

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARDS OF PHARMACY

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The 38th annual convention was held at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel, Denver, Colorado, on Monday and Tuesday, August 17-18, 1942. The program followed along the lines of previous conventions. President Paul Molyneux in his address commented on the fact that throughout almost the entire world, war was raging while we were assembled in peace and quiet. He stated that the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy would itself feel the effect of war and that already it begins to appear that the flow of reciprocal candidates might be somewhat curtailed because of the large number of pharmacists that are being called into the Service. However, he emphasized the fact that reciprocity through the Association would be a helpful factor in providing a means for the distribution of pharmacists quickly from and to different localities. He also stated that during the year, as a direct consequence of War, the Association itself and individual boards of pharmacy have felt the need for more complete data with respect to the number of pharmacists in the States, their geographic distribution, as well as other facts bearing upon the nature of their work.

He recommended that every board of pharmacy should undertake a pharmaceutical census, with the purpose of ascertaining every essential fact with respect to the availability and distribution of pharmaceutical service. This, he said, would be a means of placing in the central office of the Association information vital to an understanding of pharmaceutical needs, not only under the Selective Service Act, but in planning for the future when we will be faced with the readjustment which will come with the post war period.

Warning against certain false standards which he said had been current lately, that the value of a pharmacy in its community should be judged by the number of prescriptions it compounds, he mentioned that while the number of prescriptions compounded is highly significant, it is in no sense conclusive. He said that he considered it highly necessary that some one make an exhaustive and accurate study of the Public Health function of the average pharmacy, saying it was his belief that such a survey would show that virtually every pharmacy has a vital relationship to public health in the neighborhood which it serves. Such a survey should include:

- (a) the compounding and dispensing of physician's prescriptions,
- (b) the selection of prescription drugs, chemicals and pharmaceuticals,
- (c) the adequacy of its prescription facilities,
- (d) the proper handling of biologicals,
- (e) the handling of sick room and medical supplies,
- (f) the safe distribution of poisons,
- (g) the handling and safeguarding of narcotics,
- (h) the distribution of remedies safe for household use,
- (i) the extent to which to emphasize and render First Aid,
- (j) the nature and extent of the public health service rendered in advising persons with respect to the wisdom of seeking proper medical care,
- (k) its cooperation in the control and regulation of venereal diseases,

and many other and diversified ways in which pharmaceutical practice touches public health.

Roy Bird Cook, Chairman of the N. A. B. P. Executive Committee reported that the question as to whether the N. A. B. P. is entitled to Government Tax exemption had been taken up by Secretary Christensen through Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants, and assurance received that the exemption still stands.

The Executive Committee report also covered the prospective shortage of pharmacists and the suggestion made that state boards undertake surveys to determine the names and addresses of all registered pharmacists who are not at present actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy.

The Committee was in full accord with the position taken by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education relative to Accelerated Courses for students in pharmacy for the period of the War Emergency.

The Committee also was firmly of the opinion that boards of pharmacy should maintain the educational and registrational standards now in effect, but that in many instances boards would be justified in waiving or at least liberalizing certain rulings with reference to reciprocity in cases of older registrants applying for reciprocity.

After due study and consideration, the Practical Experience regulation which was to have gone into effect on July 1, 1943 was deferred for the duration.

Dr. Robert L. Swain read a sample practical examination question paper which is to be printed and mailed to all board members for study, and, at the next convention constructive criticism will be made by the membership. In its final form, it will serve as an outline or pattern for state board examinations in the future.

Dr. Swain's suggestion is that there should be no separate written examination required in the subjects of Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Arithmetic, Materia Medica or Pharmacy. His theory is that a student's four-year professional degree is *prima facie* evidence of his knowledge in these subjects and the new examination should be a test of his knowledge of practical pharmacy.

The Committee on Practical Examination was formed in 1938 to work on recommendations expressed by Dr. Swain in his presidential address.

