

**Minutes of the Meeting of the HIST Executive Committee**  
**Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, Washington D.C. Aug. 24, 1992**

Committee members present: Ben Chastain(Chair); Jeffrey L. Sturchio; William B. Jensen; Harold Goldwhite; Martin D. Salzman; Mary Virginia Orna; James J. Bohning.

Guests: Ann Higgins (Belmont Center); O. Ted Benfey.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a. m.

**Action and Discussion Items**

1. Minutes of the meeting of April 5, 1992 were approved.
2. The Agenda was adopted.
3. W. Jensen raised a number of questions about the nomination of officers for the Division, as it has been difficult to find candidates for the Chair's position, particularly. It was agreed that Affiliate Members cannot be officers of the Division. The possibility of changing the By-Laws to give the Chair a two year term was discussed. It was agreed that the slate of nominees should preferably be presented to the Executive Committee at the Spring Meeting, rather than the Fall Meeting.
4. The Committee agreed to use extra pages of the Meeting Abstracts as a Newsletter. The Slate of nominees for Division Officers should be printed in the Fall Abstracts. The Call for Nominations and the results of the previous year's elections should be published in the Spring Abstracts. If the abstracts are to be used for other Division news there will be a need for an Editor, and for subjects. The proceedings of the Summer 1992 Woodrow Wilson Institute were suggested as a possible article.
5. The slate of Paul Jones and Truman Schwartz for President -Elect was approved.
6. W. Jensen was congratulated on the Faraday double issue of the Bulletin. Publication schedule is 1 issue behind schedule. The Bulletin Editor needs help, and it was suggested that some aspects of the task be assigned to others. W. Jensen will explore with J. Bohning the possibility of collaborating with the Chemical Heritage Foundation on the production of the Bulletin.
7. The Executive Committee decided not to develop a special Division program for the 1997 Chemical Congress of North America, to be held in Mexico City, on the major topic of bio-diversity.
8. It was agreed to approach, in order, Ned Heindel and Natalie Foster as possible Division nominees for Representative to the Joint Board-Council Committee on Science.
9. The Division and the Chemical Heritage Foundation have reached agreement on the division of costs for the shared booth at National Meetings; HIST will pay for 20% of the booth; CHF will pay for 80% plus all shipping costs.
10. The Executive Committee agreed to support the ACS program giving one year's free membership in a Division of their choice to all new ACS members.

## **Reports**

1. Divisional Officers Caucus (Sturchio). Poster presentations at meetings bring revenue to Divisions, and should be encouraged. There will be a Pacific Chemical Congress from Dec. 17-22, 1995, in Honolulu. Programs need to be developed to have participants from at least three countries. The ACS-CHF History of Modern Chemical Sciences will debut in 1993 with a volume on Nobel Laureates in Chemistry. A collection of R. B. Woodward's papers will follow.
2. National Historic Chemical Landmarks (Sturchio; Higgins). The Advisory Committee has been established and has met. A Draft of the Program Guidelines will be distributed for comments. The group is beginning a list of potential designated sites. In discussion it was mentioned that sites might be recognized during National Meetings, and should be discussed in Division programs.
3. In discussions on fiscal matters it was clarified that for Councilors, while ACS pays for one National Meeting attendance, the Division should reimburse for the other meeting. The Division has no standard arrangement with ACS books for a share of the royalties from books developed from symposia sponsored by the Division. It was agreed that the Division's share of royalties should be 50%. The Denver symposium on coordination chemistry has received support of \$2000 from PRF and \$1000 from the Division of Chemical Education.
4. The Program Chair and the Councilor distributed written reports (attached).

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a. m.

**REPORT OF THE PROGRAM CHAIR  
Martin D. Saltzman**

**Executive Committee Meeting:  
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**204th National Meeting: Washington, August 1992**

For this meeting we will have 8 general papers as well as the Dexter Award and the Woodward Symposium. There will be a reception after the symposium jointly hosted by HIST and BCHOC.

**205th National Meeting: Denver, March, 1993**

General papers and a multi-session symposium to commemorate the Werner centennial organized by George Kauffman (co-sponsored with INORG) ~~and~~ CHED.

**206th National Meeting: Chicago, August, 1993**

General Papers  
Dexter Award

Ingold Symposium: Derek Davenport And Martin Saltzman  
organizers (co-sponsored with ORG).

**207th National Meeting: San Diego, March, 1994**  
General Papers

**208th National Meeting: Washington, August, 1994**  
General Papers  
Dexter Award

**209th and 210th National Meetings-1995**

Noble gas centennial: Derek Davenport organizer  
HIST Diamond Jubilee

As program chair I am concerned about the quality and quantity of the general papers and the lack of any symposia for 1994. We need to interest more members in presenting papers and organizing symposia.

Report to the Members of the Division of the History of Chemistry  
from  
Mary Virginia Orna, HIST Councilor  
on the  
ACS Council Meeting  
Washington, DC  
August 26, 1992

1. A resolution was presented in memory of recently deceased John C. Bailar, Jr.
2. Elections were held for the following committees:
  - Committee on Committees. Elected were Dean W. Cooke, Merle I. Eiss, Madeleine M. Joullie, Charles P. Rader and Kent J. Voorhees
  - Council Policy Committee. Elected were Maureen G. Chan, Tomlinson Fort, Eli M. Pearce and Elliot S. Pierce
  - Committee on Nominations and Elections. Elected were Ronald Archer, Michael Doyle, Lydia Hines, John Massingill, Jr. and John B. Sharkey
3. President Eliel reported on policies to facilitate a year's study abroad for undergraduate chemistry majors and employment aids to local and regional meetings.
4. President-Elect Free reported on plans for the Presidential Plenary sessions to be held at the Denver and Chicago meetings in 1993. The former will feature a health fair, and the latter will highlight Chicago-area industry with a reception at the Museum of Science and Industry.
5. Past-President Heininger reported on changes in ACS under his leadership. Included were remarks about increased leadership in the world science community, moves to better serve the needs of industrial ACS members, thrusts towards global marketing, and the long-term management of the ACS' multiple publications activities.
6. Chairman of the Board Dixon reported in the progress of the Dialog suit, which is in a slowdown mode and unlikely to resolve policy differences in the near future, the employment of Jerome and Isabella Karle as consultants to the Smithsonian exhibit, "Science in American Life," the statistics on the professional employment of chemists.
7. The outstanding Divisions for 1991 were announced: POLY (large); Biochemical Technology (medium); NUCL and FLUO (tied for small).
8. The Council voted to set the ACS meetings registration fee for 1993 at \$165.00.
9. Other reports by committees followed and the meeting adjourned by 12 noon.

Additional comments: It seems that some of the industrial exhibits prepared by the Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry would be well received by Helen Free as she prepares for the Presidential Plenary for Chicago. In addition, I have been serving as an Associate Member of the Meetings and Expositions Committee of the ACS. It is my belief that Councilors can be most effective when serving on ACS committees, and I plan to try to retain my involvement in this structure in order to promote HIST interests throughout the ACS.