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WAS 94 CONFERENCE CANCELLED

President James Bach announced in a letter to the membership on June 15th that due to problems with negotiations with the chosen host University that he had decided to cancel the 94 conference. The text of his letter follows:

It is with much regret that I inform you that due to unfortunate circumstances and continued delays over which we had no control, and following consultation with the WAS Executive Board, I have decided to cancel the 1994 WAS Conference scheduled for August 1-5, 1994 in Pullman, Washington.

The purpose of the conference is to meet the educational and other needs of the members of the Society. With the continued delays we have not been able to give our members sufficient time to look at conference material and plan their travel and budgets. Without these opportunities the conference may not be attended as well as we would like which would put undue hardship on those able to we with us and possibly negatively affect the WAS budget. I do not want this to occur! Therefore I made the decision to cancel the 1994 WAS conference.

This is an unfortunate circumstance especially as we were looking forward to seeing you again and making new friends of those who have been unable to attend past conferences.

We will be in touch with you via the newsletter or otherwise to address some Society business that requires your participation. Sincerely, James C. Bach WAS President

Subsequently, in order to comply with the provisions of our Articles of Incorporation, President Bach called a series of business meetings which were held at Davis CA on October 15, 1994. Minutes of these meetings appear in this issue of the Journal. Please read them carefully. Some of the information is very crucial to the future of this organization.

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Publication Schedule

The Journal, beginning in 1995, will be published on a regularly scheduled basis:

October following the conference with a submission date for material of October 1st.

January with submission deadline of January 10th.

April with conference information and a submission date of April 1st.

July with final conference details and a submission date of June 15th.

Articles, news, letters to the Editor or President, or other items of interest are not only welcome but solicited from the membership on a regular or one time basis.

WESTERN APICULTURE SOCIETY

MINUTES, DELEGATES AND DIRECTORS MEETING

October 15, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by President James Bach. Officers, Directors, Delegates and members attending were: Nancy Stewart, Secretary; Stan Umlauf, Director, CA; Olive Jones, Acting Director, UT; William Jones, Delegate; Jody Jones, member, Burt Spangler, Delegate; Ron Neese, Treasurer; William Nye, member; Norm Gary, member; James Bach, President; John Uhler, member.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved. The Treasurer reported on the figures he had from past conferences, financial activities and membership. His written report will be filed in the near future. B. Spangler moved we accept the Treasurer's Report. S. Umlauf seconded and the motion carried.

President Bach detailed his dealings with the potential host university in Washington last year and other considerations that led to the cancellation of the full 1994 WAS conference. He then asked the group to go over the By-Laws for possible changes.

After several motions that were later deemed improper due to quorum requirements, the President appointed the full attending group as a By-Laws Committee to recommend changes in the document. Those recommendations are listed in the By-Laws Committee minutes, which are available from the Secretary upon request.

The President then named himself, R. Neese and S. Umlauf as a committee to go over the By-Laws in total and present possible changes to the full committee. Secretary, Nancy Stewart volunteered to go through past minutes for Board of Directors directives with the intent of compiling procedures for Board members in the future.

After careful reading of the By-Laws and conferring with our Parliamentarian, it was concluded that there was not a quorum present for a Board of Directors meeting. Therefore the meeting was declared by the President to be an Executive Committee meeting and only its members may carry on business and vote.

Journal Editor Report: Burt Spangler presented a proposal to become Journal Editor with some specific guidelines. S. Umlauf moved and N. Stewart seconded a motion to recommend that Burt Spangler be Editor of the Journal, with a \$300.00 quarterly budget, adjustable as needed by the Executive Committee. Carried.

Sites Committee Report: A letter about the 1995 conference in CA, written by Eric Mussen who could not attend this meeting, was read and discussed. J. Bach moved to recommend to Eric that if room guarantees are required, that they be low in number. R. Neese seconded. Motion carried. (Secretary's note: since talking to Eric after this meeting, it was found no guarantees are necessary).

J. Bach moved we hold 1996 in Hawaii. R. Neese seconded. Carried. R. Neese moved 1997 be held in the Southwest US. J. Bach seconded, carried.

