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Minutes of the 1955 Meeting**

President R. W. Getchell called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m., April 15, 1955, in the auditorium of Lewis Hall at St. Ambrose College. The Rev. John P. Dolan, Dean of Studies of St. Ambrose College, extended a welcome. Special committees were appointed as follows:

Necrology—Cornelius Gouwens, Chairman; J. H. Ennis, H. H. Knight.

Nominating—J. B. Culbertson, Chairman; F. E. Brown, H. G. Hershey.

Resolutions—C. W. Lantz, Chairman; H. S. Doty, P. A. Meglitsch.

The presidential address was delivered by R. W. Getchell on the subject, "Tomorrow's Scientists." The Iowa Science Talent Search winners were presented in a ceremony directed by F. E. Brown.

Section meetings were held in the afternoon of April 15 and in the morning of April 16. The annual dinner was served at 6:00 p.m. on April 15 at the Trinity Episcopal Parish House. Dr. Arthur E. Bestor of the University of Illinois spoke at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium on "Social Science Minus History Equals Disaster."

The business meeting was held in Lewis Hall at 11:15 on April 16. The report of the Executive Committee, including a proposal for an amendment of the by-laws, was adopted. The reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, Auditing Committee, Librarian, and standing committees were accepted. The report of the Committee on Incorporation and the Articles of Incorporation prepared by the committee were adopted.

A proposed constitutional amendment submitted by the 1954 Executive Committee was adopted, amending paragraph 3 of Section 3 to read: "Fellows emeritus may be elected from among those fellows who are 70 or more years in age and who have been members in good standing for a total of 25 years, upon their nomination by the membership committee. The assent of three-fourths of the members present is required for their election."

The following constitutional amendments proposed by the 1954 Finance and Endowment Committee were adopted. Sentence 1 of Section 3 to read: "Sec. 3. *Membership*—The membership of the Academy shall consist of, (1) honorary fellows, (2) fellows emeritus, (3) life fellows, (4) fellows, (5) associates, and (6) student associates." Section 3, add new paragraph before

*Privileges:* "Student associates shall be elected from *bona fide* students in institutions of learning. Their student rating must be vouched for annually by a professor in the department of the institution in which they are enrolled." Section 3, add under *Privileges:* "Student associates shall be entitled to all privileges granted associates." Section 4, *Fees*, third sentence and following to read: "Fellows shall be required to pay an entrance fee of \$2.00, also an annual fee of \$2.00 due at each annual meeting *including* the one at which time he was elected. Any fellow in good standing may become a life fellow by payment of \$50.00 which shall be additional to the entrance fee. Associates shall pay only the \$2.00 annual dues, but on election as fellows are required to pay the \$2.00 entrance fee in addition to the annual fee for that year. Student associates shall pay only \$1.00 for annual dues."

A constitutional amendment proposed by the Committee on Incorporation was adopted, amending Section 1 to read: "This organization shall be known as the Iowa Academy of Science, and be incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa."

The nomination of H. S. Conard to become an honorary fellow of the Academy was read. Dr. Conard was elected an honorary fellow by a unanimous rising vote of the fellows. A copy of the nomination is appended to these minutes.

The report of the Necrology Committee was received. The reports of the Resolutions and Nominating Committees were adopted. The officers elected for 1955-56 were:

President—U. A. Hauber, Davenport.  
 Vice President—W. F. Loehwing, Iowa City.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Jean L. Laffoon, Ames.  
 Editor—David G. Mobberley, Indianola.

President Getchell yielded the chair to the new president, Dr. U. A. Hauber. The following were announced to be the 1955-1956 section chairmen:

Botany—Mrs. Lois H. Tiffany, Ames.  
 Chemistry, Inorganic and Physical—Sister Mary Helene Ven Horst, Davenport.  
 Chemistry, Organic and Biological—Richard L. Hinman, Iowa City.  
 Geology—Leo A. Thomas, Ames.  
 Mathematics—Fred A. Brandner, Ames.  
 Physics—Percy H. Carr, Ames.  
 Psychology—Harold Babb, Cedar Rapids.  
 Zoology—Paul A. Meglitsch, Des Moines.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

JEAN L. LAFFOON, *Secretary*

## Nomination of H. S. Conard for Honorary Fellow

To the Fellows of the Iowa Academy of Science

We, the undersigned, fellows of the Iowa Academy of Science, nominate

### HENRY SHOEMAKER CONARD

to become an honorary fellow of the Academy. Dr. Conard, a fellow of the Academy since 1907, has been an inspiring teacher and a productive scholar for more than half a century. Born in Philadelphia in 1874, he received his B.S. degree from Haverford College in 1894 and his Master's from the same institution in 1895. After four years of teaching he accepted a Harrison Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1901. After serving on the staff of the University of Pennsylvania for five years he became the Johnston scholar at Johns Hopkins, from which position he came to Grinnell College as Professor of Biology in 1906, where he now resides. During this period he was a summer lecturer at the Cold Spring Harbor Biological Station 1909-11, 1927-34, State University of Iowa 1913, Harvard University 1916 and was ranger naturalist in Yellowstone National Park 1924-26. He retired to Emeritus Professor in 1944, and was Visiting Research Professor at the State University from 1944-53. He holds the Sc.D. from Grinnell 1944 and Haverford 1945. He has published many papers in Botany over a wide range of plants and is recognized particularly for his contributions to our knowledge of the mosses.

JOSEPH C. GILMAN

A. L. BAKKE

CHAS. S. REDDY

JOHN E. SASS

WENDELL H. BRAGONIER

H. L. DEAN

R. L. HULBARY

R. M. MUIR

R. F. THORNE

G. W. MARTIN

### Major publications of Dr. H. S. Conard

1905. Waterlilies: a monograph of the genus *Nymphaea*. Carnegie Institution of Washington, Publ. 4.
1907. (with Henri Hus). Waterlilies and how to grow them. Doubleday-Page.
1908. Structure and life history of the hay-scented fern. Carnegie Institution of Washington, Publ. 94.
1911. *Nymphaea*. In Bailey, L. H., Cyclopedia of American Horticulture.
1915. Structure and development of *Secotium agaricoides*. Mycologia. 7: 94-104.
- 1923-51. Grinnell Flora. (later, Plants of Iowa). Editions 1-7.
1932. Plant sociology, by J. Braun-Blanquet. Translated by H. S. Conard, edited by Geo. D. Fuller. McGraw-Hill. (reprinted privately in 1951).
1935. Plant associations of Central Long Island: a study in descriptive plant sociology. Amer. Midland Naturalist. 16: 433-516.
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1945. Atracheata (Bryophyta) of Iowa. The Bryologist. Vol. 48.
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