

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of HIST  
March 21, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

- 1) Introduction and announcements were made by Steve Weininger.
- 2) The Agenda was approved.
- 3) The Minutes of the meeting on August 23, 1998 were accepted with minor corrections.
- 4) Reports:
  - 4.1.a) Chair - Steve Weininger
    - a) The 1999 Dexter Award winner is Mary Jo Nye. Her Award presentation and address will take place at the Spring 2000 meeting in San Francisco due to her schedule.
    - b) The Outstanding Paper Award winner is Edgar Warhof.
  - 4.2) Sec.-Treas. - Vera Mainz
    - a) There was a discussion about changing the current dues structure. It was decided to hold the dues at their current level.
    - b) After much discussion, it was decided to drop the Divisional Social Hour, due to cost. Instead, we would make it generally known that the Division officers usually meet for dinner after the Executive Committee meeting, and that anyone would be welcome to join us.
    - c) The Secretary's and Treasurer's Annual Report to the ACS were discussed, as well as the current financial status of Divisional accounts.
  - 4.3) Program - Roger Egolf
    - a) Talked about problems with getting clean copies of the material in the Divisional Abstracts for the Boston meeting printed because of a mixup at ACS.
    - b) Jack Stocker is planning a Science in Science Fiction II symposium for the New Orleans meeting.
    - c) A 2nd Global Salute to Polymers will be planned for 2000. Ned Heindel is the organizer.
    - d) Peter Ramberg is organizing a symposium on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of tetrahedral carbon.
    - e) David Adams has indicated an interest in a symposium on the History of Academic Chemistry Departments.
    - f) For San Francisco, Spring 2000, the symposia will be the Dexter Award (Mary Jo Nye), Jan Hayes is organizing Not Only Chemists Do Chemistry, Steve Weininger is organizing the History of Futurism in Chemistry, and George Famini has indicated an interest in a Computational Chemistry Symposium.

- 4.4) Editor of the Bulletin - Paul R. Jones
- a) Issue No. 23 has just been printed. Paul presented a cost analysis on the last two issues. Paul also reported that we still have about 60 library subscriptions, and need to find a way to increase this number.
  - b) Paul gave a quick review of manuscripts in hand and their status.

- 4.5) Councilors
- Ben Chastain -  
Council Committee on Public Relations staffing seems to have stabilized. There has been an on-going discussion of the benefit of CHLP for public relations for local divisions.

Mary Virginia Orna -  
Nominations and Elections Committee  
Submitted a written report on CHF.

- 5) Divisional Plans  
Some discussion of trying to get occasional but regular material printed by C&E News.
- 6) Steve is discussing the storage and maintenance of Divisional records with CHF.
- 7) Other Business -  
Steve thanked the former Division chairs and program chairs for their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.