



NARST

Newsletter

NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN SCIENCE TEACHING

Spring '69

The National Association for Research in Science Teaching held its annual meeting at The Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena, California February 6-9, 1969. One Joint NARST-AERA Symposium was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Fifty-five research papers were presented. There were two invited papers, two research seminars, and one general seminar on evaluation.

This convention was NARST's first meeting west of the Rockies. There was a registered attendance in the neighborhood of 200. We look forward to an even bigger meeting next year in Minneapolis. Our next meeting will be held March 5-8, 1970. Reserve the dates.

ELECTION

The following are the new officers of the Association:

President -- Dr. Willard J. Jacobson
Teachers College
Columbia University
New York, New York 10027

President-elect -- Dr. Paul Hurd
School of Education
Stanford University
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Secretary-Treasurer -- Dr. T. Wayne Taylor
Science and Mathematics Teaching Center
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Immediate Past President -- Dr. Joseph D. Novak
Department of Education
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Research Coordinator -- Dr. Robert W. Howe
Department of Science Education
Ohio State University
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262 Ritter Hall
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122

Dr. J. David Lockard
Science Teaching Center
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following members have been appointed to the nominating committee:

Nathan Washton - Chairman
Vaden Miles
Clarence Boeck

Members who wish to suggest nominees should send their suggestions and supporting statements to:

Dr. Nathan Washton
Queens College of the City University of New York
Flushing, New York

JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN SCIENCE TEACHING

Jim Robinson, editor of the Journal of Research in Science Teaching, reports that he expects the four issues of Volume 6 of the Journal will be mailed regularly at three month intervals according to the following schedule:

Issue 1	March 1, 1969
Issue 2	June 1, 1969
Issue 3	September 1, 1969
Issue 4	December 1, 1969

BY-LAWS REVISION

Bob Yager is heading a committee that is taking a look at the By-Laws of our organization. Among the proposed changes that are being contemplated are the enlargement of the Executive Board and a more detailed description of the duties of various officers. The report of the committee will be voted on at our next business meeting in Minneapolis.

NEWSLETTERS

The Association is planning to send out three NARST Newsletters during this coming year.

1. Spring Newsletter reporting on annual meeting and other news of the organization. Editor: Willard J. Jacobson
2. Fall Newsletter reporting news of member activities. Editor: Frank Sutman
3. Winter Newsletter giving plans for annual meeting. Editor: Paul Hurd

Enclosed in this mailing is a form for reporting on your activities. Fill this out and return it to Frank Sutman. Others are interested in what you are doing.

SCIENCE EDUCATION

The journal Science Education has been purchased by John Wiley & Sons Inc. The Executive Board of NARST expressed its hope that Science Education could continue as an important publication organ in the field of science education. The Board stated that it would cooperate in any way that it could to make the journal available to NARST members.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in NARST is now approaching 700. It is the hope of the Executive Board that this can be increased in the near future to 1000. A large membership would make it possible for us to carry out a more effective program stimulating and supporting science education research. To stimulate the enrollment of new members, the Executive Board and the President have taken several actions. The success of these actions depends largely upon your cooperation.

Enclosed in this mailing are application blanks for regular and associated membership. Pass these on to students and colleagues whom you think should be members. If you need more application forms, they can be obtained from our Secretary-Treasurer. You can also have them duplicated. We also expect to include blank application forms in JRST.

A member of the Executive Board, J. David Lockard, has agreed to spearhead our membership drive.

Robert Buell of the University of Toledo has agreed to lead a drive to enroll more Patron Members. Individuals, corporations and institutions support science education research and the many activities of NARST by contributing \$100 or more per annum. Bob would appreciate receiving names of potential patron members and general suggestions as to how the number of patron members can be increased.

The Executive Board has delegated to the Secretary-Treasurer the authority to confer membership upon any applicant having a completed doctorate in science education. This action streamlines our procedure. Only completion of an application form is necessary for Associate Membership.

MEMBER SERVICES

The Executive Board has taken action to provide more services for members. In dollar value, these services will exceed by far the membership dues. To provide these services, we are being assisted by several members and organizations.

As is described elsewhere in this Newsletter, we expect that you will be receiving regularly your copies of the Journal of Research in Science Teaching. For this we are indebted to Jim Robinson, Sid Rosen and the Associate Editors.

Marvin Druger has been asked to continue the NARST placement service. This has been of great service to both those seeking employment and those wishing to fill positions.

Through the efforts of our Research Coordinator, Bob Howe, members will be sent bibliographies of published and unpublished science education studies as well as other materials. Members attending the Pasadena meeting received a volume containing abstracts of papers presented at the meeting. We hope that this service can be continued.

We hope that NARST can be a channel for efforts to obtain greater support for science education research. It is noteworthy that an ERIC Center has been set up for science education, and this, in part, is due to the influence of NARST. We expect to continue such efforts.

NEWS NOTES

Warren M. Davis, who is Superintendent of the Union County Regional High School District in Springfield, N.J., has been re-elected secretary of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Paul G. Koutnik is now science education specialist with the Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL). He is working on program development in 10th grade biology.

Verne Troxel is Assistant Professor of Science Education at Miami University. He has published a study entitled, "Analysis of Instructional Outcomes of Students Involved with Three Courses in High School Chemistry". This was USOE Project No. 078125.

Nathan S. Washton has developed and is inaugurating a new program for preparing teacher trainers in science education. Classroom science teachers are appointed to the Queens College faculty. They meet on campus for a special seminar and then participate in the training of student teachers.

Kenneth E. Williams is Assistant Professor of Education at Ohio University. He teaches elementary science methods courses at the Zanesville, Belmont County, and Lancaster Campuses.