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Annual Meeting

The 40th Annual Meeting of N.A.R.S.T. started on schedule although the winter storm of Thursday evening had caused travel problems for many members. It takes real devotion to be deposited in St. Louis or Louisville, etc. and then travel all night by bus or train to make a convention meeting. There was considerable talk that perhaps we should have our meeting where the probability of warmer weather would be higher than Chicago. You will notice that there is a tear-off section in this newsletter which gives you an opportunity to indicate your preference for a site for the 1969 meeting.

There were 257 individuals registered for the meeting and all sessions were well attended. One hundred and sixteen (116) members attended the luncheon. The quality of our programs can be increased by your contributions and suggestions. The program committee for 1968 is composed of Joseph Novak, chairman, David Butts, Richard Harbeck, Frank Sutman, Robert Yager, and Stephen Winter.

Officers for 1967-68 are as follows: President, John M. Mason; President Elect, Joseph D. Novak, Secretary-Treasurer, T. Wayne Taylor; Immediate Past President, H. Craig Sipe; Research Coordinator, Robert Howe; Board Members-at-Large, Willard J. Jacobson and David P. Butts.

QUESTIONNAIRE

MEETING SITE FOR 42nd ANNUAL MEETING OF N.A.R.S.T. - 1969

Please indicate first choice by placing the number 1 in the box designated for a particular site; for second choice the number 2; and the number 3 for third choice.

Atlantic City - alone*

Chicago with AACTE

New York - alone

San Francisco with AERA

Washington, D. C. - alone

Other

*Alone - not with any other national association.

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The following actions were taken by the Executive Board.

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Commendations were extended to Immediate Past President H. Craig Sipe for his leadership and accomplishments during his term as President of the Association.

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The motion passed to hold the 41st Annual Meeting of N.A.R.S.T. in Chicago, February 9-11, 1968, at the Pick-Congress Hotel.

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The motion passed that the registration fee for the 41st Annual meeting would be \$3.00 for members and that there would be no fee for Graduate Students.

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The motion passed to continue the arrangement with AETS whereby that organization is permitted a \$6.00 Journal rate for the current contract with John Wiley. A motion was also passed that a charge of \$5.00 per page be made for permission to reprint articles from the Journal. The continued contract with John Wiley for the publication of the Journal was also officially renewed.

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Several actions were made relative to appointments to committees and to the length of terms of appointees and of certain elected officers. With respect to the actions taken, the following comments seem appropriate.

The Executive Board has been concerned for several years with the problems inherent in committee appointments and the length of terms for certain elected offices. There has been the feeling that (1) it is advisable to have continuity on committees and in certain offices and that (2) some turnover should be expected in the appointments. The organization faces a real problem of leadership development in the sense of affording a number of individuals an opportunity to learn about problems and traditions of the association. Individuals who serve the association need the assurance of the length of appointments to help them plan effectively. These problems are difficult to resolve since the By-Laws state that "The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint all standing and special committees." Furthermore, committees ". . . shall be considered automatically discharged at the close of the Annual meeting next following appointment, unless . . ." Recognizing the above limitations, the Board made the following recommendations and/or resolutions and trust that they may be interpreted as a positive attempt to point to action that could provide effective continuity in the activities of the association.

1. The recommendation was passed that Editorial Advisory Board appointments be set up for 3 year periods with one-third new replacements appointed each year.
2. The resolution was passed that a review of the appointment of the Editor of the Journal for Research in Science Teaching should be taken at 5 year intervals.
3. The recommendation was passed that the NARST-AAAS Cooperative Committee representative be invited to serve for a period not to exceed three years and that incoming presidents honor this arrangement.
4. The recommendation was passed that the AAAS Council representative be invited to serve for a period not to exceed three years and that incoming presidents honor this arrangement.
5. The resolution was accepted unanimously that it is the opinion of the Executive Board that the Secretary-Treasurer nominations include at least 2 names every 3 years.
6. The resolution was accepted unanimously that it is the opinion of the Executive Board that the Research Coordinator nominations include at least 2 names every 3 years.

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In other action, The Board established a budget for the coming year and a motion was passed that a questionnaire be sent to the membership soliciting their interest in a meeting site for 1969. In view of this directive, you are asked to complete and return the questionnaire which is attached to this Newsletter.

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Appointments to the Editorial Advisory Board

The following members have accepted appointments to the Editorial Advisory Board. The tenure of each individual, as recommended by the Executive Board, is cited. The selections were made by lot for determination of length of initial appointment.

