Dr. McCracken indicated that if desired by ASA and CSSA, SSSA would be willing to take the lead in arranging testimony to be given at the IPCB hearings. It was mutually agreed by the members of the ASA and CSSA Executive Committees, that SSSA should take the lead in the societies' involvement in these hearings.

**ACTION:** Dr. Cowan moved that the ASA Executive Committee go on record as supporting involvement in the IPCB hearings and to assist in any way possible the efforts of SSSA in the hearings. *Seconded. Carried.*

Dr. McCracken outlined the following suggested procedure which might be followed with regard to obtaining testimony and appropriate people to testify at the IPCB hearings: 1) Have agreement on the given areas in which testimony might be offered. 2) Designate one person to give testimony. 3) Have all testimony that is to be given in the name of the societies reviewed and approved by the Executive Committees [this does not mean that the Executive Committees would prepare the testimony]. 4) The President of each society should be authorized to seek additional technical reviews of the proposed testimony before it is offered at the hearings. 5) If it appears that the witness needs assistance with travel funds, the societies should be prepared to help.

In discussing this suggested procedure, Dr. Low pointed out that the person asked to testify might possibly be handicapped if he had to submit his testimony for review before it is given. It could be very difficult if, for example, a person were asked a question he did not have official clearance to answer in the name of the society.

Dr. Black explained that there are two parts to the testimony. One part is written, and one is oral. Since it would be impossible to prejudge a person's responses to what he may be asked orally, only the written testimony would need to be approved. By doing this, the Executive Committee would have an opportunity to get some outside technical reviewers to comment, to back up statements, or spot mistakes. One of the problems people asked to testify might have, is that they will get too technical. At the same time, however, care must be taken to see that pertinent facts are presented.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Dr. McCracken that testimony offered in the name of ASA be approved by the ASA Executive Committee following review of the testimony by technical reviewers as the President may designate. *Carried.*

**ACTION:** It was moved by Dr. Hanson that testimony offered in the name of CSSA be approved by the Executive Committee following review of the testimony by technical reviewers as the President may designate. *Carried.* (This action was taken in private caucus by the CSSA Executive Committee, consisting of Drs. C. H. Hanson, J. F. Carter, and D. E. McCloud.)

**ACTION:** Dr. Cowan moved that ASA share responsibility for such witnesses which may be called to testify at IPCB hearings with the recommendation that the expenses be shared on a prorated basis with the associated societies (ASA, CSSA). *Seconded. Carried.*

The CSSA and SSSA Executive Committees concurred in this action.

(As events turned out, no testimony was presented at the Illinois Pollution Control Board hearings in the name of ASA, CSSA, or SSSA. Certain members of the three societies did present testimony at the hearings, but that testimony was presented by them as individuals not as representatives of the societies.)

The meeting was adjourned.

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**63rd Annual Meeting, American Society of Agronomy**

**August 15-20, 1971, New York, New York**

The annual meetings of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America, were held in New York City on August 15-20, 1971. The overall theme of the meetings was “Agronomy & Environmental Quality.” During the week participating members and guests attended symposia, meal functions, paper sessions, tours, and book and commercial exhibits and witnessed the presentation of award presentations, 20 new Fellows of the society, and the new society officers for 1972.

The theme of the meetings was focused upon during a Tuesday afternoon Special Session presided over by Dr. C. A. Black, President of ASA. Various problems relating to agronomy and environmental quality were discussed, including “Revolution: Which One?” by J. H. Furbay, President, John Furbay Associates; “The Ecological and Environmental Effects of Agronomic Chemicals” by R. White-Stevens, Associate Director, Experiment Station, Rutgers University; and “Agri-Business in the Year 2000” by S. S. Deforest, Industry Representative, Agricultural Industries, United States Steel Corp.

In addition to the theme program, several other symposia were held through the week. On Monday, the ASA and SSSA cosponsored a symposium entitled “Field Soil Moisture Regime.”