

MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY TEACHERS
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Carleton College
Northfield, Minnesota

To: Mactlac members in good standing.

Re: Sec-Treas report on the Eighth Annual Meeting, held at Valparaiso University
on 23-24 October 1959.

As a Swan-song your retiring secretary-treasurer will depart from the usual style of the annual report. I hope that you will not think the change to be ill-advised, but if so you should let the new man know in time for next year.

You all received the meeting programs in September. Surprisingly enough, we managed to stay very close to the predicted schedule, so there seems to be no need for sending you another copy.

The weather was miserable - cold and drizzly the whole time. We were even told officially that a popular name for the place is Valparaino. Nevertheless, there was excellent compensation in the fact that our hosts had arranged for all activities to be in a single building, and their warm hospitality made the general atmosphere inside much cosier than that outside. Attendance was very good, 144 persons including members and guests who did not attend all functions. We picked up some two dozen new members at the meeting, and our roster shows a total of about 220 now.

The six scheduled discussion groups met as planned. As usual, some people didn't say enough and some people said too much. Everyone seemed to feel that the discussions were "really worthwhile." We have on file the reports of the group secretaries, but altogether these seemed a bit much to send out to the entire membership. The abridged summaries probably wouldn't help you much.

In addition, the physical chemistry laboratory manual group met and discussed their project of collecting various sorts of good experiments. Persons interested in this project are encouraged to write to Bill Oelke, at Grinnell College.

The Friday evening smorgasbord lived up to our highest hopes, and as a second dessert we enjoyed a very fine address by Dr. Reuben Kahn.

Although he could have used more time, Harry Lewis gave an excellent report on the Wooster Conference with his usual effervescence. The report will be published before long.

The Executive Council requests that you give thought to having a variation in the kind of topics taken up in the annual discussion groups. For example, where this year we dealt with relatively broad curriculum problems, perhaps in another year we should consider more specific or specialized topics. You are urged to communicate your suggestions to the secretary.

Your new officers for the coming year are as follows:

President: Paul Wright, Wheaton College
President-Elect: Arild Miller, Carleton College
Secretary-Treasurer: William Deskin, Cornell College

The newly elected state representatives, chosen in caucus by the members present from their states, are:

Minnesota: George Hardgrove, St. Olaf College
Missouri: Joseph Huselton, William Jewel College
Wisconsin: Jack Powers, Ripon College

The state representatives who still have a year to serve are:

Illinois: Stanley Parmerter, Wheaton College
Indiana: Raymond Larson, Valparaiso University
Iowa: Frank Pennington, Coe College
Michigan: Howard Potter, Alma College

The Ninth Annual meeting will be held in St. Paul, under the joint sponsorship of Hamline University, The College of St. Thomas, The College of St. Catherine, and Macalester College. The tentative dates are 21-22 October, so mark your calendar. Perry Moore, of Hamline, will act as program chairman.

In 1961 we shall meet at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, under the direction of Jim Culbertson.

Some invitations for 1962 have been received, but to insure a good geographical spread over the years we would like to have more invitations. It would be best if the president of the inviting college would send the request to the secretary-treasurer, giving if possible a choice of two or three years. This will allow the sort of flexibility we need in making decisions.

That's all for now. It has been interesting and worthwhile serving as your secretary for the past three years. I trust that my successor will enjoy the same fine cooperation you have shown in response to my varied requests.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Ramette