

MINUTES

The Steering Committee for the Midwest Regional ACS Meeting met Thursday, October 29, 1970, at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Those officers and members attending the meeting were: Dr. Owen Asplund, representing the Wyoming Section; A. W. Decora, Dr. Charles Gerfen, St. Louis Section; Dr. John Guyon, University of Missouri; Dr. T. D. Roberts, University of Arkansas, representing Dr. Lester C. Howick; Dr. Larry Albright, Southeast Kansas Section, representing Dr. Eric C. Juenge; Dr. Robert Larson, Nebraska Section; Dr. Jack Landgrebe, University of Kansas; Dr. John McCarten, Wichita Section; Dr. N. E. Miller, Sioux Valley Section; Dr. Donald Pietrzyk, Iowa Section; Dr. William Schrenk, Kansas State University; Dr. Robert L. Stutz, Kansas City Section; Dr. K. H. Takemura, Omaha Section; Dr. Albert L. Caskey, Southern Illinois Section; and Dr. Samir A. Hanna, South Central Missouri, representing Dr. William Webb.

Others attending the meeting were: Earl Klinefelter and Halley A. Merrell, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. J. H. Looker, General Chairman.

After calling the meeting to order, the Chairman, Robert Larson, welcomed the committee members on behalf of the Nebraska Section. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Robert Stutz gave a statistical report of the 1969 Midwest Regional Meeting at Kansas City, Missouri. The deficit was caused by the decrease in anticipated registration income (actual \$3,057 versus projected \$5,200) and exhibitor's fees (\$4300 versus projected \$7000) and increase in unexpected expenses from Muehlebach Hotel. The decrease in the number of participating members and exhibitors might have been a combination of the inclement weather and the economy of the country. It was his opinion that if the Midwest Regional Meeting is to be periodically rotated to hotel sites in large cities, the working committees must be prepared to sustain larger operating costs.

Klinefelter, National Office, stated that Al Winsted had analyzed the Report of the Finance Chairman. It was Winsted's opinion that registration fees to members, non-members and exhibitors be increased to \$10, \$15, and \$175 respectively, and that Brochures of the city should be free. Klinefelter thought that the working committees should estimate that attendance will be less for the next few years.

Landgrebe stated since Midwest Regional Meeting is to be periodically rotated to Kansas City if it might be possible to have the meeting on the Missouri campus in order to reduce expenses. Guyon thought that the state's policy regarding exhibitors will be changed in the next few years. Caskey mentioned that motels close to airports might have the accommodations to have the Midwest Regional Meeting and generally the motels operating expenses are less than the downtown hotels.

Looker gave the Interim Report. Twenty-seven exhibitors were participating and 425 people had registered at the time of the Steering Committee Meeting. It would appear that the Nebraska meeting should be solvent. He recommended that the Publicity Chairman for the St. Louis Section should contact the Editor of Chemical & Engineering News concerning the date which the program must be mailed so that it will appear in Chemical & Engineering News in the first issue in October.

Charles Gerfen reported that the 1971 Meeting will be held at the Old Jefferson Hotel, 12th & Washington, on October 28 and 29. At the present time he was forming the various committees.

The Steering Committee recommended an increase in exhibit fees to \$175 (more in line with customary fee). The local working committee will have final decision on exhibit fees. The committee also recommended the following registration fees:

Members	\$10.00	Pre-registration	\$ 9.00
Non-members	\$15.00	Pre-registration	\$14.00
Students	\$ 2.50	Pre-registration	\$ 2.00

Since the balance in the Sinking Fund was less than \$1000, it was recommended that each section be assessed \$0.25 per member (prorated in accordance with annual subsidy from the American Chemical Society) according to the working rules. The Secretary was instructed to inform each section so that each section could vote on the Committee's recommendations.

The site for the 1972 meeting was opened for discussion. Arrangements for future meetings are as follows:

Planned

1971 - St. Louis, October 28 and 29
1972 - Wichita
1973 - University of Kansas

Wyoming, Iowa and the University of Missouri Sections indicated an interest in being host sections. Roberts indicated that Southeast Regional Meeting could be combined with the Midwest Regional Meeting at the University of Arkansas in 1976.

The Steering Committee voted that the Midwest Regional Sections continue the James Bryant Conant Award in high school chemistry teaching.

Rule 4 of the Working Rules was changed to read as follows:

"All ACS participating sections are eligible to select a member to the Steering Committee in accordance with Rule 3."