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1972 Business Meeting: In accordance with the wishes of the membership a summary of the Annual Meeting is presented each year in the Newsletter for the edification of those of the membership who were unable to attend.

Summary of ASP Business Meeting of
July 22, 1972 at Fawcett Center for Tomorrow
Columbus, Ohio

President E. John Staba called the meeting to order. No members were known to have become deceased since the 1971 Annual Meeting.

The following reports were presented and accepted:

Secretary - minutes of 1971 Business Meeting

Treasurer - total assets as of June 15, 1972 were \$19,139.19.

- membership as of June 15, 1972:

Active	-	344
Honorary	-	4
Associate	-	11
Sustaining	-	1
Patron	-	9

Auditing Committee - Treasurer's books are in order.

Editor of Lloydia - the report indicated increasing costs of publication which was offset by page-charge income. There was a \$2900 surplus (for the first time) at the end of 1971.

1972 Local Program Committee - reported 165 registrants for the meeting and 26 more registered for the Symposium only. Program support of \$350 was received from among five business firms.

1972 Scientific Program Committee - reported that the Symposium papers are to be published in the December, 1972, issue of Lloydia. Fifty-one contributed papers were submitted. Program support of \$575 was received from among seven business firms.

Membership Committee - reported that a vigorous recruitment campaign should be initiated as membership has declined slightly.

Nominating Committee - placed in nomination the following:

Vice President - Ara der Marderosian

- Leonard R. Worthen

Executive Committee Member - Rolf S. Westby

- Paul L. Schiff, Jr.

Secretary - Kenneth L. Euler

- Jack K. Wier

Treasurer - Frank D. O'Connell
- Gerald Sullivan

There were no nominations from the floor.

Patron Membership Committee - reported that as of June 30, 1972, there were one sustaining member, eight patron members, and one probable patron member.

Varro E. Tyler (chairman) and James E. Robbers submitted their resignations, stating they felt that a new committee with a new approach would be in order.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee - proposed changes were a part of the recent ballot.

Honorary Membership Committee - names of two persons were placed in nomination at a time which did not allow for sufficient deliberation and action.

These candidates will be considered during the coming year.

Special Committee on Evaluation of History of Plant Science Seminar - recommended that bound, xeroxed copies of the manuscript be made available by subscription at cost. That cost will be between \$30 and \$35.

Publicity Committee - news releases concerning the 1971 and 1972 Annual Meetings were distributed to appropriate publications.

1973 Local Program Committee - the meeting will be at the Carriage Inn, Jekyll Island, Georgia, on July 16-20 with three free periods of one-half day each.

1974 Local Program Committee - the committee is investigating sites at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. A second choice is the Chicago area.

1975 Annual Meeting - this is being planned as a joint meeting with the Gesellschaft für Arzneipflanzenforschung at the University of Connecticut in late July or August.

Resolution Committee - appropriate resolutions were presented to thank all those individuals who contributed their time and talent to the excellent meeting in Columbus.

Election of 1972-73 Nominating Committee - the following persons were elected to this committee:

Heinz G. Floss
Harry H. S. Fong
George M. Hatfield

Installation of New Officers - the new 1972-73 officers were installed.

President - Ralph N. Blomster
Vice President - William J. Kelleher
Executive Committee Member - Jack L. Beal

The meeting was adjourned by President Blomster.

Annual Dues: The Treasurer of the Society wishes to remind the membership that dues are collected in the last quarter of the year and are applied to membership for the next calendar year. Dues for Active Members are \$15 for those residing in the United States and Canada and \$10 for those residing in other countries. Associate Members receive Lloydia (J. Natural Products) and the ASP Newsletter. Please remember that cost for Society Symposia are offset by dues as well as the voluntary \$3 contribution, which most members make annually to the Symposium Fund. It is not too late to remit your dues if you have forgotten to do so. If you have not received your membership card from Treasurer Worthen, you have forgotten to renew your membership.

1973 Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Society is to be held at Jekyll Island, Georgia, the week of July 15, 1973. This will be a joint meeting

with the Pharmacognosy and Natural Product Section of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences. A Symposium on Biological Transformations is planned. Complete information will be presented in the next Newsletter.

Hungarian Meeting: The Pharmacognostical Section of the Hungarian Pharmaceutical Association held a Symposium concerned with popular medicine in Hungary on the 28th of October, 1972 in Pecs. The aim of the program was to call to the attention of scientists, those medicines used by the laity and to induce the scientists to develop studies which would determine which were efficacious.

Necrology: Dr. John F. Seybert passed away March 31, 1972. Dr. Seybert was an honorary member of the Society and had been involved with the Society since its inception and prior to this had been active in the Plant Science Seminar.

