

Governing Board report

The AOCS Governing Board was concerned primarily with problems of a growing organization during its deliberations at the 77th annual meeting held earlier this year in Honolulu.

Among the topics discussed:

- a new location in Champaign-Urbana for AOCS' headquarters staff as the University of Illinois has expressed strong interest in taking over the present building in the near future
- providing long-term guidance to AOCS educational programs, including annual meetings, short courses and world conferences
- whether to restructure the Governing Board and committee system to permit better representation of an international membership from diverse disciplines
- the revitalized uniform methods program, with the Governing Board expressing "heartfelt thanks" to retiring Uniform Methods Chairman William Link for his service
- addition of a clerical assistant to the headquarters staff

The University of Illinois originally inquired about acquiring the AOCS headquarters building about a year ago. At the time the AOCS Governing Board made a counterproposal but the two sides were not able to reach agreement. The headquarters building is close to the university's main campus and is on land owned by the university, which has several prospective uses in mind if it can acquire the building. AOCS holds a long-term lease on the building.

During its meetings in Honolulu, the Governing Board (a) approved a professional study of present and anticipated space needs to help the board decide if the headquarters should be relocated and how much space is needed and (b) approved purchase of options on potential

new headquarters sites, in case a decision is made to move.

If AOCS and the university agree to transfer the present building to the university immediately, then the headquarters staff would be relocated either into a rental facility, pending acquisition of a permanent facility, or into a permanent facility, if one is located.

With regard to educational programs, the Governing Board agreed to allocate \$8,000 for a consultant's report on administration of AOCS educational programs. The consultant will be asked to develop a system for an educational program and materials to aid the administration of the program. The purpose is to provide a framework for future expansion of high quality educational activities.

The Governing Board also approved two future world conferences and AOCS' limited participation in two other international meetings. The two world conferences approved were a 1988 conference in the Far East on soybean processing and utilization and a 1989 conference in Western Europe on processing and utilization of oilseeds. The board agreed to consider having satellite pre- or post-conferences for the 1988 world conference in Japan or India and for the 1989 world conference in Hungary or Yugoslavia.

The Governing Board tentatively approved cosponsorship of an international conference on lipids in cancer in Australia during 1988, pending further logistical and financial study by AOCS Executive Director Jim Lyon and Australian organizers. The board declined to cosponsor a major conference in China during 1987, primarily because of the proximity of the date and the potential costs. The board said AOCS could help with the conference by endorsing its concept, publicizing the conference in *JAOCS*, providing guidance on organization and, perhaps, by identifying potential speakers.

Past president Nick Pelick,

chairman of a Governing Board ad hoc committee considering the board structure, reported his committee feels it would be "in the Society's benefit to move toward the restructuring of the Board to provide for a broader base of representation." The board asked Pelick's committee to continue its work. Most discussion thus far has favored increasing the number of members-at-large on the Governing Board. Presently there are three at-large members. Those favoring an increase say it would provide opportunity for more persons to serve as well as permit better representation. The ad hoc committee is also to consider AOCS' committee structure at the same time.

With regard to uniform methods, Link told the board that 20 methods are scheduled for release in 1986, that method development is being tracked on computer spreadsheets and that there is a new interest in volunteer work on methodology. The Governing Board directed the Uniform Methods Committee to study a new format for the AOCS book of methods and to study the potential computerization of AOCS methodology. Link is to be succeeded as chairman of the uniform methods committee by David Firestone.

The board approved one additional employee, a clerical assistant, for the headquarters staff. The board was told that adding the clerical assistant would eliminate the need for some temporary and part-time help hired in the past.

The increasing activity of AOCS geographical and specialty sections could create potential legal liability unless the sections are incorporated separately, the board was told. Lyon was directed to work with AOCS attorney Joseph Phebus to study the situation to minimize AOCS' vulnerability while retaining the sections as units of the parent organization.

The Governing Board congratulated Stan Loft, general chairman for the 1986 annual meeting, and

technical chairman Glenn Fuller for "extremely good work in organizing the Hawaii meeting from California."

The AOCS Foundation was directed to appropriately organize for future service as a fund-raising arm of AOCS. The foundation's first major project was the methods development program. Outgoing chairman Pelick said he hopes the foundation can continue as a means

of acquiring endowments and bequests for general use and specific projects. Pelick said the new foundation directors include Robert Hastert, chairman; Bernard F. Szuhaj, vice-chairman; David Kravis, secretary; Edward Campbell, Edward Perkins and John Heilman, board members; and Jim Lyon, ex officio member and treasurer.

Also approved was a proposal to have "specific interest" groups

meet informally during lunch breaks at the 1987 annual meeting. The proposal is to identify approximately half-a-dozen topics that members might like to discuss, with specific rooms provided for each topic and box lunches made available to those participating.

The Governing Board's next meeting will be Sept. 3-5, 1986, at the headquarters facility in Champaign, Illinois.

Short course list drawn up

Five-year plans for AOCS world conferences and short courses were updated by the World Conference Planning and Education committees during the AOCS annual meeting earlier this year in Honolulu.

The Education Committee's tentative short course topics through 1992 include:

1987: Production and utilization of vegetable food proteins; prostanooids; fatty acids; oxidation of food lipids; oilseeds and oil processing; and a basic soaps and detergents short course

1988: Unit processes in the oilseed industry; analytical chemistry; phospholipids (chemistry and food uses); and new instrumental methods for quality control

1989: Developments in oleochemicals; experimental design and statistics; lab automation and robotics; specialty fats (production and application); and head space analysis for fats and fatty food

1990: Soaps and detergents update; fats and health; biotechnology in fats and oils; and emerging technology in production, processing and utilization

1991: Oilseed and oil processing; analytical chemistry; fatty acids; emulsion technology for food production; and pollution control.

1992: Physical chemistry of fats and oils, and flavor and food lipids

Listings are tentative and may be revised. Persons who wish to help organize short courses on the topics listed above, or who have other topics to suggest, should contact the Education Committee chairman, Timothy L. Mounts, at the USDA Northern Regional Research Center in Peoria, Illinois.

A comprehensive manual for AOCS Educational Programs was reviewed. The manual is designed to help short course chairpersons organize and conduct educational programs.

The World Conference Planning Committee's updated five-year

plan lists the following topics and locations:

1987: Biotechnology—Hamburg, Germany

1988: Jojoba—Phoenix, Arizona (January); Diet Lipids, Membranes and Cancer—Australia (May); and Soybean Processing and Utilization—Far East (fall)

1989: Fats and oils processing—The Netherlands

1990: Oleochemicals—location to be determined

1991: Liposomes—United States' east coast

The AOCS Governing Board at its meetings in Honolulu approved the 1988 soybean processing and utilization conference and the 1989 fats and oils processing conference. The others have been proposed, but final approval from the Governing Board has not been received. AOCS' participation in the 1988 diet lipids, membranes and cancer course is contingent on development of satisfactory logistical and financial plans.

Flavor Chemistry of Fats and Oils

\$35 Members
\$55 Nonmembers

For flavor chemists and food technologists, this new AOCS monograph provides the latest information in a field of increasing interest. Modern analytical methods are permitting researchers to determine the mechanisms involved in flavor chemistry and to pinpoint constituents involved. Fourteen chapters take you through the chemistry of oxidation and autoxidation, antioxidants to sensory and instrumental methods for measuring flavor, as well as the isolation, separation and characterization of flavor compounds in lipids.

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