The Special Committee appointed by the 1941 Executive Committee to submit two nominations from which one was to be selected by the Association to succeed H. C. Christensen as Secretary of the N. A. B. P., submitted the names of P. H. Costello of North Dakota and Charles R. Bohrer of Missouri. The Association selected Mr. Costello. Later Mr. Bohrer was elected as President of the Association and still later he was chosen as Assistant Secretary to Dr. E. F. Kelly of the A. PH. A.

Officers of the N. A. B. P. are as follows:

President, Charles R. Bohrer, Washington, D. C.; *Honorary President*, H. C. Christensen, Illinois; *Vice-President*, A. Lee Adams, Illinois; *Secretary*, P. H. Costello, now of Illinois; and *Treasurer*, Robert L. Swain, New York. M. N. Ford, Ohio, past N. A. B. P. President, was elected Chairman and Paul Molyneux, Alabama, member, of the *Executive Committee*.

District Chairmen: No. 1, William Briry, Massachusetts; No. 2, George Brittingham, Delaware; No. 3, R. T. Walker, Tennessee; No. 4, E. M. Josey, Kentucky; No. 5, M. D. Gully, Nebraska; No. 6, Walter Cousins, Jr., Texas; No. 7, James J. Lynch, Idaho; No. 8, H. E. Henry, New Mexico.

Syllabus Committee: Russell Rothrock, Indiana.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the N. A. B. P. express appreciation for the work done by the Committee on the Status of Pharmacists in the Government Service, and that the organization and the individual member Boards extend every effort to effect the enactment into law of the Pharmacy Corps Bill HR-7432 and S-2690.

Resolved, That a Statistical Committee be appointed to formulate and carry out plans for the immediate and continuous collection, correlation and dissemination of pharmaceutical statistics.

Resolved, That in spite of pressure that might be brought to bear to lower the standards of pharmaceutical education and the requirements for pharmaceutical registration, the N. A. B. P. reaffirm its determination to maintain the present standards.

WHEREAS, our nation is now engaged in a bitter struggle for the preservation of democracy and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, State Boards of Pharmacy are the official representatives of the people in the regulation of the practice of pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy has offered its wholehearted cooperation to

the President of the United States in the prosecution of the war effort; be it

Resolved, That a Committee on War Activities, consisting of five members, be appointed to consider and report to the Executive Committee on all proposals concerned with the relation of Boards of Pharmacy to the prosecution of the war.

Resolved, That the N. A. B. P. Committee on Practical Experience make a study of the type of experience which may be had in the Medical Department of the Army and Navy and that it file a report with the N. A. B. P. of its findings.

WHEREAS, the importance of the George-Deen program of education for the personnel of our pharmacies is fully recognized; and

WHEREAS, the early publication of the Teacher Outline and Curriculum material now being proposed by a subject-matter specialist under the direction of the Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee is considered desirable; therefore, be it

Resolved, That publication of this material be established as rapidly as approved copy is supplied to the U. S. Office of Education.

Resolved, That due to the uncertainties of the times and the inability to foresee conditions which may obtain next year, the Executive Committee be empowered to act with respect to the advisability of holding a convention of the N. A. B. P. in 1943; and be it

Resolved, further, that the Committee cooperate with the Council of the A. PH. A. in this matter.

WHEREAS, Miss Zada Cooper has faithfully served pharmacy in all its branches through her work as Secretary of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, she is retiring from active service with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy; be it therefore

Resolved, That the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy expresses its deep appreciation of her untiring efforts and extends to her its sincere hope for many more happy and active years.

Resolved, That the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy hereby records its deep appreciation of the services of Dr. H. C. Christensen as its Secretary and executive officer for the past twenty-eight years, and that it expresses the hope that he may enjoy many more years of happy association with the members of this Association although retired from active duty; and be it further

Resolved, That we hereby elect Dr. Christensen as Secretary-Emeritus, and appoint Dr. R. L. Swain to draw up a suitable statement to be prepared in the form of an illuminated scroll, recording the appreciation of the N. A. B. P. of the many accomplishments of Dr. Christensen in behalf of American Pharmacy.

The officers were installed and the meeting adjourned.