

fatty acid distribution are looked upon with wide reservation if published before 1945. The McNicoll Method, AOCS Da 12-48, an analysis of rosin in tall oil fatty acids, now has been almost completely displaced within the tall oil fractionation industry. And the spectrophotometric method for polyunsaturated fatty acids, AOCS Cd 7-58 during the late 1960s was used for linoleic acid assay with complete assurance, but about 15 years ago Reiners and coworkers at Corn Products at Argo, Illinois, published a disturbing report—statistical analysis of large numbers of corn-belt-grown corn oil samples showed 2.5 points lower in linoleic acid by the UV method compared to the new GLC method: that started us thinking. The Diene Value method, AOCS Th 1a-64, is regarded by all paint and coatings chemists as so very “approximate” as to hardly justify the term analytical method.

And, why do I say it's quite important that our *AOCS Methods* be put into a state of complete up-to-date usefulness and optimal efficiency? Our AOCS Foundation under the direction of Chairman Nicholas Pelick is stressing the importance of methods to American industry in a vigorous solicitation of funds, to develop and modernize our methods to make them more useful.

These three M's are but a small part of our programs. We are proud of what we do, and thankful for the contributed voluntary help and effort of all of those who donate their time and effort to make it all possible for a “good” today, and an even better tomorrow. □

Membership approves amendments



A series of 34 changes to the AOCS Articles of Incorporation and by-laws were formally approved during the 71st annual meeting.

Of the 3,366 members eligible to vote, 2,040 cast proxy ballots with 1,684 favorable votes required for approval. There were 1,874 ballots in favor of all the amendments, 24 opposed to all the amendments and 133 split ballots. Nine ballots were improperly marked and discarded as spoiled.

The changes permit transfer of incorporation from the state of Louisiana to Illinois, where the AOCS headquarters building is located. Several changes involved wording to reflect that action. Categories of membership were revised

to substitute the term “student members” for “junior members” and to recognize the “active retired members” category. People in the “active retired members” category can maintain their membership at reduced fees.

The approved changes also add four nonvoting members to the Governing Board: the losing vice-presidential candidate, and the chairmen of the Education Committee, National Program Planning Committee and Smalley Committee.

Two or three candidates will be nominated for each Governing Board member-at-large position under the new by-laws, with the nominating committee instructed to try to balance representation geographically and among industry, academia and government.

Future changes in the articles and bylaws may be approved by a two-thirds majority of members voting, rather than by one-half of the members eligible to vote. Further advance notice of proposed changes also was approved to facilitate communication with overseas voting members.

Other changes were primarily to formalize what has been the practice in past years, or to provide explicit rules for filling vacant offices, improving committee communication with the Governing Board and similar items. □

Marcuse steps down as ISF secretary general



Dr. Reinhard Marcuse, secretary general of the International Society for Fat Research for the past decade, retired from that post officially during the ISF's 15th Congress, held as part of the ISF/AOCS World Congress.

Dr. Marcuse, who is with the Swedish Food Institute in Göteborg, will be succeeded by Drs. Ragnar Ohlson of AB Karlshamns Oljefabriker in Karlshamn, Sweden, and P.A.T. Swoboda of the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. All three officials are also members of the American Oil Chemists' Society. In his address to the ISF business meeting, Dr. Marcuse noted the ISF is unique in that it has no bureaucracy, no formal rules and no membership roles or fees. It has provided a truly international forum for researchers to present their work, he said.

A motion expressing appreciation to Dr. Marcuse for his service and dedication to ISF was approved unanimously

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