

Carr leads 1989-90 AOCS candidates

Roy A. Carr, currently AOCS vice president, is the nominee for AOCS president in the 1989-90 AOCS officer election. Ballots, mailed out during January to eligible AOCS members, also include two nominees each for the offices of vice president, secretary and treasurer, and nine nominees for three member-at-large positions on the AOCS Governing Board. In the member-at-large election, the three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to two-year terms.

Ballots must be received back at AOCS headquarters, PO Box 3489, Champaign, IL 61826-3489, USA, by March 10, 1989. The new officers will be installed during the annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in May.

Carr, a member of AOCS since 1975, is president of the POS Pilot Plant Corp., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. He served as an AOCS Governing Board member-at-large from 1986 to 1988 and was president of the AOCS Canadian Section in 1986-87.

Candidates for the office of AOCS vice president are Robert M. Burton and David R. Erickson. Burton is a chemistry professor at Harris-Stowe State College and president of Burton International Biomed Ltd. in St. Louis, Missouri. He has served as AOCS treasurer since 1987 and is on the AOCS Foundation Board of Directors. Erickson is director of technical services for international marketing for the American Soybean Association, St. Louis, Missouri. He served as AOCS secretary during 1986-88 and was an AOCS Governing Board member-at-large during 1984-86. Erickson also is technical program chairman for the 1989 World Conference on Processing. Statements prepared by each vice presidential candidate are included separately in this section of *JAACS*.

Candidates for the office of AOCS treasurer are J.G. Endres, director of corporate research projects for Central Soya Co. Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, and David C.



Roy A. Carr



Robert M. Burton



David R. Erickson



J.G. Endres



David C. Tandy



Ted P. Matson



M. Deborah Meiners

Tandy, president of EMI Corp. in Des Plaines, Illinois. Endres currently is an AOCS Governing Board member-at-large and previously served as such during 1970 and 1977. He also is chairman of the AOCS Budget Committee. Tandy has been an AOCS Governing Board member-at-large since 1987. He was president of the AOCS North Central Section during 1985-86. He has served on the finance and building committees since 1986. He was registration chairman for the 1988 AOCS annual meeting and is general chairman for the 1991 annual meeting.

Candidates for AOCS secretary are Ted P. Matson and M. Deborah Meiners. Matson is chief technical officer for surfactants research at Vista Chemical Co.'s R&D Department, Ponca City, Oklahoma. He has served as an AOCS Governing Board member-at-large since 1987 and currently is vice chairman of the AOCS Surfactants and Detergents Section. Meiners

is a food technologist for fats and oils for Best Foods, a Division of CPC International, in Union, New Jersey. She currently is AOCS secretary and served as an AOCS Governing Board member-at-large during 1986-88. She was AOCS Northeast Section president in 1985-86.

The nine candidates for three member-at-large slots are the following:

- Robert G. Ackman, professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology and Canadian Institute of Fisheries Technology, Technical University of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

- Thomas A. Foglia, lead scientist for the Biochemistry and Chemistry of Lipids Research Unit, USDA's Eastern Regional Research Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- George U. Liepa, associate professor, Department of Nutrition & Food Sciences, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas.

- Edmund W. Lusas, director

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of the Food Protein Research and Development Center and professor of Soil and Crop Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

- Stanley Smith, vice president of Colfax Inc., Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

- Gerald Szajer, head of the Analytical Research Group, Akzo Chemicals Inc., McCook, Illinois.

- B.F. Szuhaj, director of food research for Central Soya Co. Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

- Peter J. Wan, technology manager for lipid science at Kraft Inc., Glenview, Illinois.

- Lloyd A. Witting, regulatory compliance officer for Supelco, Inc., Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

Members also will be voting on proposed amendments to the Arti-

cles of Incorporation and to the Bylaws. The ballot will include the proposed changes to the Articles; the Bylaws amendments will be voted on by voice vote at the AOCS 1989 annual meeting in Cincinnati in May. The proposed changes to the Articles and to the Bylaws are included in this section of *JAACS*.

