

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, October 20, 1978, 10:40 A.M.

Present: Joe D. Woods (President)
John Zimmerman (President-Elect)
Addison Ault (Past President)
Arthur J. Bosch (Secretary-Treasurer)
Larry L. Punck (Illinois)
John A. Ricketts (Indiana)
Jeffery E. Keiser (Iowa)
Eugene C. Jekel (Michigan)
Patricia A. Fish (Minnesota)
Thomas Holloway (Missouri)
Arild Miller (Wisconsin)
Richard W. Ramette (Carleton College)
Donald J. Cook (Chairman, Placement Committee)

Order of Business:

1. Meeting called to order by President Joe Woods.
2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed in two parts: the report written by Marvin Dixon (past Sec.-Treas.) which covered the period from the last MACTLAC to Sept. 9, 1978, and the much briefer report by Art Bosch which covered the period from Sept. 9 to the present.

The question of whether yearly MACTLAC dues should be increased was briefly discussed. Dixon reported that last year the income of MACTLAC did not meet expenses. Due to lack of sufficient information, no action was taken to change the yearly dues. Based on the experience of the coming year, Bosch should come to next year's meeting with a recommendation on whether dues should be increased in the future.

If insufficient money is in the treasury to pay for bills this coming year, Bosch is authorized to cash in the \$1000 Certificate of Deposit which is in the First National Bank of Liberty, Missouri. If the Certificate of Deposit is cashed in, the major portion of the \$1000 which is not currently needed should be deposited in a Passbook Savings account.

3. President-Elect Nominating Committee

President Woods appointed the State Representatives on the Executive Council to act as a Nominating Committee to nominate the President-Elect for next year. This is done prior to the Saturday morning General Business Meeting. Keiser was appointed as Chairman of the Committee.

4. Site of 1980 Meeting

Woods reported that Valparaiso University is not expecting the 1980 meeting. We presently have 7 invitations to hold the MACTLAC meeting on their campus: Earlham College, Five Colleges of Twin Cities area, Viterbo College, Carthage College, Cornell College, Valparaiso University, Manchester College.

The desirability of spreading the meetings over the whole MACTLAC region over a period of years was emphasized.

Funck moved, seconded by Ricketts, that Earlham College be asked to host the 1980 meeting. The motion passed.

Zimmerman will contact Wilmer Stratton from Earlham to determine whether Earlham could and would host the 1980 meeting.

5. Site of 1981 meeting

Keiser moved, seconded by Ricketts, to ask Carthage College to host the 1981 meeting. The motion passed. Zimmerman will contact representatives of Carthage College to hopefully confirm that meeting site.

6. Emeritus Members

Bosch should check the Minutes of prior meetings to assemble a list of Emeritus Members. This should be done prior to next year's meeting.

7. Honorary Members

- a. Woods presented a list of present Honorary Members. They are:
Harry Lewis, Institute of Paper Chemistry (1965)
Gerrit vanZyl, Hope College (1966)
Emil Ellingson, St. Olaf College (1966)
James Culbertson, Cornell College (1966)
Garret Thiessen, Monmouth College (1966)
Stephen Darling, Lawrence University (1966)
Ben Peterson, Coe College (1966)
Edward Haenisch, Wabash College (1968)
Perry Moore, Hamline University (1972)
Chester Shiflett, Macalester College (1972)
Edward Fuller, Beloit College (1973)
William Oelke, Grinnell College (1975)

- b. A letter from Broene (Calvin College) was presented in which he nominated Enno Wolthuis (Calvin College) for Honorary Membership. Letters from Jekel (Hope College) and VanDoorne (Calvin College) were presented in support of the nomination. Miller moved, seconded by Fish, to nominate Enno Wolthuis for Honorary Membership. The motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested that the Honorary Membership Certificate be given to Wolthuis at a Local Section Meeting of the American Chemical Society. Jekel was asked to take care of the details of that "ceremony." Woods will write the covering letter to accompany the Honorary Membership Certificate to be awarded to Wolthuis.

- c. It was suggested that a paragraph or two should be placed in the next newsletter to the MACTLAC membership outlining the details of how MACTLAC members are nominated and elected as Honorary Members.

8. Committee reports

a. Placement Committee report

Don Cook was present as the new chairman of the Placement Committee. A written report was distributed which was written by Quentin Petersen, past chairman. Several items of note from the report are:

All MACTLAC Chemistry Department Chairmen (118) were sent information describing the service and requested to indicate their faculty needs, if any. Seventy-two colleges responded. Twenty-three openings and five possible openings at MACTLAC colleges were identified. The number of responses and openings identified compared closely to that of the past two years. The restricted-circulation placement list was requested and mailed to 18 individuals. Fourteen of these returned the Form. Two of these wrote later confirming that they obtained a new position.

