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President E. A. Spessard welcomed members to the thirty-sixth meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science at a business meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m. on April 25 in the Auditorium of the Science Building. Dr. Spessard expressed his sincere appreciation to the members of the Program Committee for their work in preparing the technical program and to the officers for their contributions to the smooth functioning of the Academy during the 1951-1952 year. The first business meeting then was called to order by the President.

The minutes of the 1951 meeting and the Secretary's report were approved, as they appeared in Volume V of the Proceedings.

J. A. Doughty presented a report on the activities of the Junior Academy of Science, calling attention to the vigorous growth of this organization. He also described the accomplishments of the Science Talent Search. On the motion of Dr. L. B. Ham, both reports were enthusiastically approved.

Dr. D. M. Moore reported for the Editorial Board, explaining some of the difficulties encountered in the publication of Volume V of the Proceedings. In the absence of Z. V. Harvalik, Chairman of the 1951-1952 Policy Committee, the report of the Committee was presented by Dr. Moore. Both reports were accepted with thanks by the Academy.

On motion of W. W. Grigorieff, the President appointed the following as a special committee to consider all of the broad problems now confronting the Academy and to make suitable recommendations and nominations of officers at the fiscal business meeting on April 26:

Chairman: L. B. Ham T. W. Smith
W. W. Grigorieff W. J. Smothers
D. M. Moore E. A. Spessard, ex officio

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A delectable luncheon was served at 12:45 p.m. in the dining room of the Commons Building, at which President Carl Heaz, of Arkansas State College, welcomed the visitors in an inspiring address, calling for renewed efforts by the Academy to carry on its pioneering effort to promote scientific interest in the State.

The sectional meetings of the Academy were called to order by the respective chairmen at 10:00 a.m. A total of 71 papers in 9 different sections was presented.

Following a dinner served in the Commons at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Russell S. Poor of the National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C., addressed the members in a talk entitled "Operation Infinity." The speaker, a former president of the Alabama Academy of Science, gave a broad survey of opportunities and predicaments which confront academies and presented an illuminating picture of the proposed program of the National Science Foundation.

The second and final business meeting of the Academy was convened on Saturday morning, April 26, at 8:45 a.m. Dr. T. L. Smith presented the financial report for the fiscal year. Dr. Smith also presented his resignation.

Dr. William K. Noyce, chairman of the auditing committee, reported that the accounts were examined and were found to be in perfect order. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Dr. Smith's report and resignation be accepted.

Dr. P. M. Johnston, chairman of the resolutions committee, presented his report, which was accepted.

Dr. Ham requested that Dr. Grigorieff present the report of his committee, which was concerned with organizational policies and with nomination of officers. The proposed new plan is intended to broaden the participation of persons...
interested in science in the affairs of the Academy and to enlarge the group which is responsible for the activities of the Academy.

Dr. Grigorieff described the Academy’s goal as “Science of or for the State of Arkansas for All.” This, he said, should be achieved by a broader membership participation along the following general lines:

- University and college faculty members
- High school teachers
- Senior
- Graduate students
- Industrial members
- State and federal agency staff members
- Laymen
- Membership
- Associate
- Amateur scientists
- Patent attorneys
- High school students
- Junior high school students
- Junior
- Elementary school students
- Future Farmers of America
- Others

Dr. Grigorieff also presented an outline of a recommended organizational plan for the Academy, as follows:

- President, to be elected for one year by the membership.
- President-elect, to be elected for one year by the membership.
- Secretary-treasurer, to be elected for three years by the membership.
- Managing editor, to be elected for one year by the membership.
- Vice-president for Program, to be elected by the chairman of each section.
- Vice-president for Membership, to be appointed by the President, to head Membership Committee.
- Vice-president for Publications, to be appointed by the President, to head Editorial Board.
- Vice-president for Junior Academy work, to be appointed by the President, to head activities of the Junior Academy of Science.

These eight officers would constitute the Policy Committee, which should meet at least twice a year in addition to the annual meeting; the Committee also would be responsible for changes in by-laws.

A motion by Dr. W. C. Munn to “adopt his general plan of operation” was carried.

Dr. Grigorieff then presented his resignation as Secretary. It was accepted.

Dr. Ham presented the recommendations of his Committee for officers to serve during 1952-1953:

- President: Delbert Swartz
- Secretary-treasurer: W. J. Smothers
- President-elect: Z. V. Harvalik
- Managing Editor: W. R. Legg

These nominations were unanimously approved and the individuals were declared to be elected. It was moved by Dr. Noyce, seconded, and carried that: “In the future, nominations should be submitted well before the annual meeting and should go to the membership simultaneously with the proposed program.”

Southern State College presented an invitation to meet at Magnolia in 1954 or 1955. It was moved, seconded, and carried to hold the thirty-seventh annual meeting at Magnolia.

Mr. Doughty opened the general technical session at 9:30 a.m. by briefly describing the work of the Science Talent Search and, together with Miss Ruth Armstrong, presented an interesting program by a few of the junior scientists who participated in the Search.

Dr. Spessard adjourned the Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting at 11:35 a.m.

A botany field trip, arranged by Dr. Delzie Demaree and Dr. Moore, was enjoyed by many of the Academy members.

The 1951-1952 academy year and the Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting may mark a significant point in the life of the Academy, for they laid the foundation of a broad program of action which could be fruitful of results.