

# Governing Board convenes in Mexico City

The AOCS Governing Board met in two lengthy sessions during the AOCS 1974 Spring Meeting in Mexico City. During these sessions the Board heard reports of a number of committee activities, discussed plans for future AOCS meetings and took action in several areas which could ultimately have a dramatic impact upon the Society's future. The major actions of the Board are summarized below. Some of these actions are discussed in more detail elsewhere in the news section of this issue of the *Journal*.

The Board acted to evaluate and update the *AOCS Book of Official and Tentative Methods*. Specifically, the Board took steps to ensure that the *Book of Methods* be reviewed and evaluated for completeness and currency and that needed methods are referred to appropriate subcommittees. The task of the in depth review and evaluation is assigned to a special new AOCS committee tentatively called the Methods Advisory Committee. President Ralph T. Holman is in the process of appointing committee members. (See article on this page).

In a further effort to make the *AOCS Book of Methods* as complete as possible, the Board directed the Uniform Methods Committee to develop procedures through which methods published by other societies can be considered for adoption by AOCS.

In other business, President Holman is scheduling official visits to all AOCS local sections during his 1974-75 tenure. This action comes as a result of the Board's desire to establish closer, more productive liaisons with the Sections.

Another new committee through which the Society will establish a closer working relationship with the League for International Food Education (LIFE) was formed with Jack Rini as chairman.

The Board voted to adopt the recommendation of an Ad Hoc Committee on the frequency of national meetings to hold only one national meeting/year. This action by the Board is the first step in a decision making process which could change the format of AOCS national meetings. By adopting the recommendation, the Board has approved the presentation of a by-law amendment to the membership at a special business meeting of the Society to be called during the 1974 Fall Meeting in Philadelphia. It was noted that if the membership approved the move to one national meeting/year, this new scheduling would be initiated probably in 1977. (See article on page 488A).

The Board passed a motion to alter the process selection of Honored Students to ensure that an equal number of awards be given to students in fats and oils technology and in the chemistry and biochemistry of lipids.

The Finance Committee was directed to study the financial condition of the Society in somewhat long range terms to determine if and when a dues increase might be necessary and to determine if other sources of increased income are available to the Society. This action by the Board was taken in an effort to prepare for the longer range effects of an inflationary economy upon the Society's fiscal condition.

On recommendation of the Membership Committee, the applications of 315 new members were approved by the Governing Board. Also, Walter O. Lundberg, Forrest Quackenbush, and Chester Gooding were granted emeritus membership status.

The Board approved a budget for the 1975 Spring Meet-

ing in Dallas. R.R. Allen is general chairman of that meeting scheduled for April 27-May 1 at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

On a recommendation of the Education Committee, the Governing Board approved tentative budgets for two short courses for the summer of 1975. One course, chaired by Lloyd Witting, will deal with the subject area of glycolipids and is scheduled for June 1975 in Aspen, Colo. The other, a course on surfactants, also is scheduled for June 1975 in Hershey, Pa. Paul Sosis is chairman.

An experimental cost sharing program for short courses sponsored by local sections was approved at the meeting. Under the terms of the action, local sections can rely on Society financial support for such programs provided that the budget and program be approved in advance. The Society and the sections would share profits or losses of such programs equally.

The Board accepted the resignation of W.O. Lundberg as editor of *Lipids*. Ralph T. Holman was unanimously selected to assume those duties upon Lundberg's retirement.

Ralph Holman assumed the presidency of the Society in Mexico City. He presented his list of committee chairmen to the new Governing Board for their information and approval where necessary. The new committee rosters and a supplement to the *AOCS Directory of Membership* will appear in the August issue of *JAOCS*. ■

## New committee to scrutinize *AOCS Book of Official and Tentative Methods*

A new committee, tentatively called the AOCS Methods Advisory Committee, was chartered by the AOCS Governing Board at its meeting in Mexico City. The new working group is to provide a continuity in the review and evaluation of the *AOCS Book of Methods*.

Specifically, the new committee has been charged with the responsibility: (A) to review and evaluate the *AOCS Book of Methods* for completeness; (B) to determine what new methods are needed; (C) to determine if any existing methods should be discarded; (D) to list current methods which should be retained in their present form; (E) to determine which methods available from other sources are appropriate for inclusion in the AOCS book; and (F) to determine which existing AOCS methods need revision.

To help the committee achieve item E in the change, the Governing Board also directed the Uniform Methods Committee to devise procedures through which methods approved by other organizations can be considered for the AOCS publication.

This new committee has functions differing from, but complementary to, the AOCS Uniform Methods Committee. While the Uniform Methods Committee will continue, as in the past, to coordinate the work of the Society's revision of methods proposed by the technical committee, the Methods Advisory Committee will concern itself more with the completeness, accuracy, and currency of the book.

In approving the formation of the new committee, the Governing Board recognized that the Uniform Methods Committee and the technical committees, as well as the editor of *AOCS Official and Tentative Methods*, have primary responsibility for areas of concern other than the breadth and depth of the book. The Uniform Methods Committee is concerned with the technical aspects of developing methods, and the editor with consistency of style and format of those methods which are to be put into the book. The Methods Advisory Committee will be the vehicle by which continued review of Methods will be achieved. ■