

Report to the Membership from the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, an arm of the Governing Board, meets at least twice yearly to supplement meetings of the Board. These Executive Committee meetings ordinarily occur in mid-winter and mid-summer, to provide continuity of direction for the Society. The meeting of Jan. 13, 1977 in Chicago was a productive one and was attended by the following persons: F.B. White, President; T.H. Applewhite, Vice President; D. Firestone, Treasurer; W.E. Link, Past President; A.R. Baldwin, Director of Publications; and J.C. Lyon, Executive Director.

Also present, as invited guests, were G.A. Jacobson, Secretary and Board Member, N. Pelick, Chairman of the Foundation Committee, and K.T. Zilch, Chairman September 1977 Conference on Soaps and Detergents to be held in Montreux, Switzerland.

1. The meeting was called to order 9 AM.
2. *Report of the President*

(a) The AOCS will cooperate with the American Association of Analytical Chemists in administering a series of programs to coordinate and standardize analytical procedures throughout the world. Dr. W.E. Link will administer the programs concerning analysis of animal and vegetable fats and oils, while Dr. Lincoln Metcalfe will coordinate AOCS activities in connection with oleaginous seeds and fruits. The AOCS also will receive reports on a series of other cooperative areas and this work will be coordinated for the AOCS by Dr. Link.

(b) White reported that, upon invitation from AOCS Sections in Southern and Northern California, and in the Northeast, he had attended meetings of these sections to provide a means for exchange of views between the sections and the Governing Board.

3. *Report of the Executive Director*

(a) In the interest of good accounting principles, it was recommended that obsolete inventory be written off the society books at this time. The Committee approved.

(b) Bond award procedures are being revised by the Bond Award Committee. Such will be distributed to the Governing Board upon completion. Baldwin recalled the original Bond award selection process in which two persons at each technical session were appointed by the Bond Award Committee to evaluate presentations. Manuscripts from the top five scoring presentations were then evaluated by the Bond Award Committee to determine winners and runners up. It was agreed by the Executive Committee that the Bond Award Committee should reconsider making use of this method of selecting Bond award winners.

It was noted that funds to support distribution of the Bond medal have been exhausted, and that when the current inventory of medals have been awarded, a new source of funding will be needed. Baldwin explained that the original donation to support the Bond award had been sufficient to provide one medal yearly, but subsequently, two have been given yearly. To enable the purchase of future Bond medals, the Executive Committee decided to fund such purchase from the Society revenue, on a pay-as-you-go basis.

(c) Previous discussions concerning means to give past presidents of the society a "visible" recognition of their tenure in office were reviewed. The Committee agreed that a replica of the AOCS tomahawk would be appropriate and

Baldwin offered to investigate possible suppliers of such a souvenir.

(d) Subject to review and approval by the AOCS Publications Committee, the Executive Committee approved publication of a monograph on Metabolism and Nutritional Effects of *trans* and Positional Fatty Acid Isomers.

The Executive Committee recommended that the monograph be prepared in hardback only, but be made available for purchase by nonmember students at AOCS member prices.

(e) AOCS headquarters in Champaign appears to be in good physical condition with the exception of the parking area which is too small to handle the cars of staff and potential rental occupants of our headquarters building. The Executive Director was instructed to investigate the cost of enlarging these facilities and to report such cost estimate to the Governing Board at its meeting in May.

(f) The question was asked if the AOCS is committed to New York as the site of the 1980 joint meeting with ISF, since the society is now limited to one national meeting per year, and the 1977 international meeting will be held in New York. It was noted that Peter Kalustian already has been appointed Chairman for the 1980 meeting, and that no change in location is contemplated.

4. *Report of the Vice President on Membership Committee Activities*

(a) The AOCS membership continues to increase steadily; it stands now at almost 3500.

(b) Applewhite distributed a copy of the Membership Committee report and discussed the committee's organization for work, and its plans to canvas, in March, those individuals who have not renewed their memberships. The importance of maintaining a large roster of Membership Committee members was emphasized, since this can help the "pyramid" effect in recruitment.

(c) The Spring meeting of the society in New York will have an innovation in the form of a "new member/first time-attendee" breakfast, to assist these newcomers in becoming better acquainted in the society. It was further recommended that *JAOCs* be used to publicize this breakfast as well as the President's Club reception, which is provided for those AOCS members who have been instrumental in obtaining new members in the society.

(d) To make it easier for new members to become involved in the society, Applewhite asked that lists of new members be given to all committee chairmen, so that each chairman may call upon the new members for participation. In addition, Baldwin suggested that a check list of committees be printed on AOCS application blanks, as a means to allow applicants for AOCS membership to identify the areas in which they would wish to work.

(e) The Membership Committee will review the present application form and recommend revisions to it.

