

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

Condensation<sup>1</sup> of minutes of a meeting of the 1977-78 Board of Directors, September 25, 1977, Provo, Utah.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Nielsen. All officers and directors were present except R. A. Costello, Richard C. Axtell, and Louis J. Ogden. Others present were Jay Graham, Marvin Kramer, Steven Romney, Lewis Fronk, George Wichterman, Linda Cavey and Bill Wright.

President Nielsen expressed his appreciation for the response to the meeting and commented on the need for an interim mid-year meeting. Mr. Mulhern also commented on future mid-year meetings.

Jay Graham, reporting for the World-Wide Committee, stated that AMCA members have the skills and technology that the world needs to control vector-borne diseases and that attempts are being made to explore methods whereby AMC can contribute more toward solving these world-wide problems and, simultaneously, to find means for more people throughout the world to participate in AMCA.

Lou Fronk, chairman of the Operational Articles Committee, reported that suggestions for articles had been received and that Henry Rupp had offered to do ghost-writing for anyone who wants help.

President Nielsen stated that an addition to the minutes of the first meeting of the 1977-78 Board in New Orleans was in order. The addition is the procedure referred to at the top of p. 548 of Vol. 37, No. 3 of *Mosquito News*. Glenn Stokes recommended the following procedure for selecting regional directors:

(1) A nominating committee consisting of 6 people; the AMCA President, the immediate past president, the Vice President, the President-Elect, the Execu-

tive Director, and an appointee designated by the concerned Regional Director. (2) This nominating committee would then select the five most outstanding eligible (that is, members of AMCA who have not served two terms already) mosquito control workers from a region. All regional, state and local mosquito control associations will be consulted for nominees. (3) The nominating committee would then screen each of these five candidates who should meet certain minimum standards, such as active participation in AMCA, actively engaged in mosquito control, research, and/or operational work, and active participation in local or regional association, in good health and willing to work as a regional director. (4) Then each of these five candidates would be asked if they are willing to serve if nominated and elected and also asked to submit their credentials to the AMCA nominating committee for review. (5) The nominating committee would select three of these candidates as nominees, and submit their names to the AMCA membership within that region for voting. (6) The ballots would be handled by the Executive Director's office, he would verify AMCA members in good standing within the particular region and mail ballots directly to them. (7) The ballots would then be returned directly to the Executive Director for counting. The ballot mailout would contain the names of the three nominees plus their credentials plus a write-in space. (8) The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes would be elected, and in case of a tie there would be a runoff.

After discussion, it was moved by Glenn Stokes and seconded by Paul Hunt that this proposed selection procedure be referred to the Bylaws Committee for consideration.

The minutes of the New Orleans meetings were approved with the above change.

Dr. D. Bruce Francy, chairman of the Nominating Committee, stated that procedures defined in the bylaws had been

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: In the interests of economy the editor was granted permission to publish a condensation of the minutes. A more complete version is on file in the office of the Executive Director.

followed. Nominees for vice-president were T. Oscar Fultz and Robert Washino. Glenn M. Stokes was the nominee for president-elect.

Tommy Mulhern reported that the 1977 meeting was successful but the return to the AMCA was only \$2600 instead of the anticipated \$5000. Printing charges for the September number of *Mosquito News* caused a deficit in the publications budget. These two deficit items have caused a shortage of funds which must be compensated for by appropriate action of the Board of Directors. It may be possible to offset this deficit in whole or in part by obtaining a grant from NIH for the preparation and printing of the Identification Manual and Key to the Mosquitoes of North America now being developed by Dr. Darsie.

Tommy Mulhern further commented on his recent trip to El Salvador, on the AMCA News Letter No. 9, the profitability of the Directory of Mosquito Control Agencies, on sales of bulletins and back numbers of *Mosquito News*, on advertising in *Mosquito News*, and the *Mosquito News* Index.

President Nielsen asked for authority to appoint Henry Rupp Chairman of the Editorial Board to the Index of all volumes of *Mosquito News*. On a motion by Glenn Stokes, seconded by Fred Lesser, the proposal to form a committee to develop an index, and to ask Henry Rupp to be chairman was approved.

