# Governing Board convenes in Dallas

The AOCS Governing Board met in two separate sessions during the 1975 Spring Meeting in Dallas and considered a wide variety of issues.

Executive Director James Lyon reported on the question of the Society headquarters and reminded the Board that the complete edition of the AOCS Directory of Membership was scheduled for publication in early fall or late summer. He informed the Board that the geographic crossreferencing will be an alphabetical listing of membership within cities and within states.

President Ralph T. Holman reported on activities of the Executive Committee and announced the likelihood of a joint meeting with the Japan Oil Chemists' Society in 1979 somewhere on the West Coast of the U.S.

Treasurer F.B. White announced a project underway within the Finance Committee to study carefully the financial operation of the Society to develop recommendations for a Board activities manual for use by future Finance Committees.

The Board unanimously passed a resolution to thank W.T. Coleman for his efforts as chairman of the Smalley Committee. Coleman retired as chairman this year.

The Board approved F.H. Smith, J.P. Hughes, and K.A. Earhart for Emeritus Membership.

New members for the Public Relations and Local Section Committees were approved.

The executive director was instructed to publish annually, as part of the additions and revisions of the Official and Tentative Methods of Analysis, a list of certified referee chemists.

The Board officially took action to establish one national meeting/year pattern previously voted on by the membership.

A.R. Baldwin revealed plans to publish the proceedings of the World Conference on Oilseed and Vegetable Oil Processing Technology as a special issue of *JAOCS*. T.H. Applewhite reported that Baldwin had been appointed publications chairman of the Conference.

F.A. Kummerow, AOCS secretary, relayed to the Board the Meetings Planning Committee's recommendation that 1977 be the first year for a single AOCS meeting, that the 1978 meeting be in St. Louis, that the 1979 meeting be on the West Coast and held jointly with the Japan Oil Chemists' Society, and that the 1980 meeting be a joint meeting with ISF. The Board passed favorably on all recommendations.

The Board heard plans and considered a proposed budget for the 1976 Spring Meeting in New Orleans and directed the local committee to incorporate the awards and inaugural luncheon into a "special interest" luncheon.

The Board also approved a subcommittee to open formal discussion in the International Mycotoxin Committee to determine the best role the Society can play in the Mycotoxin Check Sample Program.

The Board approved a short course on processing to be held in Mexico in 1977.

In addition to the Governing Board actions reported above, the Board heard reports from a large number of committees regarding projects now underway.

After the current Board had completed its work, the new Board, chaired by incoming president William Link, met briefly to consider committee assignments for 1975-76.

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### Aflatoxin Check Meal Series

The AOCS Smalley Committee again will offer two aflatoxin check meal series for worldwide distribution for the 1975-76 season. A series consisting of six naturally contaminated peanut meal samples and a series consisting of six naturally contaminated cottonseed meal samples will be offered. Each series will be provided to subscribers over a period of ca. 6 months beginning in September.

Individual samples within each series will vary in natural aflatoxin content with a maximum level on the order of  $100 \ \mu g/kg$ .

Due to the inconveniently large oilseed samples of 10-25 kg that would be required to provide a representative sample and the inherent instability of the aflatoxins in ground oilseed meats, it is imperative that both series be provided in the form of an oilseed meal. By this means, uniform samples with stable aflatoxin content can be provided.

The subscription fee for each aflatoxin check meal series will be \$35.00. Those analysts interested in participating in these Smalley Series should write for information or subscription to: Smalley Committee, AOCS, 508 S. Sixth St., Champaign, Ill. 61820.

Any suggestions that readers may have that could aid in improvement of the program or interests in additional sample series for aflatoxin contaminated oilseed related commodities should be addressed to: Mycotoxin Subcommittee Chairman John D. McKinney, P.O. Box 2596, Fresno, Calif. 93745.