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Your spring, 1989 newsletter includes minutes of the AChemS XI business meeting, announcements of general interest, notices of upcoming meetings and of position openings, and my last witch-taste cartoon.

I. Minutes of the Business Meeting, AChemS XI, held April 15, 1989, Sarasota, FL.

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Executive Chairperson Gary Beauchamp.

A. Reports.

1. Elections committee (Charlotte Mistretta). In response to a call for nominees for 1989 AChemS Executive Committee positions, members nominated from nine to fifteen individuals per open position. Based on these nominations and using its own suggestions, the Elections Committee* constructed a slate of two candidates for each office.

The 160 ballots were counted on March 13, 1989 in the School of Dentistry, University of Michigan. Members of the Elections Committee who were present were Charlotte Mistretta and Robert Sweazey. Another AChemS member, Suat Gurkan, also was present for counting ballots, in accord with a previous petition to the Executive Committee.

*Election Committee members: P. Brunjes, R. Swezey, J. Travers, C. Wysocki.

Election results, with total votes cast for each office, were:

Executive Chair Elect:

Thomas Getchell (159 total votes cast)

Program Chair Elect:

John Kauer (156 total votes cast)

Secretary:

Charles Greer (148 total votes cast)

Councilor:

Richard Costanzo (154 total votes cast)

2. Treasurer's report (Tom Finger).

Dr. Finger filed the following report.

July 1, 1988 to April 10, 1989

Revenues:

Dues:

393 reg. members @ \$ 30.00 = \$11,790.

62 student members @ \$ 10.00 = 620.

TOTAL DUES \$12,410.

Registrations:

TOTAL MEETING REGISTRATION \$7,730.

Collection Items:

TOTAL COLLECTION ITEMS \$ 26.

Corporate Memberships:

2 members @ \$1,000 \$2,000.

1 members @ \$2,000 \$2,000.

TOTAL CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS \$4,000.

IRL Press:

TOTAL IRL PRESS \$1,540.

Unilever 87-88:

TOTAL UNILEVER \$1,510.

Interest on Deposits:
TOTAL INTEREST ON DEPOSITS \$ 1,177.

TOTAL REVENUES \$28,393.

Expenses:

Operating Costs:
Corporate & Banking Fees \$ 240.
Newsletter Production \$ 580.
Membership Committee \$ 1,030.
Membership Directory \$ 1,637.
Meeting Expenses \$ 3,197.
Awards \$ 153.
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS \$ 6,837.

ISOT Contribution:
TOTAL ISOT CONTRIBUTION \$ 1,000.

Returned Checks:
TOTAL RETURNED CHECKS \$ 185.

Travel Awards:
TOTAL TRAVEL AWARDS \$ 4,071.

Payments to Chemical Senses Editors:
TOTAL PAYMENTS TO EDITORS \$ 1,480.

Petty Cash:
TOTAL PETTY CASH \$ 5.
TOTAL EXPENSES \$13,578.
TOTAL CASH RESERVE \$14,815.
TOTAL EXPENSES + TOTAL
RESERVE \$28,393.

REPORT OF CASH ON HAND
APRIL 10, 1989

July 1, 1988:
Security Plus Account \$18,075.73.
Checking Account \$18,234.52.
TOTAL CASH \$36,310.25.

April 10, 1989:
Security Plus Account \$14,252.89.
Certificate of Deposit \$10,000.00.
Certificate of Deposit \$20,000.00.
Checking Account \$ 6,872.40.
TOTAL CASH \$51,125.29.

TOTAL CAPITAL INCREASE (CASH RESERVE)
\$14,815.04.

3. Membership Committee (Judy van Houten). Registration at the annual meeting has grown from 335 in 1988 to 348 this year, with several more expected during the coming days. Membership in AChemS has risen from 413 last year to 545 at present, a startling 32% increase. There is no clear explanation for this welcome surge of members. They are not primarily students, but rather represent industry or professional organizations from overseas.

The 1989 Directory will include electronic mail addresses.

4. Graduate student travel awards (Al Farbman). The committee received requests from 39 graduate students for travel and/or housing support to attend the 1989 annual meeting of AChemS.

The total dollar amount requested by 27 students for round trip air travel to the meeting was \$8,138. Given the budget limitations, the committee was able to fund 50% of the requested amount. Each student will be reimbursed by check at the meeting to half of the minimum round trip air fare from their home institutions to Sarasota. The total to be reimbursed for these awards is \$4,071.

Twenty-five students received complimentary housing at the meeting. Students are housed 3 or 4 to a room. A total of seven rooms were reserved at the Hyatt or Holiday Inn for students. Eleven males, including 2 ECRO fellows, are sharing 3 rooms; 14 females are sharing 4 rooms.

5. Program committee (John Caprio). The committee was composed of John Caprio, Charles Derby, John Kinnamon, Walter Michel, Claire Murphy and Wayne Silver.

4) hold the international meeting each three or four years.

5) suggest an annual contribution of \$1000 from each society to provide a \$9000-12,000 foundation on which each meeting may be built.

6) publish the proceedings.

Max Mozell will carry these recommendations to ICOT.

E. The Public Information and Affairs Committee (PIAC) was created and charged in the AChemS by-laws, but has never been staffed. At this time, when the structure and management of NIDCD is being defined, the function of this committee was deemed critical. Bob O'Connell will work through the Executive Committee to activate and staff our PIAC (cf. II below).

