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THE SECRETARY REPORTS

On various occasions in the past we have pointed with pride to the accomplishments of the Association. At this time we refer to a very real advance, namely, a regular journal to be administered by the AACC. The publication, CLINICAL CHEMISTRY, is to replace the present CLINICAL CHEMIST and will be published for us by Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., Medical Book Department of Harper & Brothers. The first issue is to make its appearance in January-February, 1955 and for the start it is to be a bimonthly periodical. A summary of the terms is included in the Executive Committee Minutes of April 14, 1954 and may be found elsewhere in this issue. There will still be three numbers of THE CLINICAL CHEMIST for the remainder of the year