

At times, Manny says, he's had job opportunities that would have taken him away from AOCS activities. "I didn't want to become separated from the people I know; I couldn't give up friends I've known for a quarter of a century," he says. "People are the most important part of life.

"This is a society not only of experts in their fields, but also a society of friends. There is a spirit seldom found."

The Northeast section's officers and board members meet each June to discuss when and where to hold meetings during the next fall and winter, what topics should be discussed, who should organize each meeting, etc. But before they talk, they eat. The meeting is always held at Manny's home, and the food is prepared by his mother — a true Iranian feast that gives Manny a chance to play one of his favorite roles — host to his friends in AOCS. ●

AOCS Executive Committee meets

The AOCS Executive Committee held its regular semi-annual meeting during early August at AOCS Headquarters in Champaign to discuss and act on several business matters.

The committee officially approved appointment of George Cavanagh as general chairman for the 1979 meeting in San Francisco to replace Richard Purdy, who has been promoted by his firm and transferred to the Philippines. Arnold Gavin was officially appointed chairman for the 1983 meeting in Chicago.

AOCS also will cosponsor, without financial obligation, the International Congress on Oilseeds and Oils being held in New Delhi during February 1979 under leadership of the Oil Technologists' Association of India. The North Central Section of AOCS was given permission to cosponsor an all-day symposium in 1979 with the Chicago area chapter of the American Association of Cereal Chemists.

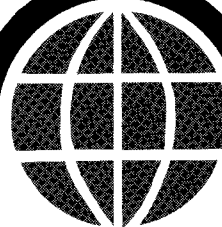
The group approved continuation of the AOCS Foundation's proposal to develop a compilation of fats and oils methods worldwide. A consultant will now prepare a rough working script for a proposed audio/visual presentation on the need for such a compilation. The eventual goal is to ask major firms to provide funds to launch the project.

The Executive Committee also voted to express to the Governing Board its preferences that the activities normally held during the Inaugural Luncheon at national meetings be transferred to other times during the meeting. The luncheon is usually held at noon of the closing day of the meeting, adding about two hours to the meeting time, the committee said. Many persons skip the luncheon to begin traveling home. A final decision is up to the Governing Board.

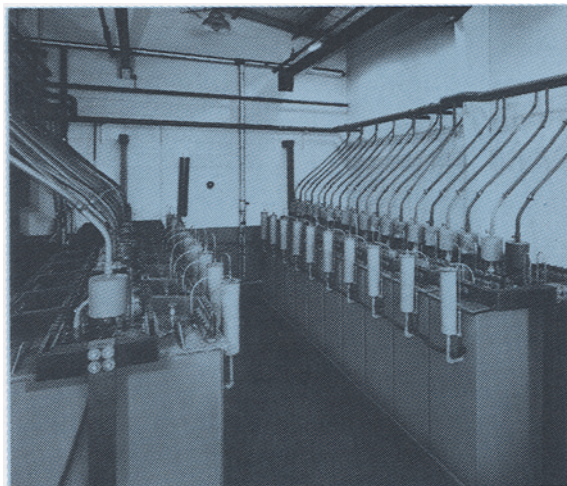
The committee also discussed the merits of having a Governing Board subcommittee responsible for long range planning. The idea will be presented to the Governing Board during its meeting this fall.

Other discussions centered around financial planning, including expenditures for new typographic composing equipment to replace present equipment; suggestions for a new retirement plan for staff members, triggered by new federal regulations covering retirement funds; and the long term financial outlook of AOCS.

During the meeting, various proposals for future short courses were discussed. A fatty acids short course will be held during 1979. A proposal was discussed to hold two short courses — on edible fats and oils and on pollution control problems — immediately before the 1980 meeting in New York. An extensive symposium on energy conservation was suggested for the 1981 meeting in New Orleans, which might attract attendance by persons attending the 1981 International Association of Seed Crushers meeting, to be held in San Francisco one week before the AOCS meeting. ●



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