Nominating Committee Report: Olive Jones recommended the following: Directors from Nevada, B. C. and Colorado be reappointed by the President for one more year until the next full conference meeting when there will be elections for these three states for 2-year terms. At that time also, Directors from Utah, Alberta and Arizona will be elected for 3-year terms. This will result in the proper rotation of directors. President: Eric Mussen; no First Vice President; Second Vice President: Michael Burgett; Secretary: Nancy Stewart; Treasurer: Ron Neese.

It was moved by B. Spangler and seconded by R. Neese to accept the Nominating Committee report. Carried. S. Umlauf moved we adjourn, B. Spangler seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12.26 p.m.

WESTERN APICULTURE SOCIETY

Minutes, General Business Meeting
October 15, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 1:43 p.m. by President James Bach. Those attending were Ron and Maryellen Parsons, Ray Hicks and Virgil Philippi in addition to the attenders of the previous meeting.

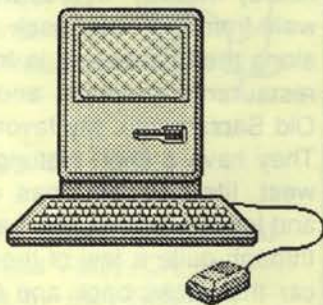
R. Neese moved and S. Umlauf seconded that the minutes be approved as printed in the Journal. Carried. The Secretary gave a report on the number and types of inquiries and correspondence received during the year and the responses made. The Treasurer's detailed written report is not ready yet. He reported on the status of membership and that the last two conferences lost money.

The President said the 1994 conference was cancelled because the University did not meet deadlines on requested fee information and there was a good possibility that the conference would lose money. The Executive Committee agreed. The President also reported on the Executive Committee Meeting preceding this meeting. He proposed the names of Dr. Dan Mayer and Dr. Eric Erickson be considered by the next Board of Directors for "Outstanding Service to Beekeeping" award.

The Executive Committee recommends that Burt Spangler be appointed Journal Editor with a set budget. There is no Audit report yet.

Nominations are as follows: President: Eric Mussen, Second Vice President: Michael Burgett; Secretary: Nancy Stewart; Treasurer: Ron Neese. Director elections will be held in 1995. Nominations from the floor were opened.

B. Spangler nominated Norm Gary for Vice



President. B. Spangler moved nominations be closed. S. Umlauf seconded. Carried.

B. Spangler moved we elect the slate, including Norm Gary as Vice President by acclamation. O. Jones seconded. Motion carried.

The sites report was voted on by year. Motions to approve were made as follows: 1995, B. Spangler, second S. Umlauf; 1996, R. Neese, second V. Philippi; 1997, S. Umlauf, second R. Neese. All motions were carried. The resolution made in 1993 to change the By-Laws to make it possible to meet at a non-campus venue became unnecessary. After careful reading of the By-Laws, it is already permitted.

B. Spangler moved the approval of the 1993 resolution to establish a permanent membership category for clubs for \$100.00. S. Umlauf seconded. R. Neese moved to amend the motion to delete an amount because that is the job of the Board of Directors. V. Philippi seconded. The amendment carried. The amended motion carried.

The President thanked Ron Neese, Nancy Stewart, Eric Mussen and Dan Mayer and all those who attended this meeting. R. Neese moved we adjourn. V. Philippi seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Stewart, Secretary

WESTERN APICULTURE SOCIETY MINUTES, DELEGATES AND DIRECTORS MEETING October 15, 1994

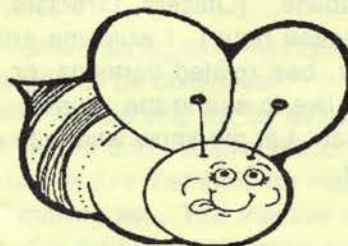
The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Norm Gary at 2:40 p.m. The Vice President reappointed all the present committee chairs until such time as the President, Eric Mussen, makes final appointments.

Committees: The By-Laws Committee will report at the 1995 Board of Directors meeting.

B. Spangler moved and J. Bach seconded a motion to set \$50.00 as the membership fee to qualify a club as a permanent member of WAS. Motion carried.

