

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

The Executive Committee of the Academy held one meeting in Columbus on November 29, 1941, with the full membership in attendance. At this meeting the invitation of Denison University to hold the annual meeting of the Academy in Granville was received and accepted. Plans for this meeting were discussed, and the general arrangement of the program was worked out.

Dr. Van Cleef presented his proposal for a radio program, which was approved by the Committee.

The Committee spent a considerable amount of time disposing of items of routine business that need not be reported here in detail. Two important matters considered were the formation of a new Anthropology Section and Dr. Evans' suggestion of a commemorative tablet for the fiftieth anniversary. The formation of the new section proved to be hampered by the constitutional requirement of twenty-five members. Since a change in this minimum would necessitate an amendment, the committee voted that the group interested in Anthropology be invited to meet with the Academy in the spring, when the action necessary for their official organization could be taken.

Dr. Evans' suggestion of a commemorative tablet brought out an offer from Dr. Rothmund for the bronze foundry at Antioch to handle the work. Orton Hall on the Ohio State University campus was proposed as a fitting place for the tablet, and methods of financing were discussed. The whole project was approved by the committee and left in Dr. Evans' hands for the arrangement of details.

The committee also voted to offer the services of the Academy in the national emergency to Governor Bricker.

The first meeting of the Council was held in Columbus on January 17, 1942, with twenty of the thirty members present. Much of the meeting was devoted to routine business with which Academy members have already been made familiar, including such items as the election of new members and fellows and the approval of items recorded above from the meeting of the Executive Committee.

The office of Historian, suggested by the Nominating Committee at Cleveland in 1941, was approved, and the presentation of an amendment to the constitution for its creation was authorized. Other amendments provided for at this time and duly placed in the hands of the

Secretary in satisfaction of the constitutional requirements proposed the addition of the editor and business manager of the *O. J. S.* to the Council, the election by each section of a membership committeeman only, this officer to become vice-president of his section for the succeeding year, and the reduction of the minimum membership requirement of new sections from twenty-five to ten.

Measures to increase the income of the Academy were also discussed at this meeting. A particularly significant item was the suggestion of institutional membership. The proposal was left in an indefinite state, but seems worthy of more careful study and future action, particularly to augment the research funds available to the scientists of Ohio.

The final, or annual meeting of the Council, held in Granville on April 16, 1942, was devoted largely to the presentation of the reports printed herewith. The vexed question of publication costs and of the publication of abstracts occasioned long discussion in connection with Dr. Miller's report on the *O. J. S.* For the present, the question of abstracts was left to the Editor's judgment.

Reports from Messrs. Waller and Franks brought out some impressive facts concerning the part played by the Academy in Ohio conservation. Due to changes arising from the shift of national interests the Council felt very strongly that the Academy should assume responsibility for further long-range planning in this field as one of the greatest fields of public service open to it.

Items of routine business taken up by the Council at this meeting have already come before the members of the Academy either for their approval, in reports, or in arrangements for the annual meeting.

The amendments to the Constitution proposed at the time of the last meeting were approved by the Council and later by the Academy in the annual business meeting. They are summarized as follows:

At the Annual Meeting on April 18 the Academy adopted amendments to the Constitution on which the following changes are based:

Article IV, Section 2. Substitute the following for the old paragraph a:

(a) The Council shall be composed of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Academy, the two most recent Past Presidents, the Chairman of the Trustees of the Research Fund, the Chairman of the Committee on Conservation, the Academy Representatives on the Joint Administrative Board and the Editor and Business Manager of the *Ohio Journal of Science*, the Vice-President and the Membership Committeeman of each organized Section as provided for in Article IV, Section 7 (e) and Article VIII, Section 2 (b), and at intervals the retiring Secretary.

Article IV. Insert the following section after Section 3 and raise the numbers of former Sections 4 to 7 to correspond:

4. *Historian*.—The Academy Historian shall gather and preserve material pertaining to the history of the Academy.

In Section 7, paragraphs c and e, insert Historian after Librarian.

Article IV, Section 7. Substitute the following for the old paragraph d:

(d) Members of the Membership Committee, one from each Section, shall be elected annually by the Sections. The President shall designate the Chairman of the Membership and Nominating Committees.

Article VI, Section 2. Substitute the following for the old paragraph b:

(b) Each regularly organized Section of the Academy shall elect by ballot its representative on the Membership Committee, who shall be a Fellow. This member in the following year shall become the vice-president of his section. The President shall then designate the chairman of the Membership and Nominating Committees. See Article IV, Section 5 (b).

Article VIII, Section 1, line 1: change twenty-five to ten.

Respectfully submitted,

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