Vice presidential candidate statements

ROBERT M. BURTON

I am honored to be a candidate for the office of vice president of the American Oil Chemists' Society. I look forward to my continuing service to the society. While formulating my candidate's statement, I asked myself, "Why did I become a member of AOCS?" Four answers come to mind:

- AOCS was and is a forum for the interchange of information in an area of my primary interest (see our new mission statement) and, as such, has shown itself to be flexible and not bound to a one-purpose theme.

- AOCS has found a way to blend its scientific, engineering, technical and other interests together with the recognition of the importance of personal fellowship through the involvement of all members in the workings of the society. The importance of involvement is true especially for retention of new members and student members.

- We are a unique organization composed of members drawn from three spheres: industry, academe and government. Our interests range from chemistry, health-related science and the production, utilization and economics of lipids, to national and international policy questions. This mixture of members is both healthy and symbiotic.

- The size of AOCS is such that it has the financial resources to carry out its mission, yet it is not so large that individual members are overwhelmed and lose their feeling of identity with the society.

Flexibility is one of the major

strengths of AOCS. The society has adapted well as the field has changed from 1909 to today. In 1965, AOCS, through its Publications Committee, established a new journal, *Lipids*, to serve a growing membership segment interested in basic science. *Lipids* supplements the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society (JAACS)*. While *JAACS* maintains its interest in the more industrial-related manuscripts, a new section, Surfactants and Detergents, has been added. Also, *JAACS* is home of papers devoted to proteins and other by-products of oilseeds. *JAACS* continues to be the news vehicle of the society. Our monograph program is fast-growing, financially important, and provides a new dimension to the society's mission. From my service on the Publications Committee and as past chairman of the Monograph Committee, I know first-hand of the importance of these programs. As the current AOCS treasurer, I must be concerned with the fiscal management of our publications; however, I also firmly believe in our philosophy that all manuscripts acceptable for publication should be published rapidly. If elected, I will work to see that such a philosophy can continue in practice. I will strongly support and facilitate the continuance and growth of the publications program as a major priority.

The evolution of the society's meetings program is another excellent example of its flexibility and accommodation to members' needs. AOCS short courses are an impor-

tant educational tool, while the wider-scope world conferences are truly internationalizing AOCS. The annual meeting of the society is most important, bringing members together for the scientific and technical forums, the informal professional and social activities, the exhibits of equipment and services, and the very essential work of committees through which the members run AOCS.

The elected officers and AOCS Governing Board oversee AOCS and develop its policies. Most of the working committees depend upon the voluntary services of the members of the society. All AOCS members are encouraged to find a committee whose task is of interest and to become actively involved. Personal friendships develop as committee members work together and experience the satisfaction of accomplishment. If elected, I will continue to support the society's philosophy of "open" committee meetings and to encourage the participation of all members, especially new members and students. An investment of labor in AOCS pays dividends to all, especially the laborer.

Without members, there is no society. The recruitment of new members must be a continuing and ongoing project. Students represent an especially important group to target as they represent the future of our disciplines and AOCS. The local sections of AOCS are an important component of our society's outreach, strengthening our bonds with the Americas. We need to find

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ways to be of assistance to local sections and to encourage the formation of new local sections, both national and international. An active local section is a recruiter for AOCS.

A society, no matter how important, cannot be maintained without a sound financial base. The Financial Activities Coordinating Committee (FACC), through the Budget Committee, the society's auditor and AOCS staff, is working to continue the improvement of our accounting procedures. A new budget system developed by the Budget Committee is being implemented, not without stress, but with the excellent cooperation of the coordinating committees. Since I recognize that we must have fiscal responsibility, if elected I will work with the new treasurer, the FACC and the Budget Committee to have timely and accurate financial reporting and to have a realistic and balanced budget to support our programs, to reduce the mortgage on our headquarters building, and to increase our reserve funds.