F. Dick Doty informed the membership that Dave Marshall has died of lung cancer. A memorial to Dave will appear in a forthcoming issue of Chemical Senses.

G. Gary Beauchamp presented the renowned AChemS gavel to Bob O'Connell. There followed the meeting's only slide in which Executive Chairperson O'Connell was seen impersonating an elephant. This prompted a move to adjourn, which motion carried unanimously at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas R. Scott
past Secretary

II. The Public Information and Affairs Committee has now been activated by the Executive Committee. Members who have agreed to serve are Gary Beauchamp, Lloyd Beidler, Tom Finger, Bruce Halpern, John Kauer, Max Mozell, Claire Murphy and Bob O'Connell. The first activity of the

PIAC will be to coordinate the Association's public relations effort on behalf of increased funding for all programs that support basic and applied research in the chemical senses within NIH, NSF, EPA and USDA.

III. The AChemS Directory is currently in production. Bob O'Connell requests that anyone with information on funding opportunities for training in the chemical senses at undergraduate, graduate or postdoctoral level please send it to him for possible inclusion in the Directory. Bob is also interested in including the names and contacts for those institutions with clinical programs that evaluate patients with disorders of the chemical senses, and asks that a representative of each such organization contact him.

IV. Meetings and Position Openings.

A. There will be a meeting of the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Information Processing of Chemical Sensory Stimuli in Biological and Artificial Systems, to be held in Gottingen, FRG, July 23-26, 1989. Topics will include olfactory receptor events and the organization and information processing capacities of the central olfactory system. For additional information, contact Dr. D. Schild, Physiologisches Institut, Georg-August-Universitat Gottingen, Humboldtallee 23, D-3400 Gottingen, FRG.

B. Positions available.

1. NIH-supported Research Assistant Professorship, Dept. Otolaryngology and Maxillofacial Surgery, U. Cincinnati College of Medicine. Available September, 1989 for two years with possibility of extension. Studies of hamster gustatory system in an environment rich in chemosensory research.

The AChemS XI meeting included the Givaudan Lecture, three symposia and 221 slide and poster presentations. Its total cost was approximately \$18,000.

6. Secretary (Tom Scott). A reminder that the Newsletter is the primary organ for communication among our members. We urge you to submit material for inclusion in the newsletter and to suggest features that you might like to appear on a regular basis.

B. Robert O'Connell (Executive Chairperson Elect) presented a series of proposed changes to the AChemS by-laws. The major thrusts are 1) to create the position of Program Chair Elect to assist the Program Chair and to become acquainted with the process of organizing the annual meeting, 2) to exclude the chairperson of the Elections Committee (ordinarily the Past Executive Chairperson) from seeking office in the Association, 3) to permit repeated terms of office for all elected positions, the remaining stipulation being that no more than two consecutive terms may be served, and 4) to extend the term of office of the Treasurer (from two years to three) and of the Executive Chairperson sequence (from one year to two).

The first and second proposals were approved unanimously by the membership. Discussion centered on the latter two proposals, with the primary issue being the value of developing experience in office versus the need for healthy turnover. The third proposal eventually carried by the required two-thirds majority. The proposal to extend the Treasurer's term was approved with one dissenting vote; that to increase the Executive Chairperson's term was not approved.

C. Gary Beauchamp reminded the

membership that the next annual meeting of AChemS will be held at the Sarasota Hyatt from April 18-22, 1990. He urged members to preregister for housing, since the number of complimentary rooms the hotel offers is a percentage (2%) of reservations made. Complimentary rooms are used by graduate students whose housing would otherwise be supported by the Association. Thus preregistration saves AChemS a considerable expense. Similarly, making flight arrangements through the travel agency designated by AChemS results in one complimentary airfare for each 40 bookings, that ticket being used to support graduate student travel to the meeting.

D. The present organization of the International Symposium on Olfaction and Taste (ISOT) was discussed. The very necessity of having an international symposium in this time of proliferating professional meetings was questioned as was our specific dependence on the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS). As a satellite of that organization, our International Commission (ICOT) receives official recognition and a modest stipend to help organize the triennial Symposium. The price we pay is the requirement that we roughly conform to the meeting time and location of the IUPS Congress. The sense of the AChemS membership was that IUPS exerts too much control for the benefits we derive from our association with them. The following six points drawn up by the Executive Committee, were approved by the membership as recommendations to be transmitted via ICOT to ECRO and JASTS:

- 1) maintain an international meeting.
- 2) divorce the meeting from the auspices of IUPS.
- 3) form a group that will organize a rotating international meeting among the three societies.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in neuroscience-related discipline and post-doctoral experience in smell or taste research. Background in microcomputing and small animal surgery is essential and experience with behavioral analyses and/or electrophysiology desirable. Vitae, selected reprints and names of three references should be sent to Dr. David V. Smith, Dept. Otolaryngology and Maxillofacial Surgery, U. Cincinnati College of Medicine, 231 Bethesda Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45267-0528. EOAAE.

2. Postdoctoral position, available immediately for studies on the contribution of caudal brainstem gustatory nuclei to the neural control of sodium appetite. Studies involve behavioral analyses, electrophysiology and anatomical reconstruction of electrolytic and chemical lesions. Vitae and three letters of reference should be sent to Prof. Harvey J. Grill, Dept. Psychology, U. Pennsylvania, 3813 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-6106. EOE.



"Is that all it says about eye of newt—add to taste?"