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Minutes of the 1954 Meeting

The sixty-sixth meeting of the Iowa Academy of Science was called to order by President H. Garland Hershey in the auditorium of Curtiss Hall at Iowa State College at 10:30 a.m., April 30, 1954. The Academy was welcomed to Ames by President James H. Hilton of Iowa State College. The following special committees were appointed:

Necrology—C. S. Gwynne, J. K. Knipp.

Nominating—J. C. Gilman, J. Allen Baker, Roy A. Nelson.

Resolutions—R. L. Hulbary, H. S. Conard, P. S. Helmick.

F. G. Brooks reported on the Boston meeting of the Academy Conference. The presidential address was delivered by H. Garland Hershey on "Present Geological Research on Ground-Water Resources in Iowa."

The high school student winners of the Clinton Foods Science Scholarships were presented certificates in a ceremony directed by F. E. Brown.

Section meetings were held during the afternoon of April 30 and the morning of May 1. The annual dinner was served in Memorial Union at 6:00 p.m. on April 30. Dr. José C. M. Carvalho spoke at 8:00 p.m. in Curtiss Hall on "Zoological explorations on the Amazon." Coffee was served by the wives of Ames members after the address.

The business meeting was held in Curtiss Hall at 11:00 a.m. on May 1. Reports of the executive committee, officers, standing committees and special committees were presented and accepted. The reports are printed herewith, with the understanding that acceptance includes acceptance of recommendations included in it. The following officers were elected for 1954-55:

President—R. W. Getchell, Cedar Falls

Vice President—U. A. Hauber, Davenport

Secretary-Treasurer—Jean L. Laffoon, Ames

Editor—Frank G. Brooks, Mount Vernon

President Hershey yielded the chair to the new President, R. W.

Getchell. The retiring section chairmen announced their successors for 1954-55 to be:

Botany—Norman H. Russell, Grinnell
Chemistry, Inorganic and Physical—Charles Tanford, Iowa City
Chemistry, Organic and Biological—Hans Wynberg, Grinnell
Geology—Sherwood D. Tuttle, Iowa City
Mathematics—H. T. Muhly, Iowa City
Physics—Dorothy M. Taylor, Dubuque
Psychology—A. C. Westerhof, Des Moines
Zoology—Leroy H. Saxe, Jr., Iowa City

The 1954 session was then adjourned.

JEAN L. LAFFOON, *Secretary*

Report of the Secretary

After seven consecutive years of increases in membership, the Academy shows a slight loss in its enrollment as of March 1. The figures as of that date are: honorary fellow 1, emeritus fellows 12, life fellows 17, fellows 343, associates 829, total 1202. This is a loss of 10 members from March 1, 1953. The decrease in numbers of students and faculty members of the colleges of Iowa probably account for this slight decline.

Several committee appointments were made by President H. Garland Hershey during the year. Dr. G. O. Hendrickson was designated as Chairman of the Conservation Committee for the term 1953-1959. J. M. Aikman, M. A. Ellerhoff, H. S. Fowler, H. G. Hershey, F. H. Mendell, E. B. Polder and E. R. Speaker were named as the other members of this committee. U. A. Hauber was added to the Membership Committee, G. O. Gale and A. F. Voigt to the High School Relations Committee, and R. L. Shriner to the Library Committee.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to distribute volume 60 of the Proceedings during the fiscal year 1953-1954. The first copies of this volume were mailed on March 3, 1954. On that date copies were mailed to nine large libraries, thus definitely establishing the date of publication. Distribution to members and to other institutions was unavoidably delayed until later in the month. The volume will be sent to over 300 institutions. This circulation compares favorably with most other scientific journals, and is far better than many.

On August 31, 1953, after 10 years and seven months of faithful