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Monographs discussed

During its mid-summer meeting in Champaign, the AOCS Executive Committee discussed AOCS activities such as monograph publishing and future meetings, as well as hearing President Nicholas Pelick outline his goals for the organization.

The Executive Committee asked the Publications Committee to consider an expanded book publishing program for AOCS. The discussion was prompted by a member's letter noting AOCS monograph production seemed to be rather slow. Executive Director Jim Lyon was asked to prepare a report for the Oct. 31 meeting of the Governing Board on what resources would be required for an expanded program.

Pelick identified six key issues that he intends to pursue during his year as AOCS president. These included:

- To continue the AOCS Foundation fund raising project for methods development.
- To finish the restructuring of the AOCS Referee/Examination Board program.
- To institute better fiscal controls and overhead allocation procedures.
- To promote growth in membership and services.
- To provide for continuity in the AOCS organization.
- To develop an authentic AOCS awards program.

The restructuring of the AOCS Referee/Examination Board program was among the topics discussed by the Executive Committee. An ad hoc committee considering ways to improve the program met in St. Louis during July. The ad hoc committee has discussed a two-level certification program. Satisfactory work in the Smalley Program would qualify a chemist to be designated an AOCS "certified chemist." Independent laboratories employing AOCS certified chem-

ists could subscribe to a blind check sample series and seek designation as an "AOCS Referee Laboratory." Oilseed trade associations often use AOCS certified chemists as their referee chemists. Increasing oilseed trade, with consequent increases in settlement values based on chemical analyses, led to appointment of the ad hoc committee to consider ways to strengthen the referee/examination board programs.

In other business, AOCS Treasurer Tim Mounts reported the Finance Committee has recommended the 1985 proposed budget, prepared by the executive director, be presented in October to the Governing Board for approval. The Executive Committee approved recommendations by the Finance Committee that all budgets for AOCS activities include provisions for overhead costs and that each meeting and conference budget include a surplus factor of 10% of direct costs.

Also before the Governing Board in October will be an AOCS strategy statement developed by the program development committee. The statement sets forth as an AOCS long-range strategy or goal: "Financially sound sustained growth in membership and services to become the recognized lead society in the science and technology of fats, oils and related products in the world." If adopted by the Governing Board, the statement would become a criterion by which to measure whether specific AOCS programs are contributing to AOCS' long-term strategy. The program evaluation group also adopted 10 operational strategy statements which also will be discussed in October by the Governing Board.

Pelick asked AOCS Secretary Robert Hastert to form a committee to consider whether AOCS should consider holding its annual meeting each fall, rather than in the spring, to avoid conflicts with other scientific meetings.

The technical program committee for the 76th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, to be held May 5-9, 1985, in Philadelphia, is accepting abstracts for papers to be presented during that meeting. Persons wishing to present papers should submit three copies of a 100- to 300-word abstract with title, speaker, speaker's full mailing address and coauthors clearly indicated. Contributed papers are required to be 20 minutes in length, including any time the author wishes to use for questions from the audience. Please indicate if you wish to make your presentation in a lecture and slide format or during a poster session. Persons whose abstracts are accepted will be notified during early 1985 by the program committee. Mail abstracts to: Dr. Glen Jacobson, Technical Program Chairman, 1985 AOCS Annual Meeting, Box 57X, Campbell Soup Company, Campbell Place, Camden, NJ 08101 USA. Abstracts must reach the chairman by Nov. 1, 1984, to ensure consideration for the program.