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The Business Meeting was called to order at 1635; 75 members were present. President J. H. Carpenter expressed appreciation to the University of Washington for use of its splendid facilities and the cordial hospitality extended to the membership. He gave thanks to C. J. Lorenzen and B. Frost, and to other members of the local committee, for their assistance in coordinating the program and expressed particular gratitude to Vice-President E. S. Deevey and Secretary G. W. Saunders for their role in programming one of the largest ASLO meetings to date.

President Carpenter announced that the minutes of the Board Meeting held in Salt Lake City during June 1973 and the Proceedings of the 36th Annual Meeting had been approved by the Board of Directors. He continued with a discussion of his participation in meetings called by Dr. H. Guyford Stever, National Science Foundation, which included some 25 representatives from the approximately 160 scientific societies in the U.S., and directed toward evolution of a national science policy. The emphasis during these two meetings was placed on energy and technology. President Carpenter commented that there is an opportunity for learned scientific societies to assist in the development of a national science policy. He noted the board's recommendation to form a study committee that would seek opportunity to provide input to the federal government and agencies that could benefit from such contact.

Dr. Carpenter briefly summarized a meeting with officers of the American Institute of Biological Sciences and the presidents of other organizations that are or have been affiliated with AIBS. He noted that AIBS is proposing to reorganize its governing board to include the presidents of affiliated societies to realize more effective input, and that AIBS hopes to become the representative for the biological sciences in the Washington milieu. President Carpenter reiterated the Board's recommendation that ASLO remain unaffiliated with AIBS but retain a cooperative stance toward its program and objectives. He indicated the Board agreed to assist in the AIBS membership drive by providing ASLO members with membership information.

The Secretary's Report was presented by Acting Secretary G. H. Lauff in the absence of G. W. Saunders. Total membership as of 1 June 1974 was 3,123 including 42 associate and 29 emeritus members. Since 1 June 1973, 498 new members have been reported. Members dropped for nonpayment of dues were 180, and 300 are presently in suspension. Nonmember subscriptions to the Journal were 1,770, an increase of 107. The following deaths have been recorded: Mary Belle Allen, William Clarke, Gene Coslett, Robert H. Kramer, Willard N. Rosine, Homer S. Swingle, Fukuzo Uyeno, Kent Wilson, and Mildred S. Wilson.

The Second International Estuarine Research Conference at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in October 1973, was cosponsored with the Estuarine Research Association.

Requests for information concerning careers in aquatic and environmental science have continued at a high level, approximately 1,000 inquiries during this past year.

Treasurer A. M. Beeton presented his report. He stated the Society continues to be in good financial condition. He noted an increase in the Society's equity during the past year and commented on other facets of the financial report. He indicated that a new contract would be negotiated with Allen Press beginning in 1975 and offered the proposed budget for the coming year. Discussion of the report touched on the adequacy of the proposed budget increase and means of reducing printing costs. In view of the substantial inventories of the Special Symposium Volume and the Redfield Volume, a sales promotion was suggested, including possible use of the symposium volume as a text. Treasurer Beeton was requested to seek the Board's approval for a special rate.

Following the discussion of the Treasurer's Report, President Carpenter noted that the Board had approved the 1975 budget as proposed. Further, he announced that the Board had approved by mail the expenditure of up to \$4,200 for reprinting selected back numbers of the Journal and had more recently authorized expenditure up to \$4,000 for additional reprinting. He also advised the membership that the Board had recommended a new policy regarding nonreceipt of the Journal overseas. Overseas surface delivery would be at the member's or subscriber's risk with an air mail guaranteed delivery option being available. The cost of air mail would be about \$15 per year.

The Editor's Report was presented by Dr. Yvette Edmondson. She discussed the problems of achiev-

ing scheduled publication of the Journal and noted that most of the difficulty now lay with the Press and its commitments. These are being resolved, however. Approximately half of the manuscripts submitted to the Journal are accepted for publication. There is only a modest back-log. She noted that following comments at the Salt Lake City meeting the editorial policy had been revised somewhat and that theoretical papers have been accepted beginning with the January 1974 issue. These and other deliberations have resulted in clearer statements from some referees regarding their opinions and recommendations for Journal content.

