

tween American Physiological Society and Oxford University Press under the terms of the original 5-year agreement.

The Technical Book Committee (P. J. DeWeer, Chairman, J. B. Bassingthwaite, H. E. Morgan, E. M. Wright, and S. H. White, ex officio representing the Publications Committee) met in February to discuss topics and editors for this new series.

The *NIPS* Joint Managing Board met with J. T. Shepherd, editor, and his assistant editors in Rochester to discuss the operation of *NIPS* and the effectiveness of the journal in achieving its goals. B. B. Rauner and M. Frank attended the meeting. Budget, promotion, subsidized subscriptions, and plans for the IUPS Congress in Helsinki were also discussed by the Joint Managing Board. The Board made plans for presenting to the General Assembly of IUPS the proposal to offer *NIPS* to the National Societies for \$25 if the Societies buy the journal in bulk for their members (as approved by Council). The Managing Board found the meeting in Rochester to be very productive and commended Dr. Shepherd on the success of the journal under his leadership.

Paul C. Johnson
Chair

Senior Physiologists

The Senior Physiologists Committee serves to help the American Physiological Society maintain an abiding interest in its senior members. All members having reached 70 years of age are identified as "Seniors" regardless of their retirement or emeritus status. In 1988 there were 639 senior physiologists, and an additional 32 members will reach age 70 in 1989.

The names of these senior physiologists are assigned in about equal numbers to the six members of this Committee, and each member maintains contact by mail with his assignees. To this end form letters requesting news of their current interests and activities are sent to members in their 70s and Beaumont House cards are sent to those aged 80 and above. These letters and cards are sent annually for not more than a few years if a response has not been forthcoming. Committee members use their own discretion on this matter.

Over the years the number of senior members responding to our greetings and solicitations averages roughly 20% (or more) of those contacted. In 1987 we had only 19 responses but in 1988 the number increased to 32. This is well within 20%–25% of our mailings. We receive few responses from those well into their 80s and fewer still from those newly retired. The nature of these responses provides an informative cross-section of what senior physiologists do and how they cope with retirement.

Like other chairmen before me I urge (again) that this Committee be made a standing Committee of the APS. There is nothing temporary about the service it renders and there seems to be general agreement that it serves a valuable function. The lack of a woman on this Committee continues to be a source of regret in this era of enlightenment.

Roy O. Greep
Chair

Newly Elected Members

The following, nominated by Council, were elected to membership in the Society at the 1989 Spring Business Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Regular

- Thomas E. Adrian
Creighton Univ.
- Zahur Ahmed
SUNY, Buffalo
- Steven M. Albelda
Hosp. of Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Marcia J. Armstrong
St. Elizabeth's Hosp., Boston
- George L. Bakris
Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans
- Val R. Beasley
Univ. of Illinois, Urbana
- Toby G. Bedford
Univ. of Oregon
- Gilbert G. Berdine
Audie L. Murphy VA Hosp., San Antonio
- Philip M. Best
Univ. of Illinois, Urbana
- Frank A. Blumenstock
Albany Med. Col.
- David W. Carley
Univ. of Illinois, Chicago
- George H. Caughey
UCSF
- Monica M. Caverson
Univ. of Western Ontario
- Kirk J. Cureton
Univ. of Georgia
- Jonathan M. Davis
Strong Memorial Hosp., Rochester, NY
- Randall K. Dupre
Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Paul A. Easton
Univ. of Calgary
- Nelson Escobales
Univ. of Puerto Rico
- Donald G. Ferguson
Univ. of Cincinnati
- Ralph F. Fregosi
Univ. of Arizona
- Lourenco Gallo, Jr.
Med. Sch. of Ribeirao Preto,
Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Michael H. Golden
Univ. of the West Indies, Jamaica
- Christian T. Harker
Oregon Hlth. Sci. Univ.
- Fazle Hosain
Univ. of Connecticut

Message to Members, Section Heads, and Committee Chairs

Regular (continued)

Sandra Howell
Univ. of Southern California

Randall L. Hudson
Univ. of Illinois, Chicago

Tadashi Inagami
Vanderbil Univ.

