

ACTIONS TAKEN AT SPRING MEETING

April 13-18, 1969

ELECTIONS - A. C. Barger was elected to the position of President-Elect. D. C. Tosteson was elected to a full four-year term on Council.

Ernst Knobil was elected to fill the unexpired term (three years) of A. C. Barger on Council.

All candidates nominated by Council were elected to membership (See Newly Elected Members).

ABSTRACTS FOR 1970 SPRING MEETING - The Council again proposed a system of reducing the number of abstracts by an appropriate method of selection on merit. The proposal was defeated by a fairly close vote at the Business Meeting. The lottery system of eliminating every n^{th} paper from oral presentation will again be in effect for 1970. If more than 850 abstracts are received every n^{th} paper will be excluded from oral presentation, but the abstracts will be published, if the author so chooses. No sponsored papers will be accepted. A person's name can appear only once on the program. An APS regular member, retired or honorary member must be one of the authors. In 1969 there were 75 abstracts eliminated from oral presentation by this method.

AIBS - The Society voted to discontinue its affiliation as an adherent society of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, but encouraged its members to become individual members of AIBS.

PUBLICATIONS - The Physiological Reviews Index will be available in June at \$10 per copy.

Handbooks under preparation are on Kidney; Endocrines; and Muscle. Mr. Stephen Geiger will join the APS staff as Executive Editor of the Handbooks on July 1.

Dr. Barger indicated that 18% of the Publication income was from page charges. He appealed to authors to continue paying page charges.

ANIMAL CARE LEGISLATION - Dr. Visscher introduced a resolution that further legislation at this time in the laboratory animal field is unnecessary and undesirable and that members of the APS oppose any legislation if it proposes to put any authority for the control of experimental design of studies in the hands of persons other than the investigator or his scientifically qualified peers. Resolution was passed.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - Dr. Prosser mentioned that several activities are in the planning stage. One is to develop a union of physiologically oriented societies. Another is to expand the Public Information Committee so that it can be active the year round.

Still another is the plan to establish an educational research office at APS headquarters. He asked members to send any comments or suggestions on these matters to Dr. Daggs.

APS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

There has been a misunderstanding in some quarters about Associate Membership in the American Physiological Society.

Associate Membership includes several categories of persons with a deep interest in physiology who do not qualify for Regular Membership. They are: 1) Advanced graduate students who have passed their preliminary examinations for the doctorate degree; 2) Teachers of physiology, particularly those in smaller colleges, who do little or no research but who teach physiological subjects and are in a position to influence students regarding future careers in physiology; and 3) Investigators who have not as yet had the opportunity or time to satisfy the requirements for Regular Membership.

Persons in the above mentioned categories may be proposed for Associate Membership by two Regular Members. They must be residents of North America at the time of election, not just at the time of nomination. They are elected to membership in the same manner as Regular Members. Associate Members may later be proposed for Regular Membership - if and when they satisfy the requirements, however there is no limitation on the duration of Associate Membership.

Associate Members pay a nominal membership fee (\$5 per year at present). They do not have voting privileges but may attend Business Meetings of the Society. They do not have the privilege of presenting a paper at the Federation meetings unless a Regular Member of APS is a coauthor. Beginning in 1970 they will pay only Regular Member registration fees at the Federation meetings and not be taxed non-member fees as is the Federation rule at present. Associate Members have the privilege of submitting a paper at the Fall meeting of the Society without Regular Member sponsorship. They receive The Physiologist gratis.

Proposal forms for Associate Membership may be secured from the Office of the Executive Secretary.