President Carpenter presented some of the discussions that ensued at the Board Meeting, noting that there was not great sympathy for the establishment of page charges and that other options for defraying increasing costs might eventually be necessary. Further, recognition of the efficiency of membership promotion through the availability of application blanks in the Journal prompted the Board to recommend that this practice be continued; blanks are to appear in alternate numbers.

The Teller's Report as presented by F. A. Cross and D. H. Hamilton was presented by President Carpenter. Results of the annual election follow: Vice-President, R. C. Dugdale; Member-at-Large, Trevor Platt; Editorial Board, E. D. Goldberg, A. J. Horne, C. H. Mortimer, and John Sieburth. Officers of the Pacific Section for 1974-1975 are: President, E. B. Welch; Vice-President, John Tyler; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Cushing; Member-at-Large, W. G. Pearcy.

President Carpenter announced that Yvette Edmondson had been appointed for a third 3-year term as Editor effective January 1974. The membership applauded the appointment in view of the very significant service that Dr. Edmondson is rendering to the organization. Other appointments included W. O. Forster to the American National Standards Institute Committee on Nonradiological Environmental Effects.

In summarizing Old Business, President Carpenter commented on the status of the proposed symposium dealing with stream channelization and noted that the Board had directed that up to \$500 be available for a planning workshop tentatively scheduled for spring 1975. The Board also recommended that any further deliberations with summarization of the Report of the Presentation Improvement Committee be dropped. President Carpenter acknowledged the Board's recommendation of R. Ragotzkie as nominee for Section W (Atmospheric and Hydrospheric Sciences) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science with E. D. Goldberg as alternate. The Board still feels there is a need for a brochure on careers and training in limnology and expects to continue efforts toward that end. Dr. Carpenter suggested that a workshop might be considered and asked for volunteers to work on the proposed brochure.

The Board recommended that G. Evelyn Hutchinson be the Society's nominee for the National Medal of Science and approved joint sponsorship with the Ecological Society of America.

Discussion of New Business focused on the increasing size of the annual meeting and the problems resulting therein, particularly restriction of sites available and problems of coordinating and managing large meetings. The Board favored truncation in program over unlimited growth. President Carpenter noted that ASLO had in recent years evolved from a 3-day program to a 4-day program with concurrent sessions numbering as high as six. While this was perhaps abnormal owing to the current meeting with the Pacific Section, the trend toward larger meetings is evident. He summarized the Board's recommendation regarding a 4-day meeting with no more than four concurrent sessions, to yield a total of 32 half-day sessions. The composition of the program would be built around preselected subjects and contributed papers to give the opportunity for a reasonable coverage of the interests of the membership. It would also permit the host institution to develop a program with a specific flavor related to its own expertise and specific site. President Carpenter noted that the Board had charged the Vice-President, working in concert with the 1975 Program Committee, to develop a general policy statement regarding selection of papers, and to implement it. Further, the group would be charged with a follow-up report of specific recommendations. This action would require that the Call for Papers be distributed somewhat earlier and would probably include a listing of selected topics to which contributed papers may be submitted, as well as open sessions.

The 1975 Annual Meeting will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 23-26 June, and will be hosted by Dalhousie University and the Bedford Institute. A special meeting will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Section and the Aquatic Ecology Section of the Ecological Society of America 17-22 August at Corvallis, Oregon, at the time of the AIBS meeting. The Board is favorably disposed toward another special symposium possibly in fall 1975, focusing on coastal zone research with specific emphasis on the New York Bight. ASLO would coordinate this symposium in collaboration with a number of agencies including NOAA, EPA, and AEC.

Other deliberations of the Board were briefly presented by President Carpenter, including consideration of a Directory revision, recommendations for the Nominating Committee, and authorization to assess postage on orders for back issues. Input was also sought from the membership concerning the identification of earth science areas of particular concern to limnologists. This information is being solicited by the Earth Sciences Section of the National Research Council.