

National Program and Planning Committee Report

Critique of Toronto Meeting

Toronto Program Chairman, H. W. Lemon, reported that he was amazed at the number of papers submitted for their meeting. He believed that the good response was due to the activity of the Toronto group as well as the activity of the various areas of the National Program and Planning Committee. He indicated that it would be desirable to limit the program to 75 technical papers if we wish to have no more than three concurrent sessions.

There was a good response to the two symposia which had been arranged for this meeting. Symposia reduced the work of the local Program Chairman providing that the area responsible for the symposium sees to it that the speakers are obtained in sufficient time to permit the local group to arrange its program accordingly.

Plans for Atlanta Meeting

At the instruction of the Governing Board, the National Program and Planning Committee considered the possibility of reducing the conflicts between technical sessions and technical committee meetings at subsequent AOCS Conventions. After lengthy discussion, the Atlanta group was given the discretion to use their own judgment in permitting scheduling of any meetings at times other than the technical sessions. It was suggested that consideration be given to Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday evenings between the time of the end of the technical sessions and the beginning of the social activities and breakfast meetings starting at 7:30, thereby permitting an hour and a half before the start of the technical sessions. It was hoped that the National Program and Planning Committee could meet at some time other than Sunday afternoon since the present members of the over-all committee are either members of the Governing Board or have been requested by the Board to attend these meetings as representatives of their local areas. Letters are to be written by the Atlanta group to the various AOCS committees suggesting the selection of times as outlined above.

Since this will be the first time that such a venture is attempted, the committee does not expect complete success in this field at this time, but is willing to try various ways of meeting the Governing Board's objective.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts for the Atlanta meeting has been set at February 15, 1963. This deadline is important since a delay can result in extreme difficulty for the local group to arrange its program. It was suggested that the abstracts be sent to the local Chairman but that the area Chairmen in their solicitation for papers request that authors submit carbon copies of the title and abstract to them in order that they may be aware of the effectiveness of their various areas. It was felt that it would be too cumbersome to have the abstracts go to the area Chairman first with subsequent submission to the Atlanta group.

Reports of Area Groups

The Biology and Nutrition area indicated that another symposium would be prepared for the Atlanta meeting including such topics as Special Methods in X-ray Diffraction and Techniques in Chromatographic Separation.

The Technical Safety and Engineering area is planning a half-day symposium on Technical Safety, Engineering, Housekeeping and Sanitation with sufficient time being permitted for group discussion.

The Soaps and Detergents area will stress the topic of surface active agents derived from tall oil. They will also request papers concerning sulfation and sulfonation as well as general papers on soaps and detergents.

There was some discussion regarding the possible formation of an area which would cover miscellaneous subjects, as for example, Statistics. This topic is being considered for the fall meeting in '63 in Minneapolis, Minn.

The various areas were requested to be prepared to present programs for a year in advance at the Atlanta meeting rather than the present procedure of preparing for only six months in advance. It was suggested that there be more correspondence between members of the area committees in order that they would be able to plan for this longer period.

Since there had been a good response to the panel discussion held at the Toronto meeting in the Biology and Nutrition area, it was recommended that this be considered by the other areas for presenting their programs.

The Drying Oils and Paints area reported that they did not feel that there was enough activity in Drying Oils and Paints to provide much of a program more frequently than once every four or five years unless there happened to be some unusual activity at any given time.

D. L. Henry, the Atlanta General Chairman, expressed his appreciation to the group for their discussions in setting up the program for the Atlanta meeting.

Publicity

The publicity in the local metropolitan newspapers at the Toronto meeting was an example of what can be done with proper planning. The Toronto group held a meeting for the press, radio and T.V. groups a short time before the meeting, outlining what would transpire. The result of this activity was that there was complete coverage throughout the meeting and good copy appearing daily in the major newspapers.

The following deadline exists for placing announcements and requests for papers in the Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society:

For Journal Issue	Editorial Office Deadline
March	February 1
April	March 1
May	April 1

Since the Journal is to be kept free from publicity of meetings following the Atlanta convention, the announcements for the Minnesota group should be withheld until the May issue. Of course, the publicity can be prepared in advance in order to make the most efficient use of the remaining few months before the Minneapolis meeting.

Miscellaneous

It was reported that the Second Vice Chairman of the Soaps and Detergents area has been selected, namely, D. C. Porter, Los Angeles Soap Co., 617 E. First St., Los Angeles 54, Calif.

It is suggested that the various area Chairmen be prepared to submit additional members for the committees to take over as Second Vice-Chairmen after the meeting at Atlanta since the new group takes over for the Minneapolis meeting. The present Chairmen of the various areas retire after the spring, 1963 meeting and the present First Vice-Chairmen become the area Chairmen with a similar rotation for the other members of the group.

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Acting Chairman

• Obituaries

Michele Bonotto (1946-61), Princeton, N. J., passed away November 29, 1962. He was Vice President of the Production Engineering Co., in New York City. Though Dr. Bonotto consulted for a number of companies, much of his work was in the field of solvent extraction.

R. K. Summerbell (1947), Evanston, Ill., died December 8th, of a heart attack while attending a faculty reception at Scott Hall at Northwestern University, Evanston. Dr. Summerbell was on the N.U. staff since 1928 and was Chairman of the Chemistry Department for seven years.