As in the past, a larger number of positions were identified than there were candidates and the majority of the positions remain non-permanent.

It was Petersen's feeling "that the Placement Service continues to fill a needed function of centralizing information about openings in MACTLAC schools."

Cook plans to follow the same procedures used by Petersen; i.e., send letters to chemistry department chairmen of MACTLAC schools asking whether there are faculty openings in their departments, etc.

Keiser moved, seconded by Funck, to accept the report. The motion passed.

b. Chemical Abstracts Committee

There was no report from the committee. Arild Miller reported that the Chemical Abstracts service which the Institute of Paper Chemistry has been providing would no longer be available. It was suggested that Bosch should contact James T. Streater, Chairman, to see whether the committee should be continued.

c. OSHA Committee

There was no report from the Committee. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the Sec.-Treas. should contact Earl Hudson (Carroll College), present Chairman, to see whether the committee should be continued.

d. Political Awareness Committee

Richard Cook, Chairman, had given a written report to Woods. Woods summarized the report. Several items of note from the report are:

Because of the rapidly-changing developments in the political area, Richard Cook acted essentially as a "committee of one." The major activity centered on saving NSF-supported programs particularly important to MACTLAC schools. Early in the year it became clear that the NSF Education Directorate was prepared to shift significant resources to science education at the elementary and junior high school level at the expense of other programs, particularly URP and ISEP. Working with the assistance of the Independent Colleges Office in Washington, D.C. and with the approval of MACTLAC President Woods, a petition drive and letter-writing campaign of MACTLAC members were launched. Some 380 endorsements of the Request to Congress were received, compiled, and sent to all Senators and Representatives who sat on appropriate committees. In addition, many letters were written to members of Congress describing the effectiveness of the programs in question and asking Congress to reverse NSF's decision to reduce or eliminate their funding. The effects of this action were very significant and played an important role in Congressional restoration of URP and increased funding for educational programs. "MACTLAC made the largest concerted effort in the country to save important NSF programs and can take some satisfaction in knowing that these efforts were largely successful."

A letter was also published in the July 3, 1978, issue of Chemical and Engineering News informing the general chemical community of MACTLAC's concerns and efforts.

Total expenses for the 1977-78 year were \$80.25 for photocopying of materials sent to MACTLAC members. Kalamazoo College assumed all other photocopying expenses and charges for postage, telephone, and telegrams.

The main concern of the Executive Council was how much money this Council should authorize for mailings, phone calls, etc., which the Political Awareness Committee might expend. No action was taken on that matter at this time. Ault moved, seconded by Holloway, to accept the report. The motion passed.

9. There was a brief discussion whether someone should make a statement at the Saturday morning General Business Meeting regarding the death of Edward Haenisch, Wabash College, this past year. Ed was a "founding father" of MACTLAC. Woods and Zimmerman will decide what shall be done.

10. Emeritus Member

Jekel moved, seconded by Fish, that Warrem A. McMillan, Greenville College, be named Emeritus Member of MACTLAC. The motion passed unanimously. Woods will write the covering letter to accompany the Emeritus Membership Certificate to be sent to McMillan.

11. 1979 meeting, Beloit College

It was reported that the 1979 meeting at Beloit College will be Oct. 26-27. William Brown will be in charge of the meeting.

12. The meeting was adjourned.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, October 21, 1978, 8:30 A.M.

1. President Woods called the meeting to order.
2. The Sec.-Treas. gave a brief report of the Executive Council meeting. Items mentioned were:
 - a. 1979 meeting - Beloit College, Oct. 26-27.
 - b. No definite action taken on the 1980 and 1981 meetings.
 - c. Honorary Membership unanimously voted for Enno Wolthuis, Calvin College.
 - d. Emeritus Membership unanimously voted for Warren A. McMullen, Greenville College.
 - e. Accepted reports of the Placement Committee and Political Awareness Committee.
3. New State Representatives, Three-year terms

Dr. Mike Collins, Viterbo College (Wisconsin)
Dr. Jerry Mohrig, Carleton College (Minnesota)
Dr. Roger Lembke, Central Methodist College (Missouri)
4. President-Elect

Jeff Keiser, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, nominated Eugene Jekel, Hope College, as President-Elect. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved to close nominations. Jekel was elected by unanimous vote.
5. Committee reports
 - a. Political Awareness Committee

Richard
~~Jekel~~ Cook, Chairman, gave an oral report and responded to questions. He summarized the written report which was given to the Executive Council and which was summarized in the minutes of Friday morning's meeting. (See above.)

