

November meeting set for Governing Board

Since there will be no national fall meeting of the AOCS this year, the Executive Committee has agreed that the Governing Board should meet in early November, primarily to communicate with committee chairmen and to hear committee reports.

Committee chairmen will be asked to submit written reports 30 days before the meeting. Committees will be provided the opportunity to meet at the same time and place as the Governing Board.

The agreement was reached after a discussion during the Executive Committee's February meeting on how often the Governing Board should meet now that AOCS has returned to one national meeting each year. November was selected as being about midway between the annual meetings. There was general agreement such a meeting would provide a good opportunity for the board to focus on AOCS committees.

In other action, the board asked the Bond Award Committee to study the evaluation process by which a winner is chosen. Executive Director Jim Lyon is to forward the committee's request to the Bond Award panel.

The Executive Committee approved hardback publication of a proposed monograph on "Metabolism and Nutritional Effects of *trans* and Positional Fatty Acid Isomers." The approval is subject to affirmation by the Publications Committee. It also was a committee consensus that unless monographs are potential textbooks they should be published only in hardback covers with students eligible to buy copies at AOCS member prices.

AOCS President Frank White urged membership committee members to attend a new breakfast function during the New York meeting. The breakfast is to be held for new members and those who are attending their first AOCS national meeting. Membership to the Presidents' Club and Honor Roll cocktail party during the New York meeting will be by ticket only. The Presidents' Club is composed of those AOCS members who have recruited at least one new member since the preceding meeting.

Treasurer David Firestone suggested the finance committee be directed to make quarterly evaluations of AOCS investments to insure maximum returns. The month was approved.

Vice-President Tom Applewhite said he will stress the importance of short courses in meeting members' needs during the coming year.

Karl Zilch reported on the upcoming World Conference on Soaps and Detergents and Nick Pelick reported on Foundation Committee activities. The board approved several routine reports.

North Central elects officers

Preceding the Bailey Award presentation during a Feb. 2 meeting, the North Central Section of AOCS elected Bartley A. Greenwell of Dover Corp. in Elk Grove, IL, as president for the 1977-78 year.

Other officers elected were: Vern Witte, Swift & Co., vice president; Dan Sullivan, Central Soya, secretary-treasurer; and three members-at-large: Jack Suriano, EMI Corp.; Frank Kincs, Quaker Oats; and Tim Mounts, USDA Northern Regional Research Center. The new slate will take office in June and serve through May 1978.

Don't forget questionnaires

Questionnaires to be used in producing the 1977-78 AOCS Membership Directory are being mailed to members during March. Questionnaires must be received in AOCS Headquarters by May 1 to include the information in the new directory.

The directory, to be published later this year, will include a full listing of AOCS officers and committees, official referee chemists, an alphabetical membership listing and a geographical membership listing that will include employment affiliation.

Return those ballots!

Ballots for election of AOCS officers for 1977 have been mailed to eligible members at their last known address in AOCS files. Ballots must be returned by April 7 to be counted. Eligible members who have not received ballots should contact Jim Lyon, AOCS Executive Director, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL (tele: 217-359-2344).

Under the AOCS constitution and by-laws, Tom Applewhite is unopposed for president. Candidates for other offices are: Vice-president, Frank Khym and David Firestone; secretary, Norman O.V. Sonntag and Peter Kalustian; treasurer, E.G. Perkins and Thomas Smouse; and member-at-large (three to be elected) J.G. Endres, Ed Gerhardt, H.P. Gormley, Frank Naughton, William Tallent and Penelope Wells.

Back copies

AOCS needs the following back copies of the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society*: Volume 51(1974), July, Volume 52(1975), January, and Volume 53(1976), January. The Society will pay \$1.50 for each copy received in reusable condition. Send to AOCS, 508 South Sixth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

Referee Certificates

Applications for certification or recertification in the AOCS Referee Chemist program must be returned to AOCS Headquarters, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820, by no later than March 15, 1977, or the applicant will be ineligible to be listed in the 1977-78 official list of Referee Chemists.

Recertification notices have been mailed to last year's participants. New applicants should write to AOCS Headquarters and request application forms. Recertification application fee is \$10; new applicant fee is \$30.

**Referee Chemist deadline is
March 15**