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ARKANSAS ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Secretary's Report

Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

April 23-24, 1954

The business meeting was called to order by President Z. V. Harvalik at 11 a. m., April 23, with about 80 people present. Mayor Roy Scott, Fayetteville, and Provost Joe Covington, University of Arkansas, welcomed members of the Academy and expressed the interest of the University and of the City in the meetings.

Reports were given by several Academy officers. C. R. Cheadle, Managing Editor, announced that the Proceedings of the Academy was delayed in press and would be distributed later. Some financial support from advertising was obtained for this issue.

An abridged treasurer's report was read by L. F. Bailey, Acting, and the secretary's report was approved for inclusion in the Proceedings.

Dr. D. M. Moore reported on the Academy Conference and some of the activities. The Arkansas Academy has eighteen members designated as "Fellows" of the AAAS and eligible to be delegates to the annual Christmas meeting of the Academy Conference.

The Fayetteville High School Science Club, represented by Greg Payne, was accepted for affiliation with the Academy. The club was organized in September, 1953, and has fifty-three members.

Dr. C. E. Hoffman, Editor-in-Chief, stated that manuscripts should be received by the editor by June 1 to be accepted for publication.

The luncheon at the Student Union was attended by about one hundred people. Dr. H. D. Hantz, Chairman, Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas, talked to the group on "Philosophy and Science." Various committees were appointed at this time.

Dr. B. H. Gundlach, Mathematics Department, University of Arkansas, presented the film "The Story of Mt. Palomar" at the annual dinner held at the Washington Hotel. Ninety people attended the dinner.

The second business meeting began at 10:30 a. m., April 24, with Dr. Harvalik presiding and about forty members attending. Committee reports received first attention.

The committee on the place of meeting for the spring of 1955 consisted of J. H. Ray, G. G. Iggers, and J. M. Siegel. This committee recommended that the meeting be held at Little Rock, sponsored jointly by Little Rock Junior College and Philander Smith College. An invitation to meet at Harding College, Searcy, was presented by J. W. Sears. A majority of those present voted to meet at Searcy in 1955.

Chairman C. G. Pitner, of the Audit Committee, approved the treasurer's report and recommended and obtained acceptance of the report by unanimous vote.

The Resolutions Committee, consisting of H. W. Melvin, G. T. Blackmon, and J. E. Pryor, made the following report.

* The Committee on Resolutions of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science moves that this body adopt the following resolutions:

1. That the Academy express to the University of Arkansas its deep and sincere appreciation for the gracious hospitality extended to it through use of its plant and facilities as well as its personnel in making this session an outstanding success.

2. That the Academy further express to Dr. Z. V. Harvalik its fullest thanks for his capable leadership as its President during the past year.

3. That the Academy also express to Dr. W. J. Smothers its deep gratitude for effectively serving as its Secretary-Treasurer until his recent resignation from the University faculty and to Dr. L. F. Bailey for his diligent service as Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

4. That the Academy express to Dr. C. E. Hoffman, Editor-in-Chief, and to C. R. Cheadle, Managing Editor, its sincere gratitude for their arduous and unselfish work in publishing the Proceedings.

5. That the Academy further express to Dr. H. Chessin and to Dr. A. E. Harvey its appreciation for their work on the program and physical arrangements, respectively, for this session.

6. That the Academy express to Dr. J. A. Daugherty its thanks for his untiring efforts in developing the Arkansas Junior Academy of Science and to Dr. H. G. Dowling its thanks for his work with the Junior Academy before and during this session.

7. That the Academy also express to Mayor Roy Scott and the city of Fayetteville its deep appreciation for the hospitable reception of its members."

On a motion and vote from the floor the Secretary was instructed to send letters to Dr. H. D. Hantz and Dr. B. H. Gundlach expressing the appreciation of the Academy for their contributions to the program.

President Harvalik introduced the topics of membership and publication of the Proceedings for discussion. He clarified the categories of membership, according to the Academy Constitution, as follows:

1. Senior members - \$3 annually, including a copy of the Proceedings.
2. Associate members - \$1 annually, not including the Proceedings, and open only to students.
3. Institutional members - \$10 annually.

Professor Sears proposed that an effort be made the coming year to encourage larger membership in the Academy. Dr. Hoffman, with the support of others, suggested that membership forms be distributed early in January rather than waiting for the spring meeting to solicit membership. With this arrangement members would be actively associated with the Academy year after year regardless of attendance at the annual meeting.

Publication of the Proceedings of the Academy received considerable discussion in the second business meeting. At issue was the practice of distributing the Proceedings of the meeting held a year earlier in return for dues paid the current year. The undesirability of this practice was recognized generally by those present. Several members pointed out that additional revenue would be required to bring the publication to current status and expressed concern about the feasibility of this additional financing. Professor Munn moved that beginning with the next issue of the Proceedings publication be made current rather than a year later. An amendment to this motion, made by Dr. Frye, was as follows: "Providing financing can be arranged without incurring indebtedness". The motion with the amendment was passed. Dr. Harvey proposed that a committee be appointed to explore possible means of financing the proposed change in publication practice and that this committee should report to the Academy next year. With this proposal the matter was suggested for inclusion on the agenda of the next business meeting.

The Nominations Committee, J. W. Sears, D. Swartz, and W. C. Munn, presented the names of W. W. Nedrow and J. E. Pryor for President-elect, and L. F. Bailey for Secretary Treasurer. Professor Nedrow and Dr. Bailey were elected.

The Research Committee received only one application for the AAAS research grant of fifty dollars. Dr. Harvalik's Project, "The Reflectivity of Metal Films Deposited at Various Low Pressures" was accepted. This committee consisted of C. E. Hoffman, E. S. Amis, and H. Shniad.

Dr. Harvalik officially installed Miss Ruth Armstrong, Chairman of the Science Department, Fort Smith Junior High School, as the new President. Miss Armstrong expressed appreciation of the honor bestowed by the Academy and indicated her desire to see the Academy prosper during the coming year.

With the announcement of the afternoon field trip, directed by Dr. D. M. Moore, the business meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Lowell F. Bailey
Acting Secretary-Treasurer