

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of HIST
August 23, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

1) Jan Hayes reported on the Divisional Officers Conference.

- a) DOC -- January 8-11, 1999;
- PCC -- November 13-15, 1998

Jan noted that Divisional websites can now be moved to the ACS server and that a listserv for divisional officers will soon be available. She also reported on a discussion of the political position of the Divisions within ACS governance and how that related to political and monetary rewards. Roger Egolf reported that a competition for new members would be held.

2) David Ball, chair of the Cleveland Section, reported that the Cleveland section now has four National Historic Chemical Landmarks and commemorated this with a poster. A copy of the poster was presented to Ned Heindel as chair of the CHLP committee.

3) Ned Heindel gave a report on the current activities of the CHLP committee and program.

4) The Agenda was approved.

5) The Minutes of the meeting on March 29, 1998 were accepted with minor corrections.

6) Reports:

6.1.a) Chair - Harold Goldwhite

a) No reply has been received to the letter sent to ACS President P. Andersen asking for \$7500 to help with publication costs for the Bulletin. A follow-up letter was also sent - no reply has been received.

b) Discussions are on-going with David Abrahams with regard to increasing the size of the Dexter Award or supplementing the Award in some way.

c) Noted a reasonable number (37) of new Division members.

d) Reported that the YCC might have a possible collaboration with HIST.

6.1.b) Chair-Elect - Steve Weininger

a) Reported that he is working on programs with Richard Rice and Roger Egolf for Y2000 celebrations. He has initiated a contact with Bonnie Lawlor and believes it will be useful.

b) Steve asked that we develop a mechanism for keeping in closer contact with historians of science. One way to foster this communication would be to personally invite historians in the area of a National ACS meeting to attend our sessions.

6.2) Sec.-Treas. - Vera Mainz

a) Discussion of the general state of the Division's finances. The Division continues to maintain its membership levels, while reducing expenses for the Bulletin. Vera asked permission to withdraw \$5,000 from the ACS Investment Pool (leaving \$10,000) in order to meet upcoming Bulletin and speaker travel expenses.

6.3) Councilors

Ben Chastain -

Council Committee on Public Relations has undergone many changes recently. Ben hoped that the committee staffing would stabilize soon.

6.4) Program - Richard Rice

a) Congratulations on a wonderful program for the Boston meeting.

b) Jack Stocker is planning a Science in Science Fiction II symposium for the New Orleans meeting.

c) CHED has indicated that they do want to sponsor a 75th Anniversary of the CHED Division symposium.

d) The Global Salute to Polymers will be presented at Anaheim. Ned Heindel is the organizer.

e) The YCC want to co-sponsor a symposium honoring the 25th Anniversary of YCC at New Orleans.

f) Leo Slater indicated a POLY/HIST co-sponsored symposium for a 2001 meeting.

g) Mathew Posluni has discussed a symposium on the History of Chemistry in Comic Books.

h) George McFeeney has discussed a symposium on the History of Comp. Sym. in 2000 or 2001.

i) Paul Jones reported that he was unable to convince the Med. Chem. Division to co-list the History of Pharm. Companies symposium. This led to a general discussion of strategies for co-listing and co-sponsoring symposia.

j) The Anaheim meeting will have a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Percy Julian's birth.

7) Nominating Committee - Harold Goldwhite reported that the nomination slate is complete and the election should be held in early Fall. Steve asked for suggestions for new Dexter Award nominees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.