I believe in AOCS. It is the best professional society with which I have been involved and a society that I will continue to work

for and with. My statements indicate some of the goals and priorities that I see for AOCS. If members elect me as the next vice president, I will work hard to achieve these goals.

DAVID R. ERICKSON

I am honored and pleased to be asked again to be a candidate for vice president. This year will mark my 25th year as an AOCS member. Election as vice president would be very meaningful and would offer me the opportunity to pay back some of the many benefits I've received from being an AOCS member.

Although we all have seen a lot of changes and progress in our society, the one unchanging and vital thing was, and is, the continued dedication and volunteer efforts of so many of our members. I am, and always will be, somewhat in awe of what this volunteer effort can accomplish. I consider such commitment a true measure of the worth of our society to its members. In this context, AOCS "measures up" in fine fashion and programs need to be continued that will nurture such continued support.

Such nurturing should include attempts to widen our support base by involving more of our membership, especially our newer members, in society activities. One opportunity in this regard is to find more ways to involve, support and/or correlate the activities of our increasing number of local and special interest sections into those of our parent society.

Some of the changes we're seeing are a slowing of membership growth, shrinking of industry involvement due to consolidation, a continuing increase in international membership, an increase in the number of local and special interest sections, and increasing interest in the biochemistry and nutritional aspects of fats and oils.

These changes present both opportunity and problems. I feel that we have developed so many good and useful programs, publications and activities for our members that picking and choosing among them

in an even-handed manner is our number-one problem. An integral part of this problem is how best to allocate our financial, staff and member resources.

During 1984-1988, when I was privileged to be a member of the AOCS Governing Board, we embarked on a course of self-study aimed toward a reasonably formal approach to longer range, strategic planning. I was pleased to be part of that process and, if elected, would give priority to moving forward with it. With our variety of programs, publications and activities, we have to sort these out as priorities in terms of service to our members and their organizations. This is the central part of the self-study and is essential in determining the proper course of AOCS in the future.

Any self-study has to include the financial side, and I believe we need improvement in our current accounting procedures and reports. Each program, publication and other activity, by definition, must incur costs and/or income. These have to be known and understood by both the AOCS Governing Board and the membership to support decision-making concerning optimum allocation of both financial and human resources.

Although I have pointed out some concerns, let me hasten to add that I also feel confident that our self-study will show that most of our AOCS programs are indeed in the best interests of our members. There is no question in my mind that we have an excellent executive director and a talented and dedicated staff. I just happen to believe that we as members need to resume being more involved in providing them more guidance and help in terms of present and future direction.

What I propose to do if elected vice president would be to try to: (a) validate our ongoing programs, publications and activities; (b) set priorities among them, and (c) provide a well-reasoned plan for our future.

Your support of my candidacy would be gratefully appreciated.

AOCS Deadlines

March 10 — Completed ballots for the election of 1989-90 AOCS officers must be received at AOCS headquarters in order to be counted.

March 31 — Applications must be received for certification or recertification in the 1989-1990 AOCS Approved Chemist and AOCS Certified Laboratory programs.

April 3 — Early registration for the 1989 AOCS annual meeting in Cincinnati and two short courses — Soap Technology Today and Specialty Fats: Production and Application — slated for Kings Island, Ohio. After this date, prices increase.

June 30 — Deadline to enroll in the 1989-1990 Smalley Program.

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Obituaries
LEO A. GOLDBLATT


AOCS emeritus member Leo A. Goldblatt died Aug. 20, 1988, at the age of 84. He had been a member since 1952. Dr. Goldblatt

was recognized for his scientific contributions in the areas of mycotoxins and chemical uses of inedible oil.

He received his B.A. and M.A. in chemistry from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh in 1930. He taught at the University of Pittsburgh until 1940.

Much of Dr. Goldblatt's research was conducted while he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the Naval Stores Research Division (1940-1952) and at the Southern Regional Research Center (1952-1973). In 1973, after he retired as chief of the Oilseeds Crop Laboratory at USDA's Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans, he continued as a research collaborator at the center and as scientific advisor to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) offices in New Orleans.

