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SEVENTH YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

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The seventh annual meeting of the Society was held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. on March 4-6, 1968. The President, Dr. John Zapo, called the business meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday and said registration had surpassed all previous meetings. He said Washington offered the attendees an opportunity to see the Nation's Capitol, the White House, many interesting museums and to sample some very fine restaurants. He asked the members to mark their ballots and appointed tellers to tally the results.

The Treasurer, Dr. Roudabush, reported total assets of \$19,036.52 and said expenses were relatively light, due in large part to the volunteer work of officers and committee members. He reminded the members of the importance of paying dues on time and the Council to spend wisely.

The Program Committee accepted 109 papers for presentation at the scientific sessions, a marked increase from 49 in 1962. This was the maximum number that could be fitted into six sessions over a three day period, allowing fifteen minutes for presentation and five minutes for discussion. The Committee advised the Council that as the Society increases in membership, the number of papers would increase and it would therefore be necessary to either have more concurrent sessions, extend the meeting days, or reduce the limit for each paper. The Committee arranged a jointly sponsored symposium between the American College of Veterinary Toxicology and the Society of Toxicology on "Toxicological Problems in Animals of Economic Importance" for Wednesday afternoon, March 6, 1968.

The Membership Committee received 47 applications and accepted 33. The reasons for non-acceptance were essentially the same as in previous years-lack of original publications and primary interest not in toxicology. The distribution by affiliation was: academia 14, industry 8, government 11. The percentage accepted (70%) was considerably higher than the 59% accepted in 1967. This was probably due to greater weight being given to those having "continued professional interest in the field of toxicology" and acting favorably on those "generally recognized as expert in some phase of toxicology."

The Board of Publications, chaired by Dr. Frank Blood, reviewed its policy on advertising in *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology* and prepared an editorial depicting the types of advertising that would be acceptable in the Journal. It also sent a letter to Mr. Jacoby, Vice-President, Academic Press, describing the types of advertising that would be acceptable to the Society and the Board of Publications. Included was a list of potential advertisers and a statement prepared by the Society's lawyer, Mr. William E. Hays, on limitations on its use. The Editor of the Journal, Dr. Dearborn, accepted 90 of 123 manuscripts, or about 73 percent.

The *ad hoc* Committee on Toxicology Terminology made considerable progress in developing areas that should be included in the MEDLARS systems, establishing a level of specificity needed to improve information retrieval, providing synonyms and related terms and keeping abreast of MEDLARS nomenclature and vocabulary. The Committee devoted considerable time to assisting, developing, and issuing a second pilot study of the Toxicity Bibliography, which it

believed was considerably improved over the first pilot edition. It was recommended that it be issued regularly on a quarterly basis.

A change was proposed in Article 3 of the Constitution that would allow “persons who are generally recognized as experts in some phase of toxicology” to be eligible for membership. This set off a rather lengthy debate on the word “generally” claiming it to be too vague. However, a motion to delete it did not carry.

Changes in the By-Laws involved the time when newly elected officers and members of committees would begin their term of office. It was proposed to change this from July to May 1 (Article First, Section 7). Another proposal would change the date from six months prior to the annual meeting to September 1, when the name of either class of membership could be submitted to the Secretary. (Article Second, Section 1). A third proposal was to change the election procedure by sending the names of the candidates to the members by November 1, and allowing thirty days for comment. Final approval would be by majority vote of Council before February 1. The reason for this was the time consumed at the business meeting in counting ballots and few of the members really knew very much about the candidates since the background information was in the hands of the Membership Committee. All the proposed changes in the By-laws were approved.

The Awards Committee reviewed a number of nominations and unanimously selected Professor R. Tecwyn Williams of St. Mary’s Hospital, London, England, to receive the Merit Award and Dr. Allan H. Conney to receive the Achievement Award. Presentations were made at the banquet on Tuesday evening, March 5, and at which time the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, United States Senator from Maine, was the speaker. The Society was again very grateful to the companies who sponsored the social hour and provided the wine for the banquet.