tion of the papers presented at the conference. In the discussion Dr. Stelly was informed by Dr. Davis that minutes would not take more than 2 or 3 pages and any other extraneous material would be kept to a minimum.

A500-599. PROFESSION ADVANCEMENT

ACS522. Public Relations

The Executive Committee considered two recommendations contained in the 1973 annual report of the ACS522 Public Relations Committee; namely, (1) that an outline or job description be developed for the societies' public relations position and that the Public Relations Committee be given an opportunity to assist in developing this job description, and (2) that a budget be developed for carrying on the public relations activities of the societies. The ACS522 Committee had developed a suggested budget and forwarded it to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee discussed the recommendations and in general agreed with the Committee. Dr. Stelly pointed out that he had developed a job description but that he would value any and all assistance from the Committee or anyone else in revising this description to fit the public relations needs of the societies.

Furthermore, the budget suggested by the Public Relations Committee as it applies to the public relations manager to be employed should offer no problem. It was agreed that a detailed outline of a public relations plan must be developed in order to develop a budget which has any type of accuracy. Any budget developed would be for a public relations program and not necessarily for the Public Relations Committee. The societies presently work under a policy of not funding committees per se.

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Las Vegas, Nevada, Nov. 11-Nov. 16, 1973

Attendees had an opportunity to select from over 985 research papers (written) by approximately 1,720 authors at the annual meetings of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America. The overall theme of the meetings, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 11 to November 16, 1973, was “A New Look at Energy Sources.”

During the week, over 3,000 participating members and guests attended symposia, meal functions, paper sessions, tours, and book and commercial exhibits. The presentation of annual achievement awards, new Fellows of the Society and 1973-1974 officers was also made.

The theme of the meetings was focused upon during a Tuesday afternoon special session arranged by Dr. D. E. McCloud, ASA President-Elect and presided over by Dr. H. B. Cheney, President of ASA. The topics discussed in this session were “The U.S. Energy Situation” by Walter Mead, Professor of economics, University of California—Santa Barbara; “Agriculture’s Energy Requirements” by Perry R. Stout, Professor, Department of Soils and Plant Nutrition, University of California-Davis; “Energy for Agricultural Products” by Fred W. Steffgren, Head of Fuel Chemistry Research, Pittsburgh Energy Research Center, Pennsylvania; “Improving the Energy Conversion in Agriculture,” by Israel Zelitch, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven. These papers will be compiled into an ASA Special Publication.

Latinoamericana de Fitotecnia conducted two special symposia in the Tropics. C-6 symposium was sponsored by Division C-1, C-6, and S-1, and S-2, and S-6 sponsored a symposium “Uses of and Experimental Medical Soil Conditioners.” Fertilizer technology and a Thursday symposium, “Fertilizers and the Environment,” last year, “Panel: Undergraduate Contest.” This year’s symposium was sponsored by Resident Education (A-1).

Papers from two symposia will be published in the ASA Publications. One of the publications will result from a symposium “Systems Analysis in Forage Production,” which was sponsored by Division C-1, C-2, and C-4 on Livestock Production Systems in the Tropics.” The other Special Publication will result from C-1, C-2 symposium entitled “The Effects of Food and Drug Administration (GRAS) on Plant Breeding and Processing.”

Banquet, dinner, and luncheon sessions highlighted the annual meetings. The Agronomic Administration Dinner, arranged by Harlow J. Hodgson, Cooperative Service, USDA, and presided over by L. F. Schaeffer, President of the American Society of Agronomy, University of Tennessee, was held. Talks at the session included, “Food and Drug Administration’s Role in Agricultural Products,” by Dr. W. A. C. Baker, “Teaching Energy Concepts” by Fred W. Steffgren, Head of Energy Sources.”

It was moved to approve the recommendations of the Public Relations Committee. (1) The present committee and Chairman are willing to serve at the invitation of the Executive Committee. Furthermore, the Committee is recommended that Dr. Borlaug be made an honorary member of the committee.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the recommendations of the Committee. The Committee is being discontinued.

A900-999. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ACS921. International Agronomy

It was agreed that since Division A-6, International, was now well on its way to becoming a permanent division of the Society, there was no longer a need for a functioning committee. (1) The present committee and Chairman are willing to serve at the invitation of the Executive Committee. Furthermore, the Committee is recommended that Ms. Dorothy Parker from the Rockefeller Foundation be invited to serve as a member. Also, the Committee recommends that at some future time, consideration be given to the addition of one or more members from one of the following institutions: USDA, FAO, and Ford Foundation. (2) It is recommended that the use of the Borlaug Book Fund be revised to cover the purchase and shipment of any Society books to the members of the committee. (3) It is recommended that Dr. Borlaug be made an honorary member of the committee.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the recommendations of the Committee. The Committee is being discontinued.