Upon request of President Nielsen, Dr. Marco Giglioli explained a proposal to develop a Directory of Equipment, Materials, and Services employed by mosquito control agencies, pointing out that there is an urgent need for such, and that it could probably produce income by including advertising, and through sales of the directory when printed. Gilbert Challet, who had done such an excellent job of compiling the Directory of Agencies also expressed interest in this project. After considerable discussion and evident enthusiastic approval by the members of the Board, Glenn Stokes moved that Dr. Giglioli and Gilbert Challet be named Co-

chairmen of a committee to compile the proposed directory, and that they be given authority to make additional appointments to the committee. Harold Chapman seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Editor W. E. Bickley had reported that the papers from the 1977 meeting in New Orleans will produce an oversize September issue of *Mosquito News* (about 285 pages instead of the usual 130-150 pages) and this will be translated into a need to provide \$2500-\$3000 more than was budgeted for printing in 1977. After considerable discussion about the costs of printing, and the finance problems involved, it was the consensus that the service being provided by Boyd Printing Company is good, the product is satisfactory, and it is necessary to continue searching for economies and for increased revenue. The Executive Director proposed printing the next scheduled membership list by offset, from the original typing (as the Directory of Agencies) and issuing it as a supplement to an issue of *Mosquito News*. This could save upwards of \$1000, and in this case, a separate charge could be made for the Directory, instead of including it in the membership or subscription fees.

In the course of the discussion on finances of the association, Treasurer Murray explained that the association operates on a "cash basis" system of accounting, so that the portion of the dues and subscriptions that are paid in advance are credited in the year when they are received, although they apply to the following year; and when end-of-the-year bills are received late, as in the case of the invoice for the December *Mosquito News* which is always received after the first of the next year, such payments are paid in the year following publication. Also, since the making and mailing of reprints may be delayed 2 or 3 months thereby delaying billing, cash-flow income is correspondingly delayed, thereby requiring that the budget show that reserves may be drawn upon to keep a working balance in the checking account. It has been necessary for each of

the past 2 or 3 years to show "budget deficits" balanced by reserves; however, through actual economies and careful management of cash flow, it was possible to complete each year with a free balance and without actually drawing upon the reserves. However, for 1977 mainly because of reduced income from the annual meeting and extra costs for printing oversize issues of *Mosquito News*, it is very likely that the budget deficit will have to be made up by transfer of funds from reserves to the cash account. It appears now that the budget deficit may be as great as \$11,000 to \$13,000, if all programs are continued at budgeted levels. This condition makes it advisable to restrict expenditures wherever possible, even if programmed activities must be deferred or abandoned. It was also pointed out that a number of previously deferred items have been paid for during the past two years, such as the reprinting of out-of-print numbers of *Mosquito News*; *Mosquito Systematics* still is not self-supporting, the membership list has been updated and published; the AMCA News Letter has been published; and rising costs due to inflation have been met. No Board action is required at this time, but the Treasurer and Executive Director will continue to study the financing problems.

Glenn Stokes presented a letter from George Carmichael and a detailed report of the finances of the 1977 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, where high costs and lowered attendance brought on a deficit in the budget for the meeting. He presented a very complete statistical analysis of the funds, copies of which were distributed to all Board Members, and which may be of value in planning for the 1978 meeting in Chicago. Instead of about \$5000 that was anticipated, receipts to AMCA amounted to only \$2690, of which the Louisiana Association had to provide about \$200 from its treasury.

President Nielsen offered a motion of thanks to Mr. Stokes and Mr. Carmichael for the report, and for their efforts in planning and managing the meeting in

New Orleans. It was seconded by Paul Hunt and approved unanimously.

Mr. Fetzer gave a brief report of the plans for the Chicago Meeting in 1978, indicating that costs here also will be high, although projections indicate that the meeting should be a financial success. Some details have not yet been finalized, but the committee is now working intensively on the plans and program. He invited suggestions and indicated that the information provided by Glenn Stokes would be very valuable to him in planning for the Chicago meeting. Glenn Stokes also suggested that there be an exhibitors program, with advertising income. Dr. Giglioli suggested that invitations be sent out with descriptions of the subject matter that would be covered, to assist delegates in getting permission to attend. He also suggested that the registration fee be set at \$50.00, hopeful of covering the increased costs of meetings. President Nielsen indicated that the Board would leave a decision on the amount of the registration fee to Mr. Fetzer.

