

MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY TEACHERS
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TO : MACTLAC Members in Good Standing

FROM : Office of the Secretary-Treasurer
Carroll College
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

SUBJECT: Report of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting, held at the
University of Evansville on October 13-14, 1967.

Excellent facilities and the warm hospitality of Lowell Weller and his colleagues made the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of MACTLAC at the University of Evansville an enjoyable one for all.

The Friday afternoon program began with an interesting lecture demonstration of "Modern Teaching Aids" by Dr. William Lippincott. The lecture hall was filled with TV cameras, screens, projectors, and equipment for making tapes and we were able to see some of the new ideas and techniques which can be used in teaching chemistry. The banquet on Friday evening was followed by a lecture by Dr. Richard Arnold, President of Mead Johnson Research Center. The Saturday morning lecture was presented by Dr. John Bailar, Jr. on "Isomerism - Inorganic and Organic". Numerous reactions and compounds were described in terms of the isomerism which existed.

At the Luther College meeting, the Executive Council was asked to express to NSF a concern over a decrease in Undergraduate Research Participation funds for MACTLAC schools. President Coutts and the secretary corresponded with NSF and the final report was presented to the Executive Council. Because of the great interest in this report, one copy will be sent to member colleges.

The officers elected for the current year are:

President: Richard W. Ramette - Carleton College
President-Elect: William Deskin - Cornell College
Secretary-Treasurer: Richard Bayer - Carroll College

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

Missouri: Gary P. Hindman - Park College
Minnesota: Wayne C. Wolsey - Macalester College
Wisconsin: Henry S. Gates - Milton College

The state representatives who have another year to serve are:

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| Indiana: | John Deters - Valparaiso University |
| Iowa: | Luther Erickson - Grinnell College |
| Illinois: | Russell Poel - North Central College |
| Michigan: | Enno Wolthuis - Calvin College |

The 1968 meeting will be held at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin on October 11-12. Ray Wendland will be the program chairman. The 1969 meeting will be held at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois.

If we look back fifteen years to the original ideas which brought a few people together and form MACTLAC, we note a common need to discuss problems and a desire and willingness to share ideas and teaching techniques. With this in mind, the Council and the membership at the business meeting discussed future programs and decided that perhaps a few discussion group topics might be "Tricks in teaching _____", in which people would share techniques, demonstrations, new teaching ideas, etc. If 10% of our membership (400) would take the time to write a card to the secretary indicating the idea they would like to present (2-5 minutes) this could put this idea on the program next year.

In line with the idea of sharing information, several members expressed a need to share test questions and problems for the Inorganic Chemistry course. Earle Scott of Ripon College and Jim Finholt of Carleton College have volunteered to collect this information and make it available to the membership at the next meeting. Please send exam questions and problems you have developed to these people.

I would like to remind you again of the Teacher Placement Directory. Persons knowing of openings in MACTLAC schools or people looking for positions are encouraged to write Dr. Arild Miller, The Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin, 54911.

We should remind the membership that according to the By-Laws, "a member who becomes more than one year in arrears for dues shall be removed from the membership list". Some members attended the last meeting and paid dues but this was applied to 1967 dues and, hence, the return envelope is enclosed. Please inform us of any errors in our records.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Bayer
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MACTLAC MEMBERSHIP

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| September 1964 | 292 |
| September 1965 | 302 |
| November 1966 | 400 |
| November 1967 | 415 |