Norm Gary suggested that 1995 is a make or break year for WAS. The last two conferences lost money, 1994 saw no conference income but still had operating expenses. If 1995 is not a successful conference it is possible that OUR SOCIETY COULD END. Therefore, all members are encouraged to promote WAS and its 1995 conference in any way possible - get creative! B. Spangler moved we adjourn, J. Bach seconded. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:15

Minutes submitted by Nancy Stewart, Secretary



The Editor's Page

Your Journal has a new Editor and a new look, and the look may continue to change as I learn more about its publication. I volunteered for this job! Why did I do something as crazy as that? Over the years there have been several changes in the editorial and Journal staff all ending in a rather sporadic "when we get to it" publication schedule. I feel that since this is our only real channel of communication the membership deserves better than that. I may not be able to improve on the content of past issues but I will make every effort to get you your four issues of the Journal on a reasonable schedule, with contents that are not outdated or obsolete.

I took the job with a specific set of stipulations, which were agreed to by the Board of Directors at the past meeting. Briefly they were, that I be allowed, without a lot of second guessing, to do this in my own way and to have control of the whole process from start to finish. That includes format, schedule, content, printing and mailing.

This issue will be mailed first class as it has been in the past but if I can make suitable arrangements and have the mailing volume required I will mail future issues by bulk mail saving the Society some of the costs associated with the Journal. Bulk mail has some disadvantages. It is not forwarded. It is not returned, so I do not know it when your copy was not delivered. It will be necessary that you keep the treasurer informed of your current address.

The Journal mailing list still includes many names of members far in arrears in their dues. They have not been deleted as a matter of policy until now. This policy must change soon as a matter of economics. Please check your mailing label. The small date appearing there indicates the last year that you paid dues. 1995 dues are now due and payable. If your mailing label does not have 95 appearing after the zip code please remit your dues to the treasurer using the form appearing in this issue.

Your editor is not a reporter. I can only publish that information submitted to me prior to the publication deadline. (Officers, Directors, and contributors, please note.) I welcome articles, pictures, humor, bee related cartoons, or anything else you would like to see in the Journal. After all, it is your Journal. Let me know what you would like to see in it.

From Your President

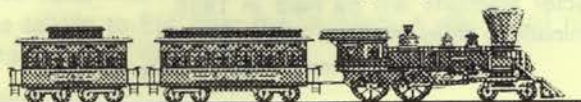
Similar, but Different

WAS Conferences have always been enjoyable because they included exchanges of information, new ideas and techniques, and lots of time to renew old friendships and meet new people. WAS '95 will have all those essential ingredients and more. What it won't have is shared dorm bathrooms, cafeteria food, or dorm furniture. For the first time, the meeting has been scheduled at a non-campus, conference hotel: the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento.

Does it cost more to hold the meeting off campus? Very little more, these days. Campus conference services, that used to be provided by the institution, are now expected to be "self supporting" if not "profitable." Also, on the Davis campus, food services were turned over to an industry giant, Marriott. They have very severe restrictions about what can and cannot be consumed on campus. Even the beverage vending machine offerings are controlled.

Next year's program should be very interesting and a lot of fun. Dr. Norm Gary will come out of retirement (read **F I S H I N G**) to help plan the agenda and keep everyone busy. Drs. Robert Page, Christine Peng, and Robbin Thorp will be available to help provide workshops during a memorable day at the UC Davis Bee Biology Facility. I hope to find a few more speakers on beekeeping topics that are quite out of the ordinary, but of interest to all.

The Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn is located on the edge of the City of Sacramento. It is about two blocks distant from Old Sacramento, which is accessible to the hotel through a walkway under the nearby freeway. In less than 10 minutes, you can walk from the hotel back into history and clomp along the boardwalks in front of the shops, restaurants, theaters, and historical museums of Old Sacramento. My favorite is the Train Museum. They have a short historical movie on trains of the west, life-size dioramas of railroad construction, and lots of engines and train cars. You can walk through quite a few of the cars. There is a Pullman car that rocks back and forth, clickety-clacks, has lights and sounds passing the windows, and provides you with the most life-like living experience



anyone could imagine. Just a few blocks from the museums is the Sacramento River. Reconditioned river boats tour the river. I have chartered a boat to provide us a luncheon trip lasting about three hours. The lower deck of the boat has a no-host bar and luxurious furnishings. The upper deck is covered, but open to the air. With a group our size, half of us either will be upstairs or eating below, at any given moment. It is usually pretty warm in August, but being on the water should make things a bit cooler.

