

PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION

STEVENS AND CONGRESS HOTELS, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, MAY 18-22, 1947

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings were held at the Stevens Hotel on Sunday, May 18. All members were present. Formal actions of the Council are reported in the minutes of the business section.

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

The scientific program consisted of 7 half-day sessions of scientific papers grouped according to topic. A total of 73 papers were presented and 9 were read by title. The abstracts of these papers were published in the Federation Proceedings, vol. 6, no. 1, March, 1947, pp. 401-424. If the number of papers increases much further it will be necessary to run simultaneous sections or to transfer papers to the list of those to be Read by Title.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Two business meetings were held, one at 8:30 Monday evening, May 19, following the Institute Dinner, and the other at 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21, following the scientific program. These meetings were presided over by the President, A. H. Smith.

*Monday, May 19, 8:30 P.M.* The report of the Treasurer was presented by E. M. Nelson. The Auditing Committee (Dr. Elsa Orent-Keiles and Dr. Chester Tolle) reported that the

Treasurer's books were in order. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Dr. George R. Cowgill, Editor of *THE JOURNAL OF NUTRITION* gave a brief report concerning the Journal as follows:

Beginning with the January 1946 issue a return was made to the page format that was used before the war. This change was made with all of the journals published by The Wistar Institute. As usual, 2 volumes were published during the year, namely volumes 31 and 32; they contained 118 articles. During the year 153 papers were submitted for consideration. The average number of papers per issue was 10, compared with 8.5 for the previous year. The average number of pages per article this year, namely 12.4, was higher than the previous year's figure of 9.0 pages. Simple comparison of these figures is not really valid because the format had been changed to the older one with fewer words per page; on the other hand it should be remembered that the number of pages per volume has been increased from 100 pages to the newer limit of 120.

Volume 31, covering January to June 1946, inclusive, was designated the "John R. Murlin Honor Volume" in honor of Dr. Murlin who founded the Journal and served as its editor until 1939 when he became an emeritus member of the American Institute of Nutrition. It was arranged that the first issue, that for January 1946, should carry a picture of Dr. Murlin which could serve as a frontispiece for the volume. The issue also carried a short note of appreciation of Dr. Murlin written by his younger colleague Dr. E. S. Nasset. A discussion of the efforts made to honor Dr. Murlin in some way, which culminated in the plan to designate volume 31 as an Honor Volume, was given in last year's report and therefore need not be given here (*Fed. Proc.*, 5: 316, Sept. '46).

The printing shop difficulties that made it impossible during the war years for our printer, The Wistar Institute, to bring out each issue on or about the tenth of each month were gradually overcome during the year. The most recent issues show a vast improvement in this regard. The one for April, 1947, was only a few days late; that for May, 1947, appeared

on schedule. In last year's report a hopeful statement was made regarding the prospects in this regard. Inasmuch as the latest issue appeared on time, we have every reason to believe that this problem caused by the war has now been solved, which is of course very gratifying to all parties concerned.

The members approved the Editor's Report and extended to Dr. Cowgill and the Editorial Board a hearty vote of thanks for their service.

The appointment of Dr. Walter C. Russell as the representative of the Institute to the Division of Biology and Agriculture of the National Research Council and as Liason Officer to the Food and Nutrition Board was approved. The appointment of Dr. L. A. Maynard as our representative on the Committee on International Congresses was approved.

The President reported that the Executive Committee of the Federation had discussed the feasibility of reorganizing the administration of the Federation by the establishment of a permanent business secretary who would, among other duties, be responsible for the annual meetings, thus removing much of this burden from the local committees. The Placement Service (which Dr. H. B. Lewis can no longer supervise) might also be transferred to the office of the permanent secretary. Such a proposal would require an increase of Institute dues to \$4 (\$3 to the Federation; \$1 to the Institute). All of these recommendations were approved. The President also announced that the 1948 meeting would be held in Atlantic City.

It was voted that the Institute should have a dinner at the 1948 meeting.

Dr. Walter C. Russell, the Institute representative on the Committee on Organization of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, reported on the nature of the proposed new organization and indicated that the American Institute of Nutrition was eligible to become a charter member. After some discussion the invitation to join this new organization was declined on the basis that the Institute of Nutrition was

more closely related to the Federation Societies than to many of the proposed members of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

The members observed a period of silence in honor of the following deceased members: Morris S. Fine, Charles L. Hoagland, Paul Roth, and Alfred Shohl.

*Wednesday, May 21.* The tellers reported that the following officers had been elected for 1947-1948:

President—R. M. Bethke  
 Vice-President—E. M. Nelson  
 Treasurer—N. R. Ellis  
 Councillor—A. D. Holmes  
 Associate Editors—E. W. Crampton  
                           O. L. Kline  
                           R. W. Swift

The following new members were elected on recommendation of the Council:

Aaron Arnold	Seth Roth Johnson
J. C. Bauernfeind	Francis G. McDonald
Herbert R. Bird	Mary Elizabeth Reid
Alex Black	H. E. Robinson
David K. Bosshardt	Saul Rubin
George M. Briggs	H. P. Sarett
W. W. Cravens	H. A. Schneider
Eva Donelson	Janice M. Smith
D. V. Frost	Clara A. Storvick
Ross A. Gortner	Madelyn Womack
B. Connor Johnson	

The President announced that a Joint Committee on Nomenclature had been established in cooperation with the American Society of Biological Chemists. The committee consists of:

C. A. Elvehjem, Chairman  
 E. M. Nelson  
 A. D. Welch  
 H. J. Almquist

This action was approved.

Dr. Griffith presented to the Institute the essential content of bills currently under consideration by Congress (HR 3215 and Senate Bill 504) regarding the status of professional men

(other than physicians, dentists, and veterinarians) in the Medical Departments of the Army and Navy. These bills would group such professional men in a heterogeneous group of professional and non-professional workers (the Medical Service Corps). The defects of such a set-up were pointed out by Dr. Griffith. The Institute voted to send a protest to the House and the Senate regarding this situation and the President appointed a committee consisting of Drs. Griffith, Nasset, and Carter to frame appropriate letters. (These were sent to the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services on May 29.)

President Smith appointed the following Nominating Committee for 1947-1948:

Harold Goss, Chairman  
H. G. Day  
L. A. Maynard  
H. B. Pierce  
Pearl Swanson

The Institute gave a hearty vote of thanks to the Local Committee for their fine service in organizing and arranging the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

#### DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

For the first time since the war the Institute held a dinner meeting (Hotel Continental, May 19). Following the dinner Dr. Murlin gave a very interesting talk regarding the early history of the American Institute of Nutrition. At this time also the presentation of the Institute Awards was made. Dr. L. A. Maynard as recipient of the Borden Award received a medal and a check. Drs. Paul Day, W. J. Darby, and E. L. Stokstad as co-recipients of the Mead Johnson and Company Prize received scrolls and checks.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. CARTER, *Secretary*  
American Institute of Nutrition