

## Governing Board hears plans for short courses

The AOCS Governing Board heard reports of an expanded education program during its meeting in Chicago this past November. Numerous AOCS committees held meetings immediately preceding the Governing Board meeting.

The line-up of short courses for coming years, outlined by E.G. Perkins, Education Committee chairman, includes the short course on fatty acids in June 1979, short courses on edible fats and oils and on analytical methodology to immediately precede the 1980 ISF/AOCS World Congress, a 1980 short course on soaps and detergents, and proposed courses on analysis of lipids and lipoproteins (1981); biochemistry and nutrition; fatty acids (1982); fats and oils processing (1983); and pollution and environmental control (1984). Tentative budgets for the proposed 1980 short courses were approved by the board. T.L. Mounts will be chairman for the course on "Processing and Quality Control of Fats and Oils," while Frank Naughton is arranging for the course on "Applications of Analytical Methodology to Fats and Oils Processing" with David Berner and David Min serving as organizers.

Plans for the soap and detergent short course have been begun with I. Schmolka as chairman. The other tentative short courses are in the formative stages.

Earl Lowery, chairman of the National Program Planning Committee, told the board that technical programs for the 1979 and 1980 annual meetings appear to be quite strong.

W.E. Link, chairman of the Uniform Methods Committee, estimated two new methods may be ready for publication in 1979, but said he is examining ways to improve work by technical committees on methodology. The change to one national meeting a year has slowed methodology work, Link said.



The Governing Board voted to extend emeritus membership for Francis B. Shorland, a member of the Department of Biochemistry at Victoria University in New Zealand. Dr. Shorland has been active in fats and oils work for several decades and has published more than 200 scientific papers.

In other action, the board approved nomination of Peter Kalustian to be president of ISF beginning with the 1980 ISF/AOCS World Congress and the nomination of Dr. S.S. Chang as honorary president. The action is in accord with ISF precedents for the general chairman and program chairman of its biennial meetings to hold those positions.

The board appointed past president Tom Applewhite to serve as AOCS representative in discussions among AOCS, the University of Illinois, and the American Soybean Association to develop a cooperative venture for continuing education in oilseeds' processing.

Proposed by-law changes are to be reviewed by a committee consisting of Ron Stillman, Frank White and R.G. Krishnamurthy, with Executive Director James Lyon as an exofficio member. The committee is to prepare final recommendations on charges for the Governing Board.

During its meeting in San Francisco, the Governing Board expects to receive further reports on AOCS Foundation efforts to solicit help in updating methodology and to consider a proposed dues increase. ●

## Dues increase suggested

The AOCS Governing Board will consider during its 1979 meeting in San Francisco whether a dues increase is necessary for all classes of membership.

The AOCS Finance and Executive Committees have recommended such an increase be considered. Current dues for active members are \$24, a level set in 1970 when dues were raised to \$24 from \$15.

The 1978 treasurer's annual report said that AOCS faces the prospect of very tight future budgets, having budgeted at nearly break-even levels for 1977, 1978 and 1979. Incomes from the successful World Conference have been treated as extraordinary income and not included in regular AOCS budgets. World Conferences were held in 1976, 1977 and 1978, but no future conferences currently are scheduled. In 1977 AOCS spent \$740,000 out of \$792,000 received. AOCS' financial situation was reviewed in JAOCS, July 1978, 528A-529A, by Executive Director James Lyon.

TABLE I  
Sources of Income (Percent)

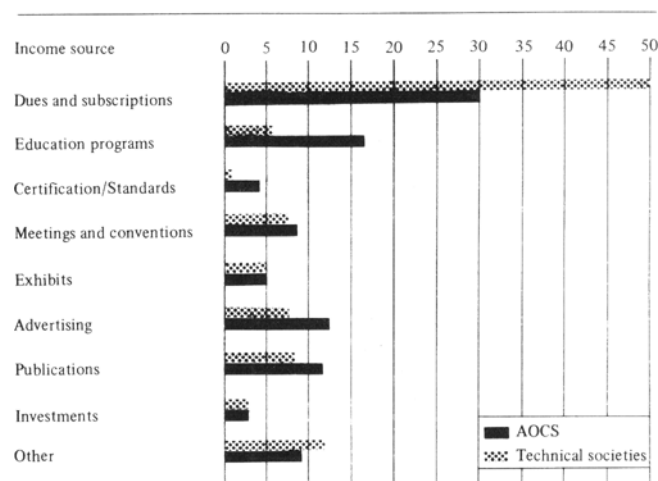
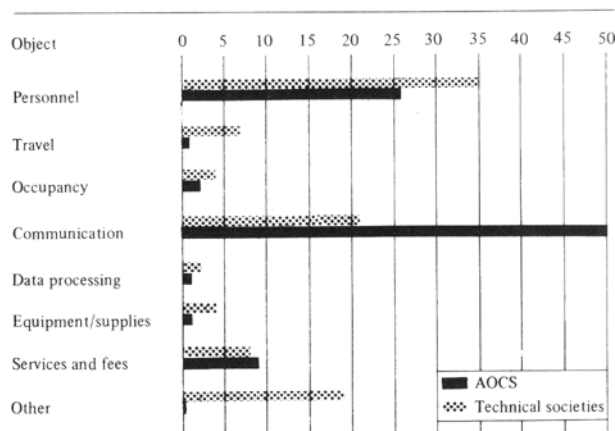


TABLE II  
Expenses of Objects of Expense (Percent)



Of the 47 organizations comparable to AOCS who responded to a 1977 survey by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives, 40 had raised their dues since 1970. A dozen said they expected to increase dues in 1978, a half dozen in 1979, and a dozen in 1980.

Of those participating in the survey, about two-thirds charged dues ranging from \$20 to \$35. At least one society does not charge any membership dues, while the highest was \$75 annually. Average annual dues was \$32. Thirteen