Glen Collett gave a report for the *Mosquito Systematics* committee, in the absence of Dr. Kitzmiller, who has been corresponding with the Editor and the Committee. At \$7.00 per subscription, *Mosquito Systematics* is not self-supporting, and it has been suggested that now is the time to establish for 1978 page charges, for all pages over twenty in any one article, and if this does not balance the *Mosquito Systematics* budget, then the subscription price should be increased to \$10.00 for 1979. It was also brought out that each author receives 25 free reprints of his article, and this is a very generous policy.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Paul Hunt, that subject to approval by the Editorial Board of *Mosquito Systematics*, the subscription rate for 1978 be raised to \$10.00, and that page charges be made for all articles over 10 pages in length, the page charges to be established by the Editorial Board. Dr. Murray seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

It was the consensus that in communicating with the Editorial Board, the point should be made that this action is not being taken just because of the budget deficit, but specifically because we have not been able to make *Mosquito Systematics* self-supporting. The Editorial Board was also requested to approve the new subscription rate and to set the page charges as quickly as practicable, so that subscribers can be notified and billed for the 1978 year. (1978 subscriptions already paid for will be carried through the year at the old rate.)

President Nielsen referred back to the letter from the Editor, which pointed out that the over supply of papers for *Mosquito News* is continuing, and that a budget increase of \$4000 for 1978 should be recommended to the Finance & Policy Committee, and that an increase in page charges might also be considered. These suggestions were referred to the Finance & Policy Committee for consideration.

After lengthy discussion of the costs of printing and mailing *Mosquito News*, which now evidently exceeds the \$15.00 subscription cost, Glenn Stokes moved that we recommend to the Finance & Policy Committee that it immediately consider an increase in page charges, and give consideration to a two-tier system by which immediate publication could be obtained for articles by authors willing to pay the full publications costs; with a lower page charge for regular publication, which might involve considerable delay if the backlog of papers continues to increase. The motion was seconded by Gilbert Challet and passed.

There was no report from the Editorial Board of *Mosquito News*.

Gary Mount has not submitted a final report for the Publications Committee, but did send a unilateral comment relating to the proposed change in name. The gist of this and other comments will be summarized in a resume of expressions "pro" and "con" being prepared by the Executive Director for inclusion in the next News Letter to reach members before

they receive a ballot asking for their vote for or against a name change. The objective, of course, is to give both sides of the argument, so the members can have full opportunity to vote on this important item.

President Nielsen asked for a report on Bulletin #1 (Airspray). Mr. Mulhern said he had a note from Mr. Akesson which indicated that it would not be ready for the printer before the end of the year. Meanwhile, a review copy of the FAO Bulletin on The Use of Aircraft in Agriculture, by Norman B. Akesson and Leslie E. Yates, price \$6.50, has been received. It contains a lot of information, but appears not to satisfy the need for users of aircraft in mosquito control. Glenn Stokes suggested that we request a copy of the present draft, so that we can review it, and use it to get preliminary estimates of cost, and to begin planning for the ultimate sale of the bulletin, and of advertising in it. No motion was needed for this.

President Nielsen then asked Harold Chapman to present a report on the progress of Bulletin #6 (Biological Control).

Dr. Chapman.—I asked Marshall Laird, Ralph Barr, and Don Weidhaas to serve on the Bulletin #6, Biological Control Committee and they all agreed. Their ideas and suggestions on contents have been requested, and after that, we will determine who should write specific chapters. Probably by the time of the Board Meeting in Chicago we will be well on our way to establishing the general content of the bulletin.

President Nielsen—The next item is one of the very important reasons for this Board meeting, concerning the identification guide to Mosquitoes of North America, Bulletin #7 prepared by Dick Darsie. At the meeting in New Orleans the Board did approve an expenditure of \$5,000 for illustrations for this manual, and it was estimated that there would probably be another \$5,000 printing cost. Since that time a number of complications have arisen. The organization has run into a deficit in terms of expected income of about \$5000 which is the amount we pro-

posed to make available for this key. Although we made a commitment, we aren't able to make funds available at the present time without going into a deficit and it's something we can hardly afford to do. There are some other questions that were not discussed at the time which need to be brought up.

There was a lengthy discussion, during which it was evident that there is general agreement within the Board that this is a desirable project, but cannot be funded at present unless the costs can be found from grants or other sources. The Executive Director explained that he had already approached NIH to explore the possibility of obtaining a grant to fund the drawings, and had been encouraged to submit a grant request prior to November 1, the last day for submission of grant requests to be considered this year. Members of the Board also urged that the State and Regional Associations now be asked to subscribe funds to make up the \$5000 estimated as necessary for the drawings. Another item that must be cleared up relates to the ownership of the keys and the drawings, and the rights of AMCA to copyright the finished products and to sell it to recoup the cost. AMCA may have to obtain formal permission from CDC, in order legally to assume ownership and to legally sell copies of the key.