Farook Jahoor
Shriners Burns Inst.

Andrew M. Kahn
Univ. of Texas Med. Sch., Houston

Paul L. La Celle
Univ. of Rochester

Dennis C. Marshall
Pfizer International

Thomas R. Martin
VA Med. Ctr., Seattle

Dwight E. Matthews
Cornell Univ.

Owen P. McGuinness
Vanderbilt Univ.

Thomas M. McKenna
Naval Med. Res. Inst.

Paula McKeown-Longo
Albany Med. Col

Mark P. McLean
Univ. of Illinois, Chicago

A. W. Meikle
Univ. of Utah

H. L. Mizelle
Univ. of Mississippi Med. Ctr.

Lyle L. Moldawer
The New York Hosp.

Bryan D. Myers
Stanford Univ. Med. Ctr.

Obi N. Nwasokwa
Harris Chasanoff Heart Inst., NY

Peter R. Oeltgen
Univ. of Kentucky

William H. Percy
Winthrop-Univ. Hosp., Mineola, NY

Robert P. Pittman
Michigan State Univ.

Harrell L. Reed
Naval Med. Res. Inst.

Roberto Refinetti
Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

Peter J. Reiser
Univ. of Illinois, Chicago

Noreen F. Rossi
Wayne State Univ.

David L. Rutlen
Yale Univ.

Timothy W. Secomb
Univ. of Arizona

Sarah A. Shefner
Univ. of Illinois, Chicago

Gerald I. Shulman
Yale Univ.

Appointments to APS Committees

At the recent FASEB meeting in New Orleans I was informed by Council of my appointment as chairman of the Committee on Committees. I view this as an important position and a major responsibility. The output of our Society's committees determines the quality, strengths, and directions of all of our Society's publications, programs, and other activities. The composition of a committee determines the success of that committee in achieving its mandate.

Norman Staub, the previous chairman, did an extremely conscientious and thorough job throughout this three-year tenure. The Society is truly indebted to his dedication and achievements. Among the latter were recommendations for streamlining and improving the Committee's function of advising Council about committee membership and for reviewing the charges given to each committee, a mandate from Council. Staub's recommendations (some of which follow) were unanimously endorsed by Council and will be incorporated in the working procedures of future Committees on Committees.

The purpose of this message is to inform membership of proposed changes in the procedure by which members are nominated for committees and to encourage each member of APS to take advantage of these changes for generating effective, hard-working, productive committees comprised of individuals representing the various sections.

A Past Problem—Solution and New Rules

Problem: In the past people have often been appointed to committees without their knowledge or approval.

Solution: It is now recommended that any person nominating an individual to serve on a committee should contact the nominee and determine whether that individual is willing to serve and is able to devote the necessary time and effort to the job if appointed. Each nomination should be accompanied by a written endorsement from the nominator. The endorsement should provide evidence that the nominee 1) is actively involved in Society affairs (e.g., frequently attends APS meetings), 2) is enthusiastic about helping the committee in carrying out its charge, and 3) has special talents and interests to contribute to the committee's function.

Nominations for committee slots will be accepted at any time throughout the year. The Committee on Committees will prepare recommendations for Council in mid-October. Any nominations received after that date will be held over for consideration the following year.

Self-nomination is very appropriate and welcome. Such a nomination should be accompanied by information about the three points stated above. It is strongly recommended that the self-nominee solicit a supporting letter from another APS member.

Staub Recommendations

1. Members of Council (including the three Presidents) shall not be appointed to committees unless required by APS Bylaws.

2. No members on committees shall be reappointed unless there is a very good reason (e.g., the person is to become chairman or Council requires it).

3. No member shall serve on more than one committee at a time, unless Bylaws or Council requires it (e.g., as liaison or ex officio cross-appointments).

These new rules are expected to broaden the representation of membership on committees, thereby giving more members an opportunity to serve the Society.

Beverly Bishop, Chair
Committee on Committees