To make this conference as enjoyable as possible, we would like to know about any specific requests you might have for the meeting. We will consider all requests to include, or exclude, certain elements of programming, but we reserve the right to make the final decisions.

In case you are wondering, or are concerned, I did not promise to pay for a block of hotel rooms. I did contract to pay for the conference rooms. The total price for the rooms is calculated on a sliding scale - the more room nights occupied in the hotel, the cheaper the conference rooms become. I have planned for about 150 people, but we can accommodate up to 200 without feeling "congested."

Please get out your **1995** calendars and mark off the days of **August 15-18, Tuesday-Friday**, for the WAS Conference. I shifted the meeting to near the end of the week to help those individuals who will have to stay over on Saturday in order to be able to afford to fly to Sacramento. No one will have a problem keeping busy in Sacramento an extra day. Less than 50 yards from the hotel, in the opposite direction from Old Sacramento, is Downtown Plaza, a two-story, covered mall with stores, restaurants, and comic playhouses. Thursday nights bring a Farmers Market into the mall. I have left nearly every night unscheduled, so that you can enjoy those events. Hope to see you there! -- WAS President, Eric Mussen.



Auditor's Report 1993-4

The financial records of the Western Apicultural Society were examined at Grass Valley, CA, on Friday, November 11, 1994 by Burt Spangler, duly appointed auditor.

The financial records system has not changed from that used in prior years and described in previous audit reports. It is a computerized system which generates all the standard, generally accepted

accounting report formats. These are normally made available to members attending the general business meeting of the Society at the annual conference. Since they were not available for the 1994 meeting a summary will be published in the post meeting issue of the WAS Journal.

While the records show that the Society is currently solvent there has been a significant decrease in the over all balance and cash assets of the organization over the last three years. This is due to conference losses at the last two conferences. What effects the aborted conference plans for 1994 have had as a fiscal impact can not yet be determined. It is expected, however, that a significant decrease in dues collections will result.

A goodly number of the members still being carried on the membership and mailing list are far in arrears as to dues payments--some as far as five years. While it is beyond the scope of this audit to evaluate the operating policies of this organization, it would appear that the continued carrying of delinquent memberships is having a negative effect on the fiscal condition of the Society. Mailing and publication of the Journal and other items of general correspondence are costly and from a fiscal viewpoint should be restricted to active or current members.

The current fiscal examination included a review of the computer printouts (general ledger, profit and loss statement, and balance sheet). The checkbook and receipt book were spot checked and random audit trails were established resulting in no finding of errors or faulty entries.

Audit exceptions

No audit exceptions are reported.

Response to previous recommendations

Previous audit recommendations have been noted and followed. The bank account has been restructured and is now free of service charges and is interest bearing.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. All accounts payable be forwarded to the treasurer without undue delay so that they can be settled upon receipt of statement, and that early payment discounts can be realized and late charges avoided.
2. That current accounting methods and record keeping procedures be continued.
3. That the membership list be evaluated and divided into active and inactive sections.
4. That only active members be maintained on the Journal mailing list. The inactive file can be used for special mailings and active membership

drives.

5. That every effort be made to collect delinquent dues and/or secure reinstatement of members dropped from the active list for delinquency.

6. That the Treasurer be commended for the accuracy and adequacy of his records and the work and diligence he applies to his position.

7. Since this report could not be presented at the past meeting that it be published in the post meeting issue of the Journal with a summary of the Treasurer's Report.

Langstroth Anniversary

Next year, 1995 is the 100th anniversary of the death of L.L. Langstroth, who is generally regarded as the father of modern beekeeping. His discovery of the bee space and his vision in designing the movable frame beehives that enabled beekeepers to perform the management practices and techniques that are critical to large scale beekeeping led the industry into an expanding future. As apiculture marks this anniversary of his passing, our sister organization the Eastern Apicultural Society is planning its annual conference in Langstroth's home state of Ohio. The theme will be, very appropriately, "The Year of the Hive". The conference is planned for July 31st to August 4th, 1995 at Wooster, Ohio. There is plenty of time for those here on the west coast to attend the EAS conference and get back in time for our conference in Sacramento.

Help!

