Executive Committee Meetings

Madison, Wisconsin, January 12-14, 1970

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m., by Dr. D. E. McCloud, President. Others present were: C. H. Hanson, President-Elect; L. P. Reitz, Past President; M. Stelly, Executive Secretary; H. L. Hamilton, Managing Editor; C. T. Dougherty, Assistant to the Executive Secretary; and S. M. Vanelli, Recording Secretary.

001-100. OFFICERS OF SOCIETIES, DIVISIONS, AND BRANCHES

C003. Board of Directors (Refer to C201)

ACTION: Dr. Hanson moved approval of the minutes of the second session of the Board of Directors meeting in Detroit on 13 November 1969 (Crop Science, Vol. 10, 1970). Seconded and carried.

The Committee discussed the advantages of having the retiring President hand over a gavel, medalion, or some other symbol of authority to the incoming President when he assumes office. Dr. Hanson suggested that the three most recent Past Presidents could form a committee to investigate this matter and submit their recommendations to the Executive Committee.

ACTION: It was moved that the President appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate the various appropriate symbols of office that could be presented to the new President during his inauguration and make recommendations to the Executive Committee. Seconded and carried.

C010-200. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEES

Dr. Reitz, C010 Committee Chairman, reported that 27 nominations for President-elect of CSSA had been received. Twenty-three of the 27 nominees were Fellows of the American Society of Agronomy. The list of nominees has been referred to the C010 Committee for the final selection of candidates for President-elect.

C201-300. ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

C201. Organization and Policy (Refer to ACS609)

1. Dr. Stelly stated that the headquarters office staff had submitted a revised version of the bylaws to the Executive Committee of all three societies. The Executive Committee accepted the revised version of the CSSA bylaws and recommended further changes to coordinate as many activities of the three associated societies as possible.

ACTION: It was moved that the revised version of the bylaws be approved by the Executive Committee and that the Executive Secretary be authorized to submit the revised bylaws to the voting members of the society for approval. Seconded. Carried.

2. The Executive Secretary suggested that the amendments to the bylaws should not be itemized in the minutes of this Executive Committee meeting because further changes may be authorized before submission of the bylaws to the members.

ACTION: It was moved that the Executive Committee authorize the deletion of the itemized amendments to the CSSA bylaws from the minutes of this meeting with the exception of those amendments which modify society policy, operations, or procedures. Seconded. Carried.

3. The life membership class requirements outlined in the CSSA bylaws were reviewed. Dr. Stelly suggested that this class be restricted to those members who have reached a certain age after a period of active membership. He stated that, because of the current rate of inflation, it was essential that life membership not appear financially attractive to younger members.

ACTION: Dr. Reitz moved that the life membership section of the CSSA bylaws be amended to read: "Life membership shall be restricted to those active members who have been active members of CSSA for no less than 10 consecutive years and have reached the age of 50 years. Life members, on payment of an assessment determined by the Executive Committee, will receive Crop Science and have all the privileges of active members." Seconded and carried.

4. For some time, undergraduate students have been permitted to join the society in the graduate student category. Dr. Stelly reported that the two associated societies had agreed to create a new class of membership to accommodate undergraduate students. The new class was to be described so that it would be similar to the graduate student member class. This new class would not affect subsequent membership in the graduate student category, and the undergraduate student affiliate class would be retained.

ACTION: It was recommended that the CSSA establish a new class for undergraduate student members. The following new section is to be submitted to members for consideration for inclusion in the CSSA bylaws: "Undergraduate student members: Undergraduate student members shall have the same privileges and restrictions as graduate student members. Membership in this class is limited to four calendar years, ceases at the end of the calendar year of graduation or termination of undergraduate study, and will not affect the duration of the term as a graduate student member." Accepted.

5. Dr. Stelly requested that the Executive Committee determine if members in arrears between January 1 and March 1 each year should retain voting privileges. He reported that the current practice was to send mail ballots during this period to all active members as of 31 December and to all new members.

ACTION: The Committee decided, by consensus, that members in arrears between January 1 and March 1 should have all the privileges of active membership.

ACTION: It was moved that the context of this section of the bylaws be retained but that it should be edited to improve clarity. The revised section shall read: "The assessment for the full year shall be paid on or before January 1 of the year for which membership is held. Members in arrears on March 1 shall be dropped from the rolls by the Executive Secretary. Membership may be reinstated within that year on payment of the assessment for the full year." Seconded. Carried.

6. Dr. Stelly asked the Executive Committee to decide who determines if and when society officers are unable to serve. Several ideas were discussed. It was suggested that any member of the Executive Committee should have the authority to form a caucus within the Executive Committee or Board of Directors for this purpose.

ACTION: Dr. Hanson moved that "A caucus within the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors shall have the authority to decide if and when CSSA officers are unable to serve, and shall establish the succession of officers in accordance with the bylaws. Any member of the Executive Committee can organize a caucus within the Executive Committee or Board for this purpose." Seconded. Carried.

7. The consensus of the Executive Committee was that the bylaws of CSSA should reflect the independence of this society from the associated American Society of Agronomy. ACTION: In accordance with this philosophy, the Executive Committee ordered that reference to the American Society of Agronomy in the CSSA bylaws should be deleted where feasible.

8. Discussion revealed that in practice there were several advantages to be gained if the President-elect were to select and appoint committee members and chairmen. It was noted that currently the President was charged with these duties, but that the appointees assumed office and duties in the same year that the President-elect is installed as President. It was suggested that appropriate sections of the bylaws be modified to permit the President-elect to participate in the selection and appointment of committee members to serve during his term as President.

ACTION: It was moved that the second sentence in Article VIII, Section 1, be amended to read: "Members and chairmen of committees shall be appointed by the President, who may delegate this responsibility to the President-elect, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws or specified by the Board of Directors." Seconded. Carried.

9. Dr. Stelly noted that the current CSSA bylaws specify that Chairmen of the Budget and Finance and Organization and Policy Committees must be members in their third year as