Poisonous Plants: Dr. John M. Kingsbury has been released from most teaching duties in calendar 1973 to work on a thorough revision of Poisonous Plants of the United States and Canada. He solicits suggestions on improving the book by those who use it and information on appropriate research in progress or recently completed in order that the book may be as nearly up-to-date as possible when it appears. His address for those of the membership wishing to contact him is: 202 Plant Science Building, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14850.

Phytochemical Society of North America: The Phytochemical Society held their twelfth Annual Meeting at the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry during October 18-20, 1972. A Symposium; "The Chemistry and Biochemistry of Plant Growth Regulators" was presented by the following speakers: Drs. J. McMillan, N. J. Leonard, B. V. Milborrow, S. F. Yang, P. M. Ray and J. W. Varner.

XII International Botanical Congress: The XII International Botanical Congress will convene in the City of Leningrad on June 25-30, 1975, and is intended to facilitate interdisciplinary communication among botanists as well as an informal exchange of ideas. A number of sections are planned, including special ones to accommodate mycologists (also lichenologists), phycologists and bryologists.

The Congress will be divided between organized half-day symposia and half-day contributed paper sessions, two evening lectures are scheduled. All special interest groups wishing to apply for space and time during the Congress should do so in writing as soon as possible to the secretary-general, Dr. Oleg Zalensky, Komarov Botanical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., 2 Prof. Popov Street, Leningrad 197022, U.S.S.R.

Those wishing to receive further information on the Congress should write to the Congress offices at the above address by early 1973 so that they will be placed on the mailing list for the First Information Circular expected to be published June-July 1973.

Grants: Drs. Worthen, Youngken and Shimizu, University of Rhode Island School of Pharmacy have received a \$34,683.00 grant for Drugs from the Sea Research as a part of the Sea-Grant College Program. Dr. Worthen is recipient of \$9,200.00 for the "Interception and Degradation of Pesticides by Aquatic Algae" and Dr. Shimizu, \$7,970.00 for "Plant Phenols and Related Organic Compounds

in Public Water Sources, Their Relationship to Chlorination; both grants were awarded by the Office of Water Resources. Dr. Norman J. Dorrenbos, University of Mississippi has been awarded a three year grant for \$186,000.00 by the U.S.D.A. for the cultivation, analysis, botanical study and chemical study of drug plants. Dr. Michael Corbett, of the same institution, was funded \$36,372 for the collection and extraction of poison ivy and poison oak and the purification and study of urushiol by the Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Alvin B. Segelman, School of Pharmacy, Rutgers University, has received a University Biomedical Sciences Support Grant to study "Bioactive Constituents in Endemic New Jersey Plants".

Personal: Dr. Dong Kyu Chung, Dean, College of Pharmacy, Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea and President of the Korean Society of Pharmacognosy is currently Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois, College of Pharmacy. He is working on flavonoids in the genus Clematis and the isolation of antitumor principles from plants. Dr. Leonard R. Worthen will be on Sabbatical Leave from the University of Rhode Island and will be doing research in a federal laboratory in Rhode Island and attending Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Carlton Turner has recently been appointed the Associate Director of the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Mississippi and has returned from Mexico where he presented lectures on Cannabis sativa at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Mexican Pharmaceutical Association and at the Institute of Mexican Social Security. Dr. Mahabir P. Gupta has joined the Universidad de Panama, Escuela de Farmacia, as Professor of Pharmacognosy. Dr. Maynard W. Quimby has retired from teaching at the University of Mississippi but will continue his association with that Institution as a Research Scientist. He has also been elected to the Presidency of the American Society for Economic Botany. Dr. Geoffrey A. Cordell, a post-doctoral student from the University of Manchester, has joined the University of Illinois, School of Pharmacy as a Research Associate working in the area of Catharanthus antitumor alkaloids. Dr. Edward S. Mika, Professor of Pharmacognosy, has assumed the position of Professor and Assistant to the Department Head, Department of Pharmacognosy and Pharmacology, University of Illinois. Dr. Leonard Male has joined the Department of Pharmacognosy, University of Mississippi, as a post-doctoral student on the Marihuana project. Dr. Wilma Messmer has received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is currently an Instructor in Chemistry and Biology at Titusville Branch of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Coy W. Waller, University of Mississippi, was one of the representatives of the National Institute of Mental Health at an International Conference on Marihuana held in Japan.

Pot-Pourri: A pamphlet entitled "Mushroom Poisoning in the Pacific Northwest" has been published by the Puget Sound Mycological Society. It is intended for physicians and other health professionals who may be involved in poison control. The pamphlet provides information on how to obtain the assistance of mycologists and qualified amateurs, especially in the Puget Sound Area, for identification of mushrooms suspected of being involved in poisoning cases. It also gives concise information on the nature of the mushroom toxins, symptoms of poisonings, and indicated therapeutic approaches. Copies may be obtained at \$1.00 prepaid from: Mrs. Helen Wasson, 16545 DesMoines Way S., Seattle, Washington 98148.