

**Minutes of the Meeting of the HIST Executive Committee Marriott Hotel, Washington D.C.,
August 21, 1994**

Committee members present: Paul Jones (Chair); James J. Bohning; Ben Chastain; Harold Goldwhite; William B. Jensen; Mary Virginia Orna; Martin Saltzman, Jeffrey L Sturchio; John P. Swann; James P. Traynham.

Guest: John Wotiz.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 1994 were approved without dissent.

Announcements

1. Gordon and Breach, Publishers, have asked for access to the Division's mailing list, via ACS, to publicize their *Classics in Science* series. The Committee agreed by consensus to the request.
2. James Traynham has agreed to continue as Chair of the Nominating Committee through 1995.
3. In the 1993 analysis by the ACS Committee on Divisional Activities HIST placed fourth among small divisions with a 71% score, only 6% below the first place division. HIST was complimented on its technical program and interactions with other areas. There was criticism of a deficit budget plan, overspending on glossy brochures (!), and the extent of co-sponsored symposia. The Division Chair and immediate Past-Chair agreed to respond to the Committee on Divisional Activities concerning evident misunderstandings by that Committee of HIST activities.

Reports, Action, and Discussion Items

1. Secretary Treasurer:

The Treasurer's interim report was adopted. It was suggested that the Treasurer inquire into the advisability of the Division placing some of its funds in the ACS Investment Account.

The Secretary-Treasurer will prepare a list of duties of the position to be added to the Division Handbook

2. Nominating Committee Report: The Committee recommended the following candidates for 1995: for Chair, Harold Goldwhite and Joseph P. Lambert; for Secretary-Treasurer, Martin R. Feldman and Vera V. Mainz. It was m/s/p to accept this slate of candidates to be presented to the Business Meeting of the Division.

The Committee discussed a by-law change to make the terms of Division Chair and Chair-Elect two years each. It was agreed to ask Dr. Traynham to prepare a draft of such a change, to be circulated to

the Committee and presented to ACS.

Section 4 of the by-laws will need amendment to provide more reasonable time-lines for elections.

3. Bulletin.

The Bulletin Editor and the Chair of the Publications Committee have had discussions about the future of the Bulletin. The options considered included 3 issues a year under general charge of a professional managing editor, one issue a year with a network of collaborating editors and a professional managing editor, one issue a year with a volunteer editor and paid editorial assistance. The current editor regards this last as the only realistic option. The single annual issue would contain as much copy as the current 3 issues, though perhaps with less historical journalism and more historical scholarship. It would lower mailing and production costs; there could still be special topical issues. There is still a need for assistance in layout and editorial processing, and in business management and library subscriptions.

It was m/s/p to go to one issue per year of the Bulletin. The Committee also agreed by consensus to raise the price of institutional subscriptions to the Bulletin to \$20 per year, effective immediately.

Current publication plans: by the end of 1994 a double issue, 2&3, 1993, should be ready (Bulletins # 15,16); by summer 1995 the single 1994 issue should be ready (incorporating Bulletins # 17, 18, 19.)

The Committee asked the Publications Committee to work with the Bulletin Editor before the end of 1994 on a proposal for a managing editor and a business manager.

4. Newsletter.

The Division Chair will act as Newsletter Editor *pro tern* but a permanent editor is needed. The Newsletter will continue to be published as part of the Meeting Abstracts.

5. Cachet Committee.

New members of the cachet committee are urgently needed if it is to continue. Although two Division members are interested in this Committee neither is a regular attendee at National Meetings. The Committee needs members to staff the cachet booth at meetings.

6. Joint Board-Council Committee on Science.

The Committee agreed to ask the Chair to approach Natalie Foster as a HIST nominee for a vacancy.

7. Program.

7.1 Anaheim, Spring 1995. There will be a major Symposium on Archaeological Chemistry with international speakers. There will be a symposium lunch on the Tuesday of the meeting. General and cachet papers will be scheduled on Tuesday morning and, if there is demand, on Thursday.

The committee felt that there was insufficient lead time to plan a Pauling symposium for the Anaheim meeting; a later date, and a possible joint symposium with CHED, will be explored.

7.2 Chicago, Fall 1995. The Dexter award social will be combined with the Anniversary dinner to be held at Northwestern University on Tuesday evening. James Bohning will give a talk on the history of HIST.

7.3 The August 1996 Biennial International Meeting on Chemical Education will be held at Clemson University. Mary Virginia Orna suggested that MST might want to participate in this meeting.

8. Dr. Wotiz visited the meeting to present his objections to some material that had appeared in the Bulletin. He said that the matter has been placed in the hands of his attorney. The Committee agreed to seek advice on this matter from the ACS.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.