

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research was called to order by Chairman H. V. Army, at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, at 10 A.M. on August 23, 1924.

Roll-call showed the following delegates present:

From the *American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties*—W. H. Zeigler, E. N. Gathercoal and C. H. Stocking.

From the *American Drug Manufacturer's Association*—H. A. B. Dunning and J. P. Snyder.

From the *American Pharmaceutical Association*—H. V. Army, W. L. Scoville and H. M. Whelpley.

From the *American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association*—B. L. Maltbie.

From the *Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Dept. Agriculture*—W. O. Emery and J. C. Munch.

From the *National Association of Boards of Pharmacy*—L. L. Walton, H. L. Meredith, F. E. Mortenson and H. C. Christensen.

From the *National Association of Retail Druggists*—Louis Emanuel and J. H. Webster.

From the *National Formulary Revision Committee*—H. A. B. Dunning, S. L. Hilton, C. W. Snow and P. H. Utech.

From the *Proprietary Association*—D. E. Combs and E. F. Kemp.

From the *U. S. P. Revision Committee*—C. H. LaWall, E. F. Cook, E. L. Newcomb and P. S. Pittenger.

"UNOFFICIAL OBSERVERS" FROM OTHER BODIES.

Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, A. M. A.—Torald Sollmann.

Section on Medicinal Chemicals, A. C. S.—R. P. Fischelis.

Plant Science Seminar Group—A. Viehoveer.

American Association of Agricultural Chemists—H. J. Humphrey.

Joint Committee on Definitions and Standards of Foods and Drugs—L. E. Sayre.

The minutes of the 1923 meeting were submitted and received after which the secretary-treasurer rendered his report for 1922-1924 as follows:

Receipts September 1922-August 1924.....	\$260.00
Expenditures (same period).....	145.10
	\$114.90
Balance on hand.....	\$114.90

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted as its report a new draft of these documents which after some slight modifications were adopted.

Dr. Viehoveer in behalf of the Committee on Research Topics submitted a tentative list of about 50 problems connected with pharmacy that require investigation. The report was received with the understanding that the full report when completed will be published.

Reports were then presented by the chairmen of seven of our ten standing committees, those reporting being:

Committee.	Chairman.
Manufacturing of U. S. P. and N. F. Galenicals.....	E. F. Cook
Manufacture of U. S. P. and N. F. Chemicals.....	H. A. B. Dunning
Standardization of U. S. P. and N. F. Chemicals.....	C. H. LaWall
Sources and Identification of Botanic Drugs.....	H. W. Youngken
Standardization of Botanical Drugs.....	E. L. Newcomb
Chemistry of Drug Plants.....	W. O. Emery

A discussion of the functioning of these committees led to the adoption of a motion that questionnaires on research work and research topics be sent out by the Executive Committee and that the returns be allocated to the ten standing committees for proper classification.

After the appointment of a Committee on Nominations, consisting of Messrs. Zeigler, LaWall and Scoville, the Conference recessed for luncheon.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:15 and the first business transacted was the receiving of views from the "unofficial observers."

Other business transacted included:

The passage of a motion directing the chairman to compile and publish a record of American pharmaceutical workers.

Discussion as to financing the Conference, giving rise to a number of suggestions and leading to the adoption of a motion, leaving details of financing to the Executive Committee.

Discussion of the A. Ph. A. Research Fund, and expression of the hope that other national drug associations provide similar research funds.

Discussion of the relation of National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research with the National Research Council resulted in the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research, with its ten functioning committees, representing every phase of pharmaceutical research proffers its aid to the National Research Council in whatever capacity it may be of service.

Adoption of a motion, directing the appointment of a committee to draft suitable resolutions, expressing to Dr. H. H. Rusby of New York the Conference's deep appreciation of his great services to pharmaceutical science in his explorations of South America in search of new drugs. The committee appointed consisted of Messrs. Youngken, Newcomb and Utech.

Adoption of a motion directing the admission into the Conference, without fees, of scientific bureaus of the U. S. Government and of three other research groups: Plant Science Seminar; Pharmaceutical Laboratory Seminar; Joint Committee on Definitions and Standards of Foods and Drugs.

The Committee on Nominations submitted as officers for 1924-1925 the following names: *Chairman*, H. V. Army of New York; *Vice-Chairman*, J. H. Webster of Detroit; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Arno Viehoever of Philadelphia; and upon motion duly adopted, these three officers were reelected for the coming year.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH.

(As Amended August 23, 1924.)

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called the National Conference of Pharmaceutical Research.

Its object shall be to encourage and stimulate, in every possible way, pharmaceutical research, using that term in its broadest sense. Its function shall be primarily to serve as a clearing house of American Pharmaceutical Research. In discharging its duties it shall act only in an advisory capacity, leaving the utmost freedom of action to the constituent organizations.

Among the outstanding fields of work in which it can be of service, the following may be mentioned:

1. The augmentation of special research funds.
2. Furnishing assistance in deciding upon the propriety of certain grants.
3. Encouragement of research among specific classes of potential workers.
4. Compilation of lists of research workers and of problems to be solved.
5. Devising plans and suggesting topics for research, and coördinating the work of the several organizations for doing such research work.

ARTICLE II.

The constituent organizations entitled to charter membership in this organization shall be the following:

- The American Pharmaceutical Association.
- The U. S. P. Revision Committee.
- The American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties.
- The National Association of Retail Druggists.
- The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
- The National Formulary Revision Committee.
- The Proprietary Association of America.