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MINUTES OF THE 1972 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1972 Annual Meeting of the Organization of Inland Biological Field Stations was called to order by Dr. George H. Lauff, President, at 11:15 A. M., Thursday, August 31, 1972, at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The business meeting was preceded by a program on Field Station Research and Cooperative Programs including:

An overview of Research at the W. K. Kellogg Biological Station by Dr. George H. Lauff, Director, Kellogg Biological Station.

Studies on dissolved organic matter in lake metabolism by Mr. R. A. Hough, Kellogg Biological Station.

Stream Ecosystems, Structure and Function by Dr. K. Suberkropp, Kellogg Biological Station.

A cooperative program between the Universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota by Dr. David Parnelle, Director, Field Biology Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

A cooperative program sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh by Dr. C. A. Tryon, Director, Pymatuning Lab of Ecology.

Deliberations on N.S.F. support of field stations by Dr. John Brooks, Director, General Ecology, Program, N.S.F.

Dr. Brooks reviewed the status of the proposed program for the establishment of a "Network of Biological Stations" and N.S.F. support for the operational costs of qualified field stations. The N.S.F. budget line item (as reported in OIBFS Newsletter # 15, July, 1972) included \$1.3 millions for operational support

of Museums and Field Stations, of which \$0.5 million was "earmarked" for field stations. However, the appropriation to N.S.F. did not include any additional funds for that line item and operational support would have to come from existing funded programs. Grant proposals for operational support must then compete with proposals for support of research. Discussion followed in which Dr. Brooks complemented those station directors who were increasing their base of support through cooperative programs, such as those described earlier in the program. Parsons and others, upon inquiring further, learned that while the Foundation still hopes to implement the National Station Network, there is no money specifically budgeted for that program. The prospects of operational support were described as bleak. President Lauff expressed, to Dr. Brooks, the appreciation of the Organization for having been so forthright and so masterfully handling the hot seat.

The business meeting was convened immediately following the program.

President Lauff reviewed the meeting of an OIBFS ad hoc committee that met with Dr. Brooks at the AAAS meeting, December 29, 1971, in Philadelphia (see Newsletter # 13 for details).

The President then called upon the secretary for his report. The minutes of the 1971 Annual Meeting, held at Colorado State University were published in Newsletter # 13. There being no additions or corrections to these minutes they were accepted as published. Proposed amendments to Article 2 of the Bylaws, as announced in the ballot of August 15, 1972, were adopted unanimously. As a result thereof, the terms of the President and President elect are set at one year each. Balloting for the election of President, President elect and Editor, resulted in the uncontested election of Dr. Loren S. Patnam, President and plurality election of Dr. Loren Hill President elect and Dr. Millicent Ficken as editor. Of the

members replying to the questionnaire on future meetings (included in Newsletter # 15); 4 preferred late summer meetings, 8 preferred early summer, 2 expressed no preference and 2 found neither options suitable; 9 recommended meeting with AIBS at Amherst, Mass., June 17-22, 1973, 2 recommended meeting with AAAS in Mexico City, June 17-22, 1973, 4 found neither site suitable.

Secretary-Treasurer Dalgleish then presented the treasurer's report (attached) which was accepted as read.

The President then called upon Dr. Parmelee, who was the OIBS observer at the AIBS Board of Governors meeting, August 26, 1972. Parmelee reported that AIBS membership continues to decline; the financial status is however improving; BioScience is changing its coverage to reflect recommendations of the Board, and is receiving better quality articles and better distribution of articles among the different facets of biology. The recommendation that AIBS be organized to assist member societies by having a liaison officer in Washington has been implemented by assigning existing staff to serve specific member societies in the capacity of their "Man in Washington".

The President then reported that the Organization had received an invitation to hold its 1973 Annual Meeting at The E. W. Huyck Preserve and Biological Station, Rensselaerville, New York. Discussion followed as to the best time. It was moved and passed that the 1973 Annual Meeting be held at the Huyck Preserve, the weekend before the AIBS meetings (June 16 & 17, 1973). It was recommended that the format of this meeting be designed to attract non-members and be designed to draw attention to the positive aspects of biological stations rather than having the more usual exchange of "administrative problems". A consensus developed in favor of a meeting 1) at a station, 2) relating the site and facilities to the research program 3) education program, 4) visiting nearby habitats of special interest, and 5) involving biologists who use biological stations. Secretary Dalgleish agreed

to try and develop a program satisfying these needs.

The President then reported that the Executive Committee had discussed the criteria set for membership and how these criteria restrict membership to station directors. The floor was then opened for discussion as to the criteria for membership and the objectives of the Organization. The Secretary reported that these criteria have not been adhered to and some definite action is desirable. After reflecting on the historical basis for the criteria, it was moved and passed that the Executive Committee try and resolve the problem of membership and submit their recommendation or proposed amendments to the membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Dagleish,
Secretary

1972 Annual Membership Meeting - OIBFS

Members in attendance: James A. Barnes, Robert C. Dagleish, Robert Ediger, Millicent Picken, George H. Lauff, David F. Parmelee, John D. Parsons, Loren S. Putnam, John Tibbs, C. A. Tryon, Sven Froiland

Guests: John Brooks - N.S.F. Washington, E. W. (Tom) Harris, Paul E. Matthiae - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station, Arthur C. Risser, Jr., Keller Suberkrupp - Kellogg Biological Station, R. A. Hough - Kellogg Biological Station, Thomas Shuba - Kellogg Biological Station

TREASURER'S REPORT 1972

Bank: The Ohio State Bank, Worthington, Ohio.

Balance in account: August 28, 1971 1,166.67

Receipts - Regular (August 28, 1971 - August 28, 1972)

Dues:	3	for	1971	30.00	
	34		1972	340.00	
	2		1973	20.00	
				<u>390.00</u>	

Disbursements - regular

Dues 1972 AIBS membership	50.00	
Travel for 1971 meeting participants		
Wm. S. Brooks	161.00	
J. T. Spencer	318.88	
	<u>529.88</u>	
		<u>139.88</u>
		<u>1,026.79</u>

DIRECTORY OF INLAND BIOLOGICAL STATIONS

Receipts

Sales 8 @ \$2.85	22.80	
Postage & handling	1.65	
	<u>24.45</u>	

Disbursements

None	0.00	
	<u>24.45</u>	

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT as of August 28, 1972 1,051.24

We note with sorrow the death of Arch Tryon in early February. It is a great loss to all of us connected with Field Stations, and Arch had contributed a great deal to the success of O.T.B.F.S.

Material is needed for the next issue of the newsletter. What is happening at your Field Station? Send material to Millicent Ficken, Dept. of Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211.