After thorough discussion and expressions of regret that this course of action must be taken, the following motion was offered by Paul Hunt, seconded by Dan Gorman, and passed unanimously.

Due to the current AMCA financial problem unanticipated in March, 1977, and in deference to the Board of Directors' position against deficit expenditure of funds, and due to several questions of importance which require clarification, it is moved that expenditures for Bulletin #7 be tabled until the Chicago meeting, and that these questions be clarified by that time for reconsideration, and that the Financial Support Committee be charged with surveying the various state and regional associations requesting financial support for this bulletin, expressing their

intent in giving, and that an NIH grant be applied for if possible by November 1, 1977, for financing preparation and publication.

President Nielsen directed that Dr. Darsie be notified of this decision by the Board, and that the circumstances be explained to him, hopeful that he would understand that this action was not taken lightly, but that we defer funding this item for the present, since we cannot go against the policy of the Board to avoid deficit spending. At the time of the New Orleans Meeting there was no indication that the current unavoidable deficits would occur, but AMCA will continue to search for funds to support this project.

President Nielsen stated that Harry Pratt had provided a draft of a color brochure on modern mosquito control. It has been sent to members of the Public Relations Committee, and several members had opportunity to see this version at the meeting in New Orleans. The Public Relations Committee would like to have the brochure reviewed by the Board, and upon acceptance by the Board, it is suggested that the appropriate committees be contracted regarding publication and financing. Dr. Pratt should remain associated with this project to its completion.

President Nielsen then read the report of the Public Relations Committee submitted by Chairman, John Lloyd. Three new projects have been initiated. (a) To develop a regional 35 millimeter slide series on modern mosquito control. Bob Shelton has offered to direct this project, and he will prepare a series on control in the Texas-Louisiana area. Dr. Jimmy Olson has offered to assist Bob. (b) To compile an annotated audiovisual bibliography dealing with mosquito biology and control. Dr. Olson has already offered to work on this project, and has experience in this field. (c) To develop a feature article on public relations activity to include in the AMCA News Letter. We feel the News Letter would be a good place for a feature article on public relation activities of mosquito abatement districts throughout the country. Brad

Anderson has enthusiastically agreed to lead this project. We would like to solicit the opinions of the Board regarding the value of these projects of AMCA. Also we would like to ask the Board and membership for suggestions regarding additional projects, probably by a questionnaire in the News Letter.

President Nielsen then presented the question as to what the next step should be in regard to the mosquito brochure. The estimated cost of publishing is about \$5000. The brochure will have wide distribution, and should be purchased in large numbers by control agencies. It should be financially self-supporting. The brochure was begun before we approved the mosquito identification key and would have priority.

Mr. Mulhern said that the proposal was also made for the brochure that we should question operating agencies to determine if they will buy it. Now we really need to make black and white copies and get feedback from the members of the Board of Directors indicating whether they think this will have acceptance in their areas. We also need a mock-up to show what the front cover is going to look like, and we need to show the way it will be identified to the district which buys and distributes. So we need a rather artistic cover, and a clear description or sample of copy that will be incorporated, to pretest it for response by people who we expect will buy it. Finally, when a price is set, we need to put on an intensive sales program.

Glenn Stokes offered to make up copies by color xerox to pretest a sample. Dr. Nielsen stated that the color pictures make the brochure much more effective. We also owe Harry Pratt a vote of thanks. He tried to make the brochure useful for distribution any place in the country. I think it's important to get it duplicated, and to distribute it for critical comments, to be sent to Harry, so that by the time of our next meeting it should be in a form that we can act upon. The Utah districts have promised to buy a couple hundred or more copies each. They are anxious to get them.

There was further discussion of the mosquito brochure, and President Nielsen said that the feeling is that we should get Glenn to duplicate sufficient copies to distribute to the Board for review, with several copies to Steele Lunt, Chairman of the Financial Support Committee.

Glenn Stokes presented a report on the work of the Mosquito Control Film Scientific Advisory Board. The questionnaire was completed and summarized, and the committee members indicated that they are in favor of it. Also Don Murray put together a suggested script. So now it's a matter of getting together with Chevron and their public relations people and deciding on how they want to go with it.

There was further discussion of the film by Tommy Mulhern, Gil Challet and Glenn Stokes.