We have lost three Life Members or at least lost track of them. Mail has been returned as undeliverable for: Michael and Donna Brusin of San Jose, CA; Alan Miller of Surrey, British Columbia and Robert Wright of Felton, CA. Anyone knowing their current correct addresses, please advise them to file a change of address with WAS.

Good News, Local Beekeeping Associations

As you will note from reading the minutes of the meetings, one important piece of business was concluded. Local Associations may now become Permanent (or Life) Members of WAS by paying a one time membership fee of only \$50.00. This will eliminate the need for local clubs to keep track of WAS dues payments and assure continued receipt of the Journal and other WAS mailings. Each local member association is entitled to send a delegate to the conference where that delegate will attend the meeting of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity and be able to provide input to all business

affairs and policies of the Society. Currently local associations may enjoy these privileges by maintaining yearly membership with dues payments of \$10.00 per year. We strongly urge our member clubs to take advantage of the Permanent Membership now available. Send your delegate to the Sacramento conference next August. There are very important issues to be decided, many of which will determine the structure and operating mode of our Society in the future. Be a part of those decisions.

WAS Board of Directors

Each state/province in Western North America is entitled to elect one Director on the governing board of the Society. Directors meet before and after each general meeting and set policy and guidelines for the operation of the business of the Society. Throughout the year they serve as the liaison between the Society officers and the members in their respective states. They are responsible for recruiting new members, keeping track of state concerns and advising the membership of their activities through this Journal. The board currently consists of the following members:

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TREASURER ' S REPORT

As of November 1, 1994 the current membership is broken down into the following amounts: Individual - 27, Senior - 10, Couple 17, Association - 4, Commercial - 2, Lifetime - 51, and Couple Lifetime - 25, for a total of 136 paid current (1994) memberships.

The financial condition of the Society has deteriorated further this year due to the payoff of the Oregon Conference bill which was presented at last year's conference. I was able to negotiate a substantial reduction in this bill, however it was still close to \$1,000. Also contributing to the deterioration of the treasury was a loss on the Vancouver conference of approximately \$1000.

Our current balance is \$13,909.50. This is all in cash in the bank and is in an interest bearing account. Interest income for this year exceeded our income from memberships. We have no outstanding debts or liabilities and are still in good financial condition.

Ron Neese, Treasurer
11/12/94

Further Notes from your Editor

This issue of the Journal has been mainly business and reports from the meeting. I would like to receive contributions from the membership for future issues. Bee related articles, stories, pictures, cartoons, other humor items and any other appropriate item will be appreciated. I would particularly like to hear from local associations who have special events they would like to have reported or publicized.

We will also be accepting a limited amount of **advertising** to help offset the costs of publishing this Journal. We are keeping the rates reasonable: A full page ad running for four issues (one year) for only \$100.00. Half page \$50.00, quarter page \$25.00 and business cards \$20.00. Members wishing to place ads should call me at (916) 273-0736 (Grass Valley, CA). I will need copy just as you want it run but I can size it and do some minor editing. Those of you who have commercial contacts who could profit by a WAS ad, please do a bit of a selling job for us, and generate an ad or two. It will be appreciated. Our circulation is between two and three hundred and covers all of Western US and Canada with some copies going as far east as England.

Copy sent in for publication can come in in any format, preferably typed in plain text so it can be scanned, but hand written copy will also be accepted if readable. You may fax material to me by calling (916) 273-0736. If the phone is answered say that you want to send a fax, hang up wait a few minutes and call again. The computer will give you your fax cues. If you get an answering machine instead of the computer or a person answering, leave a phone number and I will return your call with fax instructions. Some day I want to get a dedicated fax line but for now I'll settle for using my regular phone line.

Let me remind you again that 1995 dues are now payable. Since we didn't have a conference many of you who usually pay there didn't get a chance to do so. Send your dues to the Treasurer, not to me, Mail dues to:

Western Apicultural Society
Ron Neese, Treasurer
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Woodland, CA 95695.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year the membership nominates candidate for the prestigious "Outstanding Service to Beekeeping" Award. The recipient is selected by the Executive Committee from nominations submitted by the membership and the presentation of the award is an integral part of the Awards Banquet at the Conference.

When appropriate, the Roy Thurber Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated unique inventiveness in beekeeping.

Nominations for either of these awards should be made to:

Eric Mussen, President
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