



Members Will Be Asked to Vote on Local Sections

APART from approval of the plans to hold a short course in 1953 on the subject of engineering aspects of oil extraction and oil processing at Texas A & M next July, the most important action taken by the Governing Board of the American Oil Chemists' Society, in session October 19, 1952, at the Netherland Plaza hotel, Cincinnati, was in regard to the proposed establishment of local sections.

Following the report given by A. S. Richardson, chairman of the special committee on the Constitutional Aspects of Forming Local Sections, the Board voted that the report be accepted and that action be taken to present it to the membership. The secretary, T. H. Hopper, was instructed to obtain legal counsel from the New Orleans attorney who had helped draw up the charter of the Society and later helped review the changes in constitution and by-laws in 1948. Members of the special committee, besides the chairman, were Lamar M. Kishlar and W. A. Peterson. The report follows:

After due study of the matter the committee is of the opinion that no change in the constitution of the American Oil Chemists' Society is needed in order to provide for a system of local sections. We are submitting herewith for the consideration of the Governing Board a proposed new Article XIV of the by-laws, which we believe to be consistent with the constitution and the present by-laws, and also to be adequate for dealing with any foreseeable demand for local sections of the Society.

ARTICLE XIV

LOCAL SECTIONS

Section 1. The Governing Board may authorize the formation of local sections of this Society, on request received in accordance with provisions of Section 2 hereof. The Governing Board, after giving due attention to all details of such a request, shall have the full responsibility of fixing the name and the geographical boundaries of a local section and may change such name and may revise such boundaries in the light of conditions prevailing at any time subsequent to the formation of the section. A local section may be terminated by its own action or, on recommendation of the Governing Board, by the Society at an annual meeting or at any other meeting authorized to consider such an action.

Section 2. A request for formation of a local section must be submitted in writing to the president of the Society and referred by him to the Governing Board. Such a request may be submitted either by an already existing group of chemists with aims generally similar to those of this Society or by the representatives of a local group of members of the Society, chosen at a meeting pursuant to notification of all the members of this Society in the area concerned. No group containing fewer than 25 members of the Society shall be eligible for local section status.

Section 3. A majority of all the members of each local section must be members of the Society, except that this provision may be waived by the Governing Board for a period not to exceed two years when an existing organization changes its status to that of a local section. Each local section may also have affiliate members who are not members of the Society. Each local section shall have a chairman and a secretary who are members of the Society, and at least half of all the officers of a local section must be members of the Society. Within the geographical limits of a local section each member of the Society shall have the right, but not be required, to become a member of that section. A member of

the Society living outside the geographical limits of a local section shall be eligible to apply for membership in that section. For purposes of this section members of the Society include honorary, active, active-referee, and individual associate members, and members emeritus.

Section 4. Each local section shall adopt regulations for the conduct of its affairs, and all such regulations must be consistent with the constitution and by-laws of this Society. Each local section will be wholly responsible for its own financing and may assess dues for this purpose.

Section 5. A local section may hold any meetings consistent with the general aims of the Society, except as follows: a) a local section shall not sponsor, or join in sponsoring a meeting of national or international scope without approval of the Governing Board; b) no local section meeting shall be in conflict with the dates of any national meeting of the Society.

The new article will be presented to the membership in a mailing with the election ballot, scheduled for the early part of 1953. Final action will be taken at the annual meeting in New Orleans in May.

The procedure for amending the by-laws specified in Article X of the by-laws to the constitution will be followed.

In addition, the Board approved publication of a membership directory in 1953, also consideration of a short course in 1954, probably on the subject of fatty acids and their derivatives.

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1953—New Orleans, Roosevelt hotel, May 4-6.
Chicago, Sherman hotel, Nov. 2-4.

1954—San Antonio in spring. Minneapolis in fall.

The Journal Editor At Convention

- JOURNAL COMMITTEE**—At the Cincinnati meeting the editor, A. R. Baldwin, calls together members of this committee and others to discuss policies and problems of the Society publication. Seated (left to right) are J. B. Brown, Dr. Baldwin, T. H. Vaughn, R. J. Vander Wal, and A. E. MacGee; standing are H. W. Vahlteich, W. E. Parker, P. O. Powers, E. S. Lutton, and Harley L. Ward, advertising manager.
- POLICIES**—In a quiet corner the editor, A. R. Baldwin, confers with President E. M. James.
- AUTHOR**—H. J. Dutton is shown with the editor as a representative contributor to the Journal. He is with the Northern Regional Research Laboratory, U. S. D. A., Peoria, Ill.
- REVIEWER**—The amiable chap with the editor is Howard C. Black of Swift and Company, Chicago, one of the experts who helps to keep the standard of Journal papers very high.
- ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN**—A. E. MacGee (left), with Skelly Oil Company, listens attentively to the Merck representative, C. M. Hollenbeck, while the editor stands by.
- TECHNICAL CORRESPONDENT**—R. J. Vander Wal of Armour and Company, Chicago, shows the editor an interesting stamp on an envelope received from one of his correspondents. He answers inquiries of a technical nature for the Society office.
- CONVENTION REPORTER**—Off-duty for a moment, W. O. Lundberg of Hormel Institute, Austin, Minn., enjoys an informal chat with the editor.
- ABSTRACTS EDITOR**—New at his job for the Journal, E. S. Lutton of Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, O., gets set for a conference with the editor.
- FINANCE CHAIRMAN**—Complimenting the editor on the excellent financial position of the Journal is C. E. Morris of Armour and Company, Chicago. Mr. Morris has been chairman of a special Society committee on finances.