Dr. David Butts, 1 year
Dr. Lloyd K. Johnson, 1 year
Dr. Stanley E. Williamson, 1 year
Dr. Eugene C. Lee, 2 years
Dr. Milton O. Pella, 2 years
Dr. Stephen Winter, 3 years
Dr. Robert E. Yager, 3 years
Dr. Glenn Crumb, 3 years
Dr. James E. Robinson, 2 years

In addition to these appointed members, the Editor, Dr. Craig Sipe, Associate Editor, Dr. Sidney Rosen, and Mr. Joseph F. Jordan, Wiley representative, are members of the Board.

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It is a pleasure to announce that Dr. John J. Montean has accepted the responsibility of serving as the N.A.R.S.T. representative on the A.A.A.S. Council for a three year period.

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Nomination Committee

The nominating committee for 1967-68 is chaired by N. Eldred Bingham, Professor of Science Education, Norman Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 32603. Other members of the committee are Cyrus W. Barnes, New York University, John F. Cunningham, Mansfield Public Schools, James A. Rutledge, University of Nebraska, and Frank X. Sutman, Temple University.

This committee's slate of officers will be announced in the Fall Newsletter. The Committee welcomes suggestions from the membership. Suggestions should be addressed to Dr. Bingham. As a matter of information, the By-Laws state that "... Nominations may also be made by petition of ten (10) members which shall be in the hands of the Secretary three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting ..."

Ballots will be mailed to all members eligible to vote two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting. Results are announced at the Annual Meeting.

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News Items

This editor feels that the membership enjoys hearing of the individual activities of their colleagues and that the Newsletter is enhanced by such information. His idea to collect such information at the 40th Annual Meeting through the distribution of an information sheet was a complete failure: two members returned the information sheet.

Dr. Glenn Berkheimer, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, is directing a try-out center in the Lansing, Michigan area for the Science Curriculum Improvement Study materials.

Dr. Henry Gould, Professor, State University College, Brockport, New York, is the coordinator of a conference on international relations in education co-sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa and State University College at Brockport. The theme of the conference is "Facts and Fallacies in International Education" and will be held at Brockport on May 19, 20, 21. Dr. Gould has an article "Improving the Teaching of Science In An American School in Brazil" in Science Education, May, 1967.

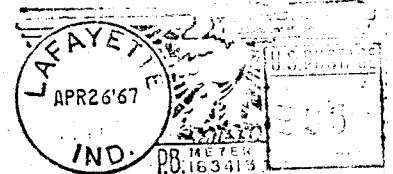
Dr. Leon A. McDermott has been appointed Chairman of the Physics Department at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Frank X. Sutman, Professor Science Education, Temple University has been directing an N.S.F. supported AYI program and also an In-service Institute for Biology and Chemistry Teachers. Frank is a consultant for USOE Experienced Teacher Fellowship Program. His research in progress includes a study of BSCS Biology as a basis for developing test questions for process rather than content.

Dr. W. C. Van Deventer, Professor of Biology, Western Michigan University handles teacher education in the Biology Department. Emphasis is placed on BSCS secondary biology and junior high school general science. Van serves as the counselor for individuals with a secondary minor or major in biology. Dr. Van Deventer is Chairman of the subcommittee for the development and testing of materials for interdisciplinary junior high school general science for the Michigan Science Curriculum Committee under the Michigan Department of Education. Van travelled in Germany and Great Britain during summer of 1966.

Ralph K. Watkins, Professor Emeritus of Education and a past president of N.A.R.S.T. represented the Association at the inauguration of Dr. Weaver as the fourteenth President of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

It is hoped that we may have many news items for the next Newsletter and you are encouraged to forward news items to Dr. David P. Butts, Associate Professor Science Education, 411 Sutton Hall, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712 for inclusion in the Fall Newsletter.



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NEWSLETTER RELEASE

The following action was taken by the Executive Board on February 23 or February 26, 1967 as indicated in the enclosed minutes. It was indicated that some of the actions should be included in the Spring Newsletter so will you review the following for corrections, comments, or deletions. May I have your reactions as soon as possible in order to complete the copy for the newsletter?

The Executive Board has been concerned for several years with the problems inherent in committee appointments and the length of terms for certain elected offices. There has been the feeling that it is advisable to have continuity on committees and in certain offices, but that an effort should be made to clarify the length of service that might be involved for the understanding of individuals that accepted responsibilities and for the membership in general. This problem is difficult to resolve since the By-Laws state that "The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint all standing and special committees." Furthermore, committees " . . . shall be considered automatically discharged at the close of the Annual meeting next following appointment, unless"

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P.S. Pardon the typing-