

NARST

NEWSLETTER

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The 35th Annual Convention of the N.A.R.S.T. will meet in the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., on February 20-23, 1963. The program includes selected reports of doctoral research and other papers of significance to research in science teaching. N.A.R.S.T. meets jointly with the Council of Elementary Science International (C.E.S.I.), who provide the program session on Saturday morning. Special provision has been made for committee meetings as may be called by the chairmen of the several committees.

The theme of the Convention is BETTER MEASUREMENT FOR BETTER RESEARCH. In keeping with the interest expressed at former meetings, a session has been provided at which specific plans for research will be presented, with time provided for general discussion. A full session on scientific inquiry is included; also a paper on cooperative research and one on a model for structuring classroom learning situations to yield specific data. A symposium on supervision is also included.

Certain amendments to the constitution concerning elections and relations with industry will come up for action. These are stated below, in keeping with the constitutional provision for announcement of proposed amendments in advance of the meeting at which they are considered.

Concerning the new JOURNAL of RESEARCH in SCIENCE TEACHING, the Executive Committee reports:

The Interscience-Wiley draft of an Agreement to publish the new Journal for NARST was received about September 1st. Between that date and December 5th, the Executive Committee carried on a careful review of the document. The Agreement was duplicated and sent to all members of the Executive Committee. They were requested to propose changes desired from the Associations' point of view.

The proposals were tabulated and on the basis of their results a new draft of the Agreement was produced incorporating the NARST position on various sections. Next, copies of the Wiley draft and the new draft of the agreement were sent to the Executive Committee for review and further reaction. Finally, outside counsel was sought on the two drafts and in the light of this one or two minor changes were made.

The two drafts were then sent to an NARST member who is the editor of another science education magazine for final scrutiny. About November 20th the original draft and a copy of the NARST draft were sent to Interscience-Wiley with a request that a conference date be established for consideration of points of difference.

On December 6th the following persons met at the New York offices of Interscience-Wiley:

- Dr. Proskauer, representing the publisher
- Mr. Seiler, representing the publisher
- Dr. Obourn, representing the NARST Executive Committee
- Dr. Barnes, representing the NARST Executive Committee
- Dr. Fitzpatrick, representing the AETS

Dr. Martin, representing the NARST Publications Committee
Dr. Novak, representing the NARST Executive Committee
Dr. Marshall, representing the NARST Editorial Board
Dr. Maillinson, representing the Membership
Dr. Schwab, representing the Membership

At this conference minor points of disagreement were negotiated and the wording of a final agreement was settled.

"It is now the hope of the Executive Committee that before the Annual Meeting the signing of the final agreement with Wiley & Sons will be consummated. This has been an arduous task. We have been at it for more than six months. At this moment the Association and the Publishers are very close together. Only a few changes need to be made in the Agreement document to insure that the full interests of the Association are fully protected and that the Publishers' concerns are equally protected."

"The Executive Committee has examined and criticised three revisions of the Agreement since September 1st. It is our present hope that the few remaining changes can be made quickly and easily. If the final agreement has been consummated by the time of the Annual Meeting the full text will be presented to the Association and copies of the Agreement will be available for closer examination."

Research in the Teaching of Science July 1957-July 1959, OE-29000-59, Bulletin 1962, No. 3 was published in the late fall. If you have not received a copy, pick one up at the N.A.R.S.T. meeting. All contributors to this publication are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The report for the 1959-1961 biennium is currently on its way through the editorial channels at the U.S.O.E. Material for the publication covering 1961-1963 is being collected. To date a surprisingly limited number of abstracts have been received. The entire membership has an opportunity to cooperate by seeking out research that has been completed at each member's institution or privately since July 1961. Information should be communicated to Dr. Lloyd K. Johnson, U.S.O.E. Abstract blanks will then be forwarded to the investigators.

DR. HERBERT A. SMITH, Pennsylvania State University, has been asked by the AAAS Commission of Science Instruction to prepare a review of research in science education which is related to the development of course-content materials for elementary and junior high school science.

DR. ROBERT A. BULLINGTON has returned to his position as Professor of Biology at Northern Illinois University after two years in S.E. Asia and Africa with the Agency for International Development.

DR. ELLIS HAWORTH has retired after 40 years of service with the District of Columbia Public Schools, the last 26 of which were as Professor of Chemistry and Science Education in the D. C. Teachers College.

DR. JOSEPH D. NOVAK was recently elected Second Vice-President of the National Association of Biology Teachers. He is also Vice-President of the Association of Midwest College Biology Teachers.

DR. MILTON O. PELLA has recently resumed his duties at the University of Wisconsin after completing an assignment in Turkey.

DR. EARL R. GLENN, charter member of N.A.R.S.T., passed away on August 7, 1962.

On December 4, 1962, Drs. Obourn, Novak, Barnes, Marshall, Fitzpatrick, Martin, and Mallinson met with Mr. Kenneth Anderson, Executive Vice-President of the Scientific Apparatus Manufacturers Association, and Mr. Jim Irving, Executive Secretary of SAMA Laboratory Equipment Section, to re-evaluate the financing of N.A.R.S.T. After discussing several possible approaches, it was decided that a campaign would be started to promote the concept of patron memberships at \$100 per company membership. With Mr. Irving as the coordinating person, the SAMA Laboratory Equipment Section has had letters prepared for mailing to the top executives of approximately 300 companies in fields related to science education, and supplied postage and envelopes for the mailing. Possibilities of using this same basic approach to other trade association groups are being explored at the present time.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution:

Sec., 1, B -- to insert paragraph 3:

A person, corporation, or institution interested in furthering research in Science Education, upon agreeing to contribute one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more per annum to the Association, may be designated a Sustaining Member by the Executive Board.

Sec. 2 -- to add

"The dues of a Sustaining Member shall be at least \$100.00 per annum."

Sec. 3, b -- Election of Officers. Replace entire first sentence:

"At the regular Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three to prepare mail ballots for electing officers, including members of the Executive Board, with two or more nominees for each office. Ballots shall be mailed by the Secretary to all voting members by the first of October of that year, to be returned by the first of November. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting."

Self-addressed cards for hotel reservations at the Convention hotel are enclosed:

The Willard Hotel
Pennsylvania Ave. at 14th St. N.W.
Washington 4, D. C.

SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 20 - 23.