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## Report of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met at 7:35 p.m. on April 25, 1957, in the Faculty Men's Lounge at Iowa State Teachers College. All members of the board were present except M. L. Grant and P. S. Helmick. President W. F. Loehwing served as chairman.

Reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, Auditing Committee, Editor, and Librarian were accepted. The report of the Finance and Endowment Committee was presented and discussed, but acceptance was delayed pending modification. The board authorized Dr. Don Lewis to continue negotiations on behalf of the Academy with the National Science Foundation and/or other agencies, aimed at the establishment of annual lectureships in the physical and biological sciences, to be arranged and sponsored by the Academy.

There was an intermission at 10:10 p.m. so the board could move to the home of Dr. J. W. Kercheval for the remainder of the meeting.

The board voted to allow the chairman of the Finance Committee, in consultation with the president and secretary-treasurer, to take necessary actions in connection with the Parish bequest.

The board took note of communications from the Legislation and Biological Survey committees. Following a discussion of these committees, the board agreed to recommend to the Academy the adoption of by-laws amendments to discontinue these committees.

The reports of the Conservation, Science Talent Search, and High School Relations committees were accepted. A motion was adopted that the chairman of the High School Relations Committee be authorized to inform the Junior Academy that an amount up to \$200 be available for projects meeting the approval of the committee. The board voted that the honorarium of the Executive Secretary of the Iowa Junior Academy of Science be increased to \$50 per year, effective 1957. A motion that our former policy regarding AAAS grants be readopted was passed. The report of the Membership Committee was accepted.

An informal report of the Science Teaching Committee was presented. The board passed a motion to recommend to the Academy that the by-laws be amended to make the Science Teaching Committee a standing committee. The report of the Secretaryship Committee was approved. A motion was adopted continuing the Editorial Policies Committee and authorizing payment of travel expenses for a meeting of the committee.

The board voted to hold the 1959 Academy meeting at Iowa Wesleyan College, the 1960 meeting at Simpson College, and the 1961 meeting at the State University of Iowa. A motion to have a

one-day Friday meeting in 1958 was adopted. The meeting will be on April 18, 1958, at Drake University.

A motion was approved to recommend to the Academy that the by-laws be amended to discontinue the Library Committee. It was moved and adopted that the Academy should invite the Iowa Junior Academy of Science to have joint annual dinners with the Academy when local facilities permit.

The board took note of a request from the Secretary of the History of Science Committee of the Academy Conference that we appoint a History Committee. A motion that this question be laid on the table was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 a.m., April 26, 1957.

The board recommends that the Academy adopt the following amendments of the by-laws:

1. The first sentence of Article VI to be amended to read: "The committees on conservation, high school relations, science talent search, science teaching, membership, and finance and endowment shall be standing committees."

2. The third sentence of Article VI to be amended to delete the clause: "except that every sixth year two chairmen are to be appointed."

3. Article VII to be deleted from the by-laws and the following articles to be renumbered accordingly.

JEAN L. LAFFOON, *Secretary*

## Report of the Editor

Volume 63 of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* was officially placed in the mail December 6, 1956. Seventeen hundred fifty copies of the 757-page Proceedings were printed.

As in the past few years, the printing was commendably done by the Verstegen Printing and Lithographing Co. of Sioux City, Iowa. Paper was supplied by the State Printing Board of the State of Iowa.

The editor would like to express his appreciation to the staff of the Verstegen firm and the appreciation of the entire Academy to Mr. Sherman W. Needham of the State Printing Board. It is through the cooperation of Mr. Needham that the Academy benefits greatly in receipt of its publication at minimum cost. Grateful acknowledgment of the careful and responsible editorship supplied by the retiring section chairmen is also made. Without this excellent editorial support it seems evident that our high standards of excellence in papers could not be maintained.

Of inestimable value has been the help of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy, Jean L. Laffoon. Without his able assistance, the Proceedings could not have been published.

DAVID G. MOBBERLEY, *Editor*