He made several additional comments: (1) Responses from MACTLAC members weren't as great as desired (approximately 400 names were on the petition which included many non-MACTLAC members); (2) The responses were not as fast as needed-- these kinds of petitions and letters must be urgent.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report.

Other discussion included: (a) What does MACTLAC want regarding the URP and should efforts be made to continue the program as it now exists? Relatively few URP grants are given to MACTLAC schools. Approximately 16% of the NSF-URP participants in 4-year colleges went to chemistry students this past year. (b) The URP Guidelines point out that a college cannot receive grants too many years in a row. Cook urges members to write NSF if we don't like what the Guidelines specify. (c) It was also suggested that perhaps a signed resolution could actually be obtained at a MACTLAC meeting.

The motion to receive the report was passed.

A motion was made and seconded to commend Chairman Cook for his work. The motion was passed with a round of applause.

b. Placement Committee

Woods summarized the written report presented by Chairman Petersen to the Executive Council and which was summarized in the minutes of Friday morning's meeting. (See above.)

Don Cook is the new chairman of the Placement Committee. If MACTLAC members want to be on the mailing list, they should let Cook know. Woods also explained the functions of the Placement Committee.

6. New business

- a. Brock Spencer, Beloit College, invited all MACTLAC members to the 1979 meeting at Beloit College, Oct. 26-27.
- b. It was announced that the Great Lakes Regional meeting of the ACS would be held at Rockford College, June 4-6, 1979.
- c. Zimmerman moved, seconded by someone, that the Sec.-Treas. should write a letter of thanks to the President of Carleton College for their hospitality in hosting the 1978 MACTLAC meeting. The motion passed.
- d. Zimmerman moved, seconded by someone, that the Sec.-Treas. should write a letter of thanks to Dick Ramette, Jerry Mohrig, and "crew" of Carleton College for the excellent job of hosting the 1978 MACTLAC meeting. The motion was passed with a round of applause.
- e. Wilmer Stratton urged all MACTLAC members to have membership in the Division of Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society.

7. The meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, October 21, 1978, 12:30 P.M.

Present:

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Eugene C. Jekel (President-Elect)
Joe Woods (Past President)
Arthur J. Bosch (Sec.-Treas.)
Larry L. Funck (Illinois)
John A. Ricketts (Indiana)
Jeffery E. Keiser (Iowa)
Roger Lembke (Missouri)
Michael Collins (Wisconsin)
Brock Spencer (Beloit College, 1979 host college)
Dick Cook (Chairman, Political Awareness Committee)

The Council met for lunch and business.

Order of Business:

1. Nominating Committee

The State Representatives were reminded that they constitute the Nominating Committee for next year's President-Elect. Zimmerman appointed Keiser as the Chairman.

2. Political Awareness Committee

Cook, Chairman of Political Awareness Committee, asked for guidance from the Executive Council, particularly who should be contacted in MACTLAC when immediate action should be taken by the Committee. Cook estimated that the costs of the Committee should not exceed \$100-200.

Keiser moved, seconded by Funck, to accept the recommendations of the Political Awareness Committee.

Recommendations for Future Action

In order to increase the effectiveness of the Political Awareness Committee, the following recommendations are made to the Executive Council:

- (1) The "Committee" remain primarily the responsibility of one person who has the time, energy, and interest to remain active throughout the year. A good deal of time is consumed in conducting correspondence, mounting mailings to the membership, etc. The chairman should send copies of most correspondence to the president of MACTLAC and consult with him (her) prior to major actions such as a general mailing to the membership. The rapidly-changing congressional scene makes wider consultation impractical.

(2) The link between the Independent Colleges Office and MACTLAC should be actively maintained. This is a valuable source of information on committee activities, where the decisions are actually made. ICO is not only willing to provide us with this information-- they are enthused about our willingness to be involved and see us as a valuable aid in their efforts.

(3) Links with organizations similar to ours should be initiated and maintained. Scientists at small colleges could then generate a national response at times critical enough to deserve such an effort. The Great Plains Association has already indicated an interest in becoming active as has MACTLAC. There are surely other organizations across the country which are similar to MACTLAC in membership.

