

Minutes of the 10th Steering Committee of the Midwest Region of the  
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Donald J. Pietrzyk, the Chairman, called the meeting to order. Fourteen members and five guests were present.

The minutes were approved as corrected. There were two nominees for the J. B. Conant Award from the Midwest Region in 1973, instead of no nominees.

After considerable discussion about the award, Barbara H. Hodsdon from the ACS staff explained that there is now only one J. B. Conant Award due to lack of support and it will be awarded at a National Meeting. Each region can present one teaching award and the Conant Award is made to one of these. The regional awardees are eligible for 2 years. It is the responsibility of the local sections to nominate a candidate, and also the responsibility of the host section of the Midwest Region to establish a committee to evaluate the nominees and to establish the type of award, if any, to be presented at the next regional meeting. Albert Caskey stated that the Southern Illinois Section has already established a committee to select the outstanding high school teacher within the region.

Barbara said that all the local sections have received the necessary forms and the deadline for nominations is 1 January. She urged that the members of the Steering Committee make certain the proper local officers of their local sections are cognizant of the Conant Award.

The treasurer, Robert Shroeder, was not present. It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be mailed to all members of the Steering Committee as soon as possible. Larry Breed of the Kansas City Section said he would notify Shroeder of the committee's motion. It was the consensus of the members that a Treasurer's Report should be presented at each meeting since it is impossible for the committee to function properly without knowing the financial status of the organization.

Donald Pietrzyk reported that preliminary attendance figures were around 550 registrants, and 32 exhibitors. It was impossible at the time to predict the financial outcome of the 10th Regional Meeting.

It was moved that the next host section present its registration fees to the Steering Committee a year prior to the Regional Meeting so that the committee may have the discretion of changing the fees if they appear to be out of line. The motion carried.

The Steering Committee overwhelmingly urged the UM-Rolla Section to change the date in 1977 to a date more in line with past meetings.

The problems of scheduling papers, and symposium and the effect of attendance at each were discussed.

Future Meetings.

- 1975 SIU Carbondale, October 30-31, Chairman J. H. Hall.
- 1976 KC-UMKC, October 28-29, Chairman J. W. Connolly.
- 1977 UM-Rolla, October 6-8, Chairman S. B. Hanna.  
Dates under reconsideration
- 1978 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.
- 1979 St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted,

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