EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A101-199 NOMINATIONS

A101 Nominations

1. As a matter of information, Dr. Pendleton reported that the two candidates selected to run for the office of ASA President-Elect 1979-80 were Robert A. Olson, Univ. of Nebraska, and Sterling R. Olsen, USDA-SEA Colorado State Univ.

2. The Executive Committee members agreed to submit suggestions of persons for appointment to the A101 Committee to Dr. Mitchell. This need will be accomplished by mail at an early date. The 1979-80 Nominations Committee will be composed of crops people and will be chaired by Dr. Pesek. Dr. Mitchell will make the appointments from the suggestions received; the suggestions should have good geographical distribution.

A200-299 OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

ACS221 Investments

(Also refer to ACS221 in the minutes of the 3 December Board meeting.)

In its annual report the Investment Committee suggested that the stock portfolio of the societies be turned over to a professional investment management agency. The Executive Committee discussed at length the pros and cons of a move such as this and the following action resulted:

ACTION: It was moved that the present Investment Committee be continued on an interim basis until an investment management firm can be designated. Seconded. Carried.

The intent of this motion is that the Executive Vice President-Treasurer is instructed to investigate several investment management firms, learn how they operate, and report back to the Executive Committee with the information obtained.

A300-399 PUBLICATIONS

ACS325 Monographs

The Monographs Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that feasibility committees be appointed to study the need for monographs on cotton and barley and that a feasibility committee be appointed to study the need for revising the present wheat monograph. The Monographs Committee suggested individuals to be appointed to the cotton and barley monograph feasibility committees. It was agreed that the cotton committee should have broad geographical representation.

ACTION: It was moved that the ASA President proceed to appoint feasibility committees for prospective cotton, barley, and wheat monographs. Seconded. Carried.

A341 Crops and Soils Magazine

The Executive Committee considered a report submitted by the Crops and Soils Magazine Editorial Board.

ACTION: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following recommendations: 1) that ASA continue to publish Crops and Soils Magazine; 2) that regionalization be discontinued as an alternative method of publishing articles with regional emphasis (as contained in the report); 3) that the editorial staff be maintained at its current level; and 4) that the editorial board be given access to articles submitted to the societies' journals.

A400-499 AWARDS

A400.2 Wolf Foundation Prize

The Executive Committee members reviewed the names of persons which the society could nominate for the Wolf Prize.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the candidate, Mrs. Cunningham, for the 1979 Wolf Foundation Prize.

Carried. (The name of the nominee is on file in the Headquarters Office.)

The A491.1 Nominating and Screening Committee on Special Awards will proceed to have someone prepare the nominations.

A441.1 Special Awards Committee

Refer to A400.2 in these minutes.

A600-699 COLLABORATION

A605 Agricultural Research Institute

ACTION: It was moved that the American Society of Agronomy renew its membership in the Agricultural Research Institute for 1979. Seconded. Carried.

A700-799 MEETINGS

A711 Program Planning

ACTION: It was moved to commend M. Stelly and thank the Headquarters staff for the excellent job in planning the meeting in Chicago without a host institution. Seconded. Carried.

ASA President's Report, 1978

This report to the members of the Society consists essentially of an extract of my report to the Board of Directors. The year 1978 saw the following recommendations: 1) that ASA continue to publish Crops and Soils Magazine; 2) that regionalization be discontinued as an alternative method of publishing articles with regional emphasis (as contained in the report); 3) that the editorial staff be maintained at its current level; and 4) that the editorial board be given access to articles submitted to the societies' journals.

The ASA Board of Directors has been encouraging the Society to become more involved in public responsibility. A 1978 report to the Board pointed to the cotton and barley monograph feasibility committees. The Monographs Committee suggested individuals to be appointed to study the need for revising the present wheat monograph. The Executive Committee discussed at length the pros and cons of a move such as this and the following action resulted:

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ACTION: It was moved that the ASA President proceed to appoint feasibility committees for prospective cotton, barley, and wheat monographs. Seconded. Carried.

The Executive Committee considered a report submitted by the Crops and Soils Magazine Editorial Board.

ACTION: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following recommendations: 1) that ASA continue to publish Crops and Soils Magazine; 2) that regionalization be discontinued as an alternative method of publishing articles with regional emphasis (as contained in the report); 3) that the editorial staff be maintained at its current level; and 4) that the editorial board be given access to articles submitted to the societies' journals.

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Carried. (The name of the nominee is on file in the Headquarters Office.)

The A491.1 Nominating and Screening Committee on Special Awards will proceed to have someone prepare the nominations.

Refer to A400.2 in these minutes.

The Executive Committee briefly discussed suggestions for appointment to the Fellows Committee. Since information was at hand, it was agreed that Mrs. Cunningham should be forwarded to all Executive Committee members a list of persons which the society could nominate for the Fellows Committee. In turn, the Executive Committee members are to forward their suggestions to Dr. Mitchell will make the appointments from the suggestions.

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