the A. Ph. A. (Scientific, Commercial, Historical, etc.), 1 each elected by the respective sections.

National associations, 1 each (to be admitted on application after approval by Judicial Committee.)

State associations, 1 for each 1000 or fraction thereof when membership is less than 1000, and 1 for each additional 750 where membership is over 1000.

Directors.

Officers.

Chairman.

Vice-Chairman.

Secretary (Secretary of Association).

Duties.

1. Elect:
 - a. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the House.
 - b. Secretary of the Association on nomination of Board of Directors.
 - c. Treasurer of the Association on nomination of Board of Directors.
2. Nominate:
 - a. President.
 - b. Vice-Presidents.
 - c. Directors.
3. Ratify committees nominated by the President and Chairman of the House.
4. Receive reports of General Officers, Standing and Special Committees.
5. Select time and place of annual meetings.
6. Transact all general business of the Association not otherwise provided for.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Membership.

(Only members of the American Pharmaceutical Association in good standing, who have held membership for 5 years or more, are eligible.)

9 members, 3 elected annually, to serve for 3 years.

President (ex-officio with vote).
Secretary } ex-officio with-
Treasurer } out vote.

Officers.

Chairman } Chosen from the
Secretary } members of Board
of Directors.

Duties.

1. Shall have charge and supervision of all property, finances and publications.
2. Appoint the editors (including the Editor of the Year Book) and necessary assistants.
3. Appoint the Local Secretary.
4. Nominate the Secretary.
5. Nominate the Treasurer.
6. Fix the salaries of officers.
7. Prepare annual budget.
8. Take over functions of the present Council not otherwise provided for.
9. Have seats in the House with the right to vote.
10. Act for the House in interim between meetings.

Standing Committees.

(Nominated by the President and ratified by the House or Board of Directors, unless otherwise provided for.)

1. Judicial Committee.
2. Board of Canvassers.
3. Committee on Membership.
4. Committee on State and National Legislation.
5. Committee on U. S. P.
6. Committee on N. F.
7. Committee on Recipe Book.
8. Committee on Syllabus.
9. Committee on Pharmaceutical Research.
10. Committee on Ebert Prize.

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address and refer it to the House of Delegates.
of the House of Delegates.
general business as may be presented.
the President, Vice-Presidents and Directors.
limited to members in good standing.)

GENERAL OFFICERS.

(Elected annually to serve for a term of 1 year or until their successors are elected.)

President.

Nine Vice-Presidents.

(Eight to be elected from geographical districts of U. S.,
and one to represent non-resident members.)

Secretary (full-time.)

Treasurer.

Duties of President.

1. Preside at general sessions.
2. Prepare annual address.
3. Nominate standing committees and submit the names of the nominees to the House for ratification immediately after inauguration.
4. Ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Duties of Vice-Presidents.

1. Assist the President in the performance of his duties.
2. Ranking Vice-President shall officiate in the absence of the President.
3. They shall constitute the Committee on State and National Legislation.
4. They shall be the chairmen of the sub-committees of the Membership Committee.

Duties of the Secretary.

1. Keep the minutes of the general sessions.
2. Keep the minutes of the House.
3. Verify the credentials of members of the House.
4. Prepare for publication the official program.
5. Give notice of the time and place of annual and special meetings of the Association and House.
6. Notify officials of their election and committee members of their appointment.
7. Shall collect the dues of members.
8. Shall revise the roll of members.
9. Perform other duties directed by the House or Board of Directors.
10. Ex-officio member of Board of Directors.

Duties of the Treasurer.

1. Shall be custodian of all moneys, securities and deeds and shall hold same subject to the direction and disposition of the Board of Directors.
2. Ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Special Committees.

(Nominated by Chairman of the House and ratified by the House or Board of Directors, unless otherwise provided for.)

1. Committee on Health Insurance.
2. Committee on Coöperative Publicity.
3. Committee on Patents and Trade-Marks.
4. Committee on Procter Memorial.
5. Committee on International Pharmaceutical Nomenclature.
6. Committee on Physiological Testing.
7. Committee on Status of Pharmacists in the Government Service.
8. Committee on Time and Place of Meeting.

SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION. SECTIONS.

1. Scientific.
2. Education and Legislation.
3. Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing.
4. Commercial.
5. Historical.
6. Manufacturing.
7. Hospital Pharmacy.