President Nielsen then summarized a report that Dr. Steven Romney had submitted from the Membership Committee. Membership is up approximately 75 from January of 1977. Increasing postage rates and other expenses has led Steve to believe that we ought to place more emphasis upon person to person contacts, and he feels that the Regional Directors should play a greater role in trying to stimulate membership. He has a January 1978 goal of 2500 members. In March 1977 there were 2405 people on the list for *Mosquito News*, and there were 135 cancellations for nonpayment. The total on the June 1977 mailing list was 2270. Since June, there are 57 new members and subscribers, 20 members have been reinstated, and the total members and subscribers as of 9-23-77 is 2366.

President Nielsen cited a letter from Dick Peters reporting for the Legislative Committee. Both the Congress and the new administration have been occupied with problems and issues distant from our interests, 1977 has not produced significant encephalitis or malaria outbreaks, nor even major mosquito infestations. Since CDC now has a new director, hope remains that he will heed our position on the Boggs Bill and lend support in the future.

Dan Gorman reported that the federal law was amended effective October 1, providing that any governmental agencies or sub-divisions will be eligible to purchase surplus property. One of the prime requirements, is to contact the state surplus property program and become a registered donee. Mr. Mulhern requested a concise statement to be published in the News Letter.

President Nielsen reported that Dr. Washino, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, could not attend the meeting. The proposal to change the procedure for selecting Regional Directors will be referred to him for study and recommendation by the Committee.

The Information Coordination Committee formerly was chaired by Howard Greenfield, and at the last meeting he presented a voluminous report. Much of that information came from Marvin Kramer, and Howard has now resigned and strongly recommended that we ask Marvin to take over the job. He has agreed to serve as chairman, to compile instances of government interference with mosquito control agencies.

Marvin Kramer indicated that he does not have the report, and has not yet had time to study the task. Dr. Murray agreed to provide a copy of the previous report, and Marvin will prepare a brief item report or a request for information to go into the next News Letter. Through lengthy discussion the conclusion was reached that a copy of the major report should be filed in the Library of Congress, and that a summary should be prepared, probably by Marvin Kramer, and distributed as appropriate, with a covering letter explaining the purposes and objectives and indicating that the complete report is available at specified locations.

President Nielsen announced that Steele Lunt has reported by mail for the Financial Support Committee. It is his understanding that the Board has charged the Financial Support Committee to put together information on potential sources of funds to (1) strengthen the total financial base of AMCA, and (2) to finance current and future preparation and publica-

tion and production of bulletins, training programs, slide presentation films and so on, so that we might enlarge our role as a national, international leader in mosquito biology and control. The information compiled by the Committee can then be used by the Board and by individuals approved by the Board to contact and solicit money from the appropriate source to strengthen our financial base and to finance any particular project. It was not his understanding that the Committee was to be involved in soliciting money. Accordingly, he has been compiling a packet of information to be submitted to other committee members so as to add greater substance to the package and have it complete before the Board meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Francy said that he thought it would be difficult for them to solicit funds without some specific project for which they are soliciting.

President Nielsen said that he suggested to Steele Lunt that attempts might be made to solicit funds for printing the color brochure, now nearing completion.

It was the consensus that the Committee members might be reluctant to solicit funds, but that the Central Office, the President, and others might give staff support in soliciting sources for grants identified by the Committee, and that the Committee should be so advised.

Gilbert Challet reminded the Board that the proposal to establish an endowment fund should be looked into. In the discussion that followed it was indicated that we know little about endowment funds, and should seek legal advice. Suggested sources were the Office of the California Attorney General which might be approached by the Executive Director, and the Association of Society Executives, which has legal counsel. It was the consensus that the Finance & Policy Committee is involved in so many items that the Financial Support Committee should take the initiative with respect to the Endowment Fund.

Mr. Mulhern explained that AMCA serves as a sales agent for a publication on mosquito research for the Smithsonian In-

stitution and also for the WHO Manual on anti-larval operations in malaria control. This associates us with highly respected organizations with parallel interests, and also produces a little revenue, with no great increase in our work load. Now we also have opportunity to serve as an agent for John Wiley Company in marketing the new book *MOSQUITO ECOLOGY* by M. W. Service. This is an extraordinarily fine book, that sells for \$75.00, so he recommended that we enter into an arrangement with John Wiley Company to include this in our marketing program. (AMCA ultimately could become the center for distributing all commercially available literature relating to mosquitoes.) On motion by Mr. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Lesser, and passed unanimously, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into such an arrangement.