Throughout his career, Dr. Goldblatt advanced the idea of using vegetable oils to produce products such as fugitive emulsifiers, urethane foams, fungistatic surface coating vehicles and fire retardant coatings. His work on mycotoxins served as the reference point for other researchers in the field. Goldblatt authored more than 160 publications and held more than 25 patents. He received many awards for his work, including the AOCS North Central Section's Alton E. Bailey Award in 1977, the Glycerine Producers Association's Glycerine Research Award in 1958 and USDA's Superior Service Award in 1959 and 1967.

In 1977, Dr. Goldblatt received the AOCS Award of Merit for his service to the society. He had served as an associate editor for

JAOCs and was a member of several committees, including the aflatoxins, spectroscopy, AOCS/AOAC/AACC mycotoxin, publications, awards administration and national meeting local committees. He was a past officer of the NorCal Section. He also was active in the American Chemical Society.

PLAUTUS L. PHILLIPS

AOCS has been informed of the death of Plautus Lipsey Phillips. Mr. Phillips was nominated for membership in 1947 by G. Worthen Agee, a founding member of AOCS.

Mr. Phillips received a B.A. in chemistry from Mississippi College in 1937 and was then employed by Barrow-Agee Laboratories Inc. in Memphis, Tennessee. He held several positions in the Memphis lab, including work in the company's materials testing department, and also was manager of the Barrow-Agee lab in Decatur, Alabama. At the time of his death in April 1988, he was employed at Mid-Continent Laboratories Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi.

EDGAR LEDERER

Retired AOCS member Edgar Lederer died Oct. 19, 1988, in France. Dr. Lederer was a professor emeritus at the Universite de Paris' Institut de Biochimie in Orsay.

Prior to his retirement in 1978, Dr. Lederer conducted research on the chemistry of natural compounds and the biochemistry of lipids. He also taught biochemistry and directed the Institut de Chemie des Substances Naturelles. He received a Ph.D. from Vienna University in 1930 and one from the Sorbonne in 1938. He served as a member of the editorial advisory board for *Lipids*.

JOHN MORRISROE

AOCS has been informed of the death of John Morrisroe, a member since 1955. At the time of his death, Mr. Morrisroe was president of the Pilot Chemical Co., in Santa Fe Springs, California. He had held that position since 1952.

Earlier in his career, he had worked as manager of technical services for Cronite Chemical and as

vice president and director of research for Purex Corp.

NICHOLAS NICOLAIDES

Nicholas Nicolaides, 73, professor of medicine at the University of Southern California (USC), died Dec. 7, 1988. He had been a member of AOCS since 1953.

Dr. Nicolaides joined the USC faculty in 1964 as an associate professor of medicine concentrating in dermatology; in 1984, he was named professor of medicine. In addition to his appointments at USC, Dr. Nicolaides also had worked at Washington State University, the University of Minnesota's Hormel Institute, the University of Oregon Medical School and the University of Chicago. Much of his research dealt with the analysis of skin lipids and the development of methods for lipid analysis. For a brief time, he worked as a biochemist for the Western Fish Nutrition Laboratory in Cook, Washington, and at the Institute of Marine Resources in Berkeley, California.

In 1939, he received a B.S. in chemical engineering from the Case Institute of Technology; he was awarded an M.S. in chemistry from the same institution the following year. Dr. Nicolaides obtained a Ph.D. in physical organic chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1950.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Alex and Louis; a daughter, Becky, and a daughter-in-law, Leslie.

K.C. DANDONA

AOCS has been informed of the death of Kailash Chander Dandona, director of Unitata Berhad, in Teluk Intan, Perak, Malaysia. He was 58 years old when he died.

Dr. Dandona held a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Delhi University in India where he specialized in oils and fats. Prior to his employment at Unitata Berhad, he worked in India as factory manager for the Tata Oil Mills Co. and as chief chemist and deputy factory manager for the East Asiatic Co. He had joined AOCS in 1985.