5. *Report of the Treasurer*

Firestone reviewed the financial status of the society and remarked that its financial health is partly due to the highly successful World Conference in Amsterdam during 1976. He cautioned, however, that the society should not rely upon World Conferences to retain its healthy financial condition; an increasing membership is the best guarantee of financial health.

Baldwin recommended that the society establish a

system for periodic evaluation of investments and that a special subcommittee of the Finance Committee be appointed to assume this responsibility. The Executive Committee voted to charge the Finance Committee with this responsibility by expanding its activities to include a quarterly review of AOCS investments with the goal of maximizing return on investments.

6. *Report of the Secretary*

(a) Jacobson reported that he and Emeritus member Frank Shead, are developing a regional conference manual, in check list form, for use by society meeting planners.

(b) Consideration had been given by the Governing Board to holding regional conferences in areas not presently covered by local sections, to serve members unable to attend local section or national meetings. To assist in the organization of such conferences, the Executive Committee agreed to absorb a maximum of \$1,000 loss on such meetings, provided that the budget for the meeting is balanced and has been approved by the Executive Director, and that honoraria or speakers' expenses will not be provided by the Regional Conference Committee or the society, with the possible exception of society support for a distinguished lectureship.

Atlanta, GA, was considered as possible choice for the first regional conference on a subject relating to peanuts and/or sunflowers. Jacobson will investigate this possibility.

(c) Jacobson suggested continued consideration of cooperative meetings with other societies and future consideration of a special AOCS committee on intersociety relations.

(d) Applewhite indicated that he will, as incoming president, recommend reconstruction of the Education Committee, along the lines of the National Program Planning Committee, in order to create active groups to plan and sponsor AOCS Short Courses.

7. *Report of the Director of Publications*

Baldwin reported that in planning discussions with the new editor of *JAOCS News*, it was clear that revision of the news section of the *Journal* is well underway in moving toward the objective of building industrial readership and advertising.

8. *World Conference on Soaps and Detergents*

Lyon explained the logistics, travel, and promotional arrangements for the Conference to be held in Montreux, Switzerland on October 9-14, 1977. Provision for group travel from the U.S., with starting points in New York and Chicago, will be made available to U.S. registrants.

the basis for establishing the budget for the conference was discussed with the assumption there would be a break-even point with approximately 350 registrants.

Zilch reported on progress in development of the technical program which was to be completed at a subsequent meeting of the Conference Program Committee during the Soap & Detergent Association meeting on 26 January.

9. *AOCS Foundation*

Pleick discussed his plans for the Foundation and submitted a written outline of the steps he plans to follow. It will be the responsibility of the Foundation to provide the funds needed for special projects of value to broad spectra of AOCS members. Such funding shall be obtained outside of normal AOCS channels.

The initial Foundation project shall be a review and upgrading of the AOCS book of methods. In this regard, Pelick will coordinate his efforts with appropriate AOCS committees.

A progress report will be submitted to the Board by Pelick during the annual meeting in May.

10. *Smalley Committee Operation*

Firestone reported that John Williams is continuing to work on an operational manual for the AOCS Smalley program and that the job should be completed in about three months.

11. *Name of the Society*

In view of the increasing international nature of the AOCS, consideration is being given to the possibility of changing the society's name, more accurately to reflect the nature of the Society. Pros and cons will be solicited prior to consideration by the Board.

12. *Proposed World Conference on Edible Protein*

The Executive Committee and Governing Board are giving consideration to the possibility of a World Conference on Edible Protein to be sponsored by the AOCS. Such a conference would be held in 1978 or possibly 1979.

13. *Meeting of Committees Meeting*

In consideration of the need for continuity of AOCS committees' activities, the Governing Board will meet in Chicago in early November 1977, primarily to communicate with committee chairmen and to hear committee reports. Committee chairmen will be asked to submit interim written reports 30 days prior to this meeting. In addition, the opportunity will be provided for all committees to meet in Chicago prior to the Governing Board meeting, so that the individuals who are members of more than one committee can schedule attendance at more than one committee meeting.

14. *Short Courses*

It was suggested that the Education Committee and Program Planning Committee take early action to develop short courses and programs to satisfy evident dissatisfaction on the part of individual members. Specific short courses answering this purpose would include edible fats and oils and the soap and detergent industry.

F.B. White
President

Korean soap manufacturers visit U.S.

Member of the Korean Taihan Soap Industrial Cooperatives' Executive Team visited the United States May 8-17, 1977, as part of a fact-finding trip sponsored by the National Renderers Association in cooperation with the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. Visits were scheduled for Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and the Seattle-Tacoma area. The tour was arranged to familiarize the executive with the U.S. rendering industry's operations, tank terminals, and shipping facilities. ●

Kenney organizing art exhibit

AOCS member Dolores Kenney will be chairman for the International Exhibition of Art by Chemists that will be held during the Fall Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Chicago, Aug. 28-Sept. 1. A photographic salon also will be held. ACS members may obtain entry forms and other information from the Chicago Section, ACS, 86 E. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60601. ●