Mr. Mulhern mentioned that exploratory contacts relating to possible grants to AMCA has been made with NIH and with USAID, with some encouragement to develop more specific proposals. Inquiry also has been made to try to ascertain the best way to approach such organizations as the Rockefeller Foundation, Ford Foundation, etc. No action on this appeared to be necessary at this time.

Oscar Fultz of the Finance & Policy Committee had sent a report to the President, indicating: (1) Dr. Axtell is researching mosquito control interests for existing policy statements relating to mosquito control. (2) A proposed general policy statement suitable for recommending to control agencies should be drafted for review by AMCA before the next annual meeting. (3) A summary of committee activities and a brief outline of responsibilities should be ready to go to all committee members later this month. Committee responses are hoped for in the late fall so the Chairman can draft his report. Also, all committees will be queried to determine if they will need to budget funds for 1978.

Mr. Mulhern reported that the Central Office Planning Committee has not yet met, although he and Dr. Chapman have been in phone contact. Considerable ef-

fort has gone into developing an outline of things AMCA is doing, and the wide range of activities that could be taken up if personnel and facilities and funds were available. Until the Board has opportunity to examine a comprehensive list of potential activities and to determine which should be approved for implementation, it is quite difficult to determine the future needs of the Central Office. There are two kinds of principal activities that must be provided for: more or less routine housekeeping functions, and program initiation and development functions. For the past 2 or 3 years, updating the housekeeping chores has demanded a major portion of the time of available personnel, and in this connection we have substantially broadened Mrs. Cavey's responsibilities, so this element is in good shape. The Executive Director fully recognizes the desirability of developing the staff work necessary for the Board to make sound judgments upon additional proposed program activities, followed by the initiation and management of those which may be adopted for implementation. This latter aspect of AMCA affairs has by far the greater appeal, but can be carried forward only as successful housekeeping functions provide the resources. A number of progressive steps have been taken.

In the interim, the current practice of enlisting a great deal of volunteer help on specific projects offers the best promise for program expansion. A good example is the Directory of Agencies compiled by Gilbert Challet. The Executive Director has been on the lookout to identify individuals who have shown their interest in AMCA and their capabilities by service on committees, etc., and who might be interested in coming into focus for central office activities. The current Executive Director has given no consideration to early retirement, but does recognize the need to provide for continuity of AMCA affairs, by in due course providing training of someone to carry on the AMCA program without interruption.

Dr. Chapman added that he had received inquiries expressing concern that provisions be made to carry on the busi-



ness of AMCA without faltering when the current Executive Director vacates the position sometime in the future. The consensus appeared to be that planning the future of the Central Office is of enormous importance, and the committee should continue its work.

The executive Director outlined potential opportunities for AMCA to be involved in promoting and facilitating training opportunities for various workers or groups. Several kinds of situations could be considered: (a) Individuals frequently write in asking that opportunity be arranged for them to visit operational agencies which are successfully meeting specific kinds of problems (recently a week was spent with workers from Nepal and the Solomon Islands visiting mosquito control agencies in California). Now we have requests from people in Australia and New Guinea. For people like these, from other countries and from parts of USA where new programs are being initiated, AMCA might schedule a year or more in advance a 4-6 week traveling seminar, to visit various parts of USA where a wide variety of work is being done, for both classroom and field instruction in successful practical control of mosquitoes. (Similar programming has been carried out in previous years for WHO personnel, with highly successful results.) (b) Training courses in specialty subjects might be set up to immediately follow AMCA meet-

ings, in the convention city, to occupy only a few days, but to take advantage of the presence of the nation's best specialists as instructors, and to increase the values to be had from the costly travel involved in attending a meeting. Such classes would necessarily be limited to perhaps 30-40 participants.

There was considerable discussion of these possibilities, and one suggestion was made that a trial training session might be set during the annual meeting, to run concurrently with one of the other sessions. The conclusion was that the Executive Director should attempt to develop an outline of the kind of training that might be attempted, for study and possible action by the Board at its next meeting.

Referring to an earlier discussion Mr. Gorman moved that the Board direct the Bylaws Committee to study the question of authorizing the Board of Directors to set the fees for dues and subscription, and if a change is indicated, to prepare a Bylaws amendment for submission to the membership. Fred Lesser seconded the motion and it was passed.

President Nielsen presented a letter from Dr. Altman, advising that the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association would join with AMCA in making the Washington 1979 meeting a joint meeting. This information was received with universal approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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