

Committee Spotlights



Awards Administration

The Awards Administration committee is an administrative committee with responsibilities to serve as a coordinating body, and as an administrative agent of the Governing Board, over all awards and honors that are not governed by the Society's Constitution and By-Laws. Acting chairman is Frank Norris; current members are W.J. Baumann, S.S. Chang, J.G. Coniglio, C. Meierhofer, and R.H. Purdy. This report was written by Chairman Norris.

Dr. Eldon Rice, chairman of the Awards Administration Committee, passed away suddenly in December of last year, I regret to report, and I can only summarize information gleaned from his files. However, several items which were in progress are now being concluded.

The Awards Administration committee is made up of three subcommittees: (1) Award in Lipid Chemistry (canvassing committee), chaired by Dr. E.G. Hammond; (2) Bond Award, chaired by Dr. K.K. Carroll; (3) Honored Student, chaired by Dr. N.L. Wiech; (4) Merit Award, chaired by Dr. A.E. Walkling.

Committee members are listed in the 1976-77 supplement to the AOCs Directory of Membership.

Currently the Committee is in the process of proposing changes in the rules for the Lipid Award to provide for a wider selection of candidates to choose from, and more appropriate lead times necessary now that there is only one national meeting per year. Also being considered is a Distinguished Lectureship grant that might serve to stimulate more interest and better programs in Local Sections. Finally, the Committee has been asked to review the Awards Manual to make certain that the rules are clear and appropriate in view of current conditions.

Biochemical Methods

The Biochemical Methods committee is a technical committee with responsibilities to survey, study, encourage development of, and recommend preparative, analytical and other procedures to use in (biochemical) research. The present chairman is L.A. Witting; members are D. Firestone, N. Pelick, E.G. Perkins, J. Means, A. Sheppard, and A.E. Walkling. This report was written by Chairman Witting.

Those in attendance at the Chicago meeting were: Witting, chairman, Walkling, Hahn, Sheppard, Sallee, Pelick and Slover. Other current members not present were Firestone, Perkins, and Means.

Considerable discussion centered on the question of future committee goals. While there had been a trend toward a strong emphasis on state-of-the-art biochemical methodology, this will apparently be discontinued. Through the Education Committee and Monograph Committee, an AOCs monograph, "Glycolipid Methodology," appeared in October 1976. Emphasis is now being placed on the traditional standardized methodology with biochemical aspects.

Reports were received from Dr. A. Sheppard on a collaborative study on lipoxygenase, Dr. A. Walkling on polarographic analysis of tocopherols, and H. Slover on GLC of tocopherols and sterols.

Commercial Fats and Oils Analysis

The Commercial Fats and Oils Analysis committee is a technical committee with responsibility to investigate methods concerned with the analysis of fats and oils sold on the commodity market. The present chairman is J.W. McEwan; members-at-large are S.F. Barta, R.H. Dreyer, E.R. Hahn, J.A. Laubscher, and J.R. Taylor. This report was written by Chairman McEwan.

The Commercial Fats and Oils Analysis Committee, a technical committee, met twice during 1976. The first meeting, in New Orleans during the Spring AOCs Meeting, was held with twelve members and guests present. The second meeting, in Chicago during the Fall AOCs meeting, was held also with twelve members and guests present.

During the year this committee actively participated in the following:

1. Encouraged Society membership for the consideration of others.
2. Methods revisions as required in Section C of our Method Book: Ca 17-75 Atomic absorption, Ca 16-75 Polyethylene in Fats, Cc 13a-43 Color, Ce 3-74 Tocopherols, Ca 9f-57 Neutral Oil, Cd 11-57 Monoglycerides, Ca 3-46 Insoluble Impurities.
3. Reviewed availability of filter paper and made editorial changes in Ca 9a-52, Cc 8a-52, Cc 8d-55, Cc 13b-45 and Cc 13c-50.
4. Made an editorial cross-reference correction in G1-40 Sampling.

The committee chairman also handled inquiries concerning these subjects: ISO proposal for sampling fats and oils; availability of equipment for flash point determinations; availability of equipment to determine color on wine; and background data on FFA analyses.

Currently this committee is reviewing methods which are up for reapproval in 1977.

The committee plans to meet in New York and invites all interested parties to contact its members.

For information concerning the scope and make up of this committee you are referred to our AOCs Directory. ●

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