(4) Mailing labels and other details involved with launching a membership mailing must be worked out prior to a call for emergency action. Delays can render a mailing totally ineffective. This was avoided this year by using the more expensive first class mailing (postage costs were paid by Kalamazoo College).

(5) The membership must be urged to respond quickly to requests from PAC. Despite the plea for urgent responses, signatures in support of the MACTLAC resolution were received over a period of several weeks. These issues are important enough that they deserve immediate attention, including personal circulation of materials, etc. The effectiveness of political action is diminished if sure, immediate actions are not taken.

(6) A memo from the PAC should be enclosed in any general mailings to the membership if there is news to report or action is requested.

The motion passed.

3. New members


The new State members of the Executive Council who were present, Lembke and Collins, were welcomed.

4. Additional members

It was suggested that Bosch send to the State Representatives the list of MACTLAC colleges in their state. The State Representatives, in turn, should contact the Chemistry Department Chairmen of these colleges to solicit new MACTLAC members.

5. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur J. Bosch, Secretary

October 16, 1978

TO: Members of the Executive Council
MACTLAC

FROM: Richard J. Cook
Kalamazoo College
Chairman, Political Awareness Committee

RE: Activities of the Political Awareness Committee during 1977-78

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The academic year 1977-78 marks the second year of existence of MACTLAC's Political Awareness Committee (PAC) and the first year during which the committee has had a mandate to be active publicly in areas of common concern to our membership. At the 1977 MACTLAC meeting the PAC chairman was given the responsibility to perform those actions deemed appropriate in the public and political arenas, with consultation with the president for major or possibly controversial actions. Full committee participation was deemed impractical due to rapidly-changing developments in the political area, thus the PAC was appointed essentially as a "committee of one".

The major thrust of PAC activities this year centered on saving NSF-supported programs particularly important to our member colleges. Early in the year it became clear that the NSF Education Directorate was prepared to shift significant resources to science education at the elementary and junior high school level at the expense of effective programs important to us (particularly URP and ISEP). Working with the assistance of the Independent Colleges Office (ICO) in Washington, D.C., and with the approval of MACTLAC's president, a petition drive and letter-writing campaign were launched. The attached letter and enclosures to members is self-explanatory.

Response to this solicitation indicated that NSF-URP and ISEP had deep, widespread support among our faculties in all of the sciences. Some 380 endorsements of the Request to Congress were received, compiled, and sent on to all Senators and Representatives who sat on appropriate committees. While the exact number cannot be determined, judging from the number of copies received by the PAC, many letters were written to members of Congress describing the effectiveness of these programs in question and asking Congress to reverse NSF's decision to reduce or eliminate their funding.

The effects of this action were very significant. Ms. Ida Wallace of the ICO judged that such a large response from college educators played an important role in Congressional restoration of URP and increased funding for educational programs. Ms. Wallace showed great enthusiasm about what she considered an overwhelming response from our membership, and made a point of using our petition to support her lobbying efforts in behalf of science education. It is clear that MACTLAC made the largest concerted effort in the country to save important NSF programs and can take some

satisfaction in knowing that these efforts were largely successful.

After the completion of the petition and letter-writing efforts, the PAC chairman maintained weekly contact with the Independent Colleges office to keep up with congressional committee activities and critical votes. Letters, mailgrams, and telephone calls to offices of appropriate Senators and Representatives prior to critical votes were part of a strategy to show continuing concern. A letter informing the general chemical community of our concerns and efforts was published in the July 3, 1978 issue of Chemical and Engineering News. A visit with Dr. William Hubbard, President of the Upjohn Company and a member of the National Science Board (advises the Executive Branch on NSF matters) was made by the President of Kalamazoo College and PAC chairman.

It is difficult to judge the effectiveness of these individual activities but taken as a whole, and as part of a continuing effort, it seems reasonable to conclude that MACTLAC can play a necessary and effective part in insuring that science education and research remains effective in our institutions. Since funding will be more difficult to obtain in years ahead, the battle is really just beginning, and it is important that MACTLAC continue to be heard.

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Financial Report, 1977-78

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A G E N D A

Executive Committee Meeting, MACTLAC, 10:30 A.M.,
October 20, 1978, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Report of the Treasurer.
3. Sites for future meetings.
4. Date of next meeting at Beloit College.
5. Emeritus Members
6. Honorary Members
7. Committee reports
 - a. Placement Committee
 - b. Chemical Abstracts Committee
 - c. OSHA Committee
 - d. Political Awareness Committee
8. Report of the Nominating Committee
9. Other Business