

MINUTES OF THE MACTLAC BUSINESS MEETING

HELD AT

SAINT OLAF COLLEGE: NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 8, 9, 1971

Executive Council Meeting, Friday, October 8, 1971: 10:15 a.m.

Present: R. Bayer (president) W. Oekle (President-Elect)  
M. Dixon (Missouri) Q. Petersen (Illinois)  
T. Jordan (Iowa) R. Werth (Minnesota)  
Sister Elizabeth Kramer (Wisconsin) J. Zimmerman (Secretary-Treasurer)

Order of Business:

1. The written copy of the 1970 MACTLAC Executive Council Meeting (at Calvin College) minutes were accepted by consent.
2. Speaking for Monmouth College, the 1972 MACTLAC meeting host institution, Quentin Petersen expressed his concern for holding the 1972 meeting at Monmouth. Recent Monmouth administrative action reduced the Monmouth Chemistry staff from 5 to 3, one less than the minimum required for ACS accreditation. Quentin assessed the present Monmouth chemistry staff situation to be sufficiently tenuous to warrant not holding the 1972 meeting on the Monmouth campus. He also reported that his conversation with Leland Harris, Chairman of the Knox College Chemistry Department, indicated Knox College's willingness to host the 1972 MACTLAC meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed. On the one hand there was considerable sentiment for returning to the site of MACTLAC's founding on its twentieth anniversary. This was countered by a concern for Monmouth's ability, under the pressure of an undermanned chemistry staff maintaining its teaching program, to support an effective MACTLAC meeting. Concern for the wisdom of holding a MACTLAC meeting at an institution that had willingly let its chemistry department fall into a position of losing its ACS accreditation entered the discussion. After consideration of many alternatives (transportation difficulties caused the suggestion of a joint Knox-Monmouth MACTLAC meeting to be dismissed), John Zimmerman moved to transfer the 1972 MACTLAC meeting from Monmouth College to Knox College. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Secretary-Treasurer was directed to write a letter to Monmouth President Stine informing him of the Executive Council action.

3. The normal consideration of geographic distribution of previous meetings led to the selection of DePauw University as the site for the 1973 MACTLAC meeting.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer presented a financial report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

5. Sister Elizabeth Kramer, appointed prior to the meeting to solicit nominations, submitted the following names for consideration:

President	-	William Celke (Grinnell)
President-Elect	-	Allen Hanson (Saint Olaf)
Secretary-Treasurer	-	John Ganchoff (Elmhurst)
		Daniel Steffenson (Albion)
		Sister Mary Eileen Thompson (St. Catherine's)

The Nominations Committee, comprised of those Executive Council members leaving the Council, was scheduled to meet for further consideration of the slate to be presented before the general business meeting.

6. John Zimmerman raised the question of honorary membership by observing that no nominations had been received during his three year tenure as Secretary-Treasurer. Richard Werth suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee to survey the membership for potential honorary member candidates and to review the honorary membership selection procedure. Richard Bayer suggested this be deferred to President-Elect Celke.
7. The wisdom of retaining the MACFLAC Teacher Placement Service was briefly considered. Bill Celke volunteered to discuss the Service and alternatives to it with Arild Miller.
8. President Bayer reminded the Council of an action taken at its 1970 meeting which set aside \$200 to effect a survey of "the state of chemistry" in the MACFLAC institutions vis a vis the material Harry Lewis had presented at previous MACFLAC meetings. Joe Danforth's presentation at the Saint Olaf meeting is to be along these lines. Continued consideration of this effort was encouraged.
9. Modifications of the "Duties of the Host Institution" were considered to clarify the need for a good communications link between the host institution and the Executive Council regarding the program planning for the annual meeting. Toward that end the Council approved the addition of the following paragraph to the "Duties of the Host Institution":

An appropriate person at the host institution serves as Program Chairman. Either he, or a representative, should be present at the annual Friday Executive Council meeting the year before his institution is to host the annual meeting. Tentative dates and special plans for the next MACFLAC meeting will be discussed at this Executive Council meeting.

A tentative program should be sent to all State Representatives and MACFLAC officers by May 1.

Executive Council Meeting, Saturday noon, October 9, 1971.

The following points were discussed during an informal luncheon meeting of the old and new Executive Councils and the old and newly elected MACTLAC officers.

1. Allen Hanson observed that MACTLAC's geographical spread made it difficult for many to attend those annual meetings held on the organization's perimeter, e.g., those from southeast Indiana found it difficult to justify the travel expense to Northfield. He suggested that, perhaps in alternate years, the annual meeting be divided into two meetings, each devoted to a smaller geographical area. Although there was considerable sympathy for the travel difficulties faced by some of the members, there was a general hesitation to promote the split meeting idea.

Richard Bayer suggested that part of the travel difficulty could be circumvented by having State Representatives poll their respective states to see if any of those attending the meeting were interested in pooling transportation.

2. There was a general consensus that the annual meeting should retain every possible element to encourage spontaneous additions to the program.
3. President Oelke announced the appointment of William Deskin and Quentin Petersen to an ad hoc committee to survey MACTLAC for honorary membership candidates and to suggest ways for improving the honorary member selection procedure. Adoption of a May 1 deadline, instead of the current 30 days prior to the annual meeting, was suggested.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer was directed to go through the MACTLAC files and discard those items of no historical interest.
5. In response to the general concern permeating much of the Saint Olaf meeting, a consensus was reached that providing a communications link was the best means for MACTLAC to aid those members displaced by the financial straits facing many MACTLAC institutions. In spite of it being an era of staff cutbacks, normal attrition continues to create job openings. Solicitation of job openings in MACTLAC departments and providing those departments having openings with a listing of MACTLAC members displaced from other MACTLAC institutions formed the essence of the suggested communications link. The emphasis in the procedure is to be on simplicity and on its being current. A periodic return post card sent to MACTLAC department chairman was suggested as an effective way of meeting these aims. Details of the process are to be worked out among Quentin Petersen, William Oelke and Arild Miller, with the latter providing the requisite clerical support. MACTLAC will support any "out of the ordinary" expenses incurred in the program.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Zimmerman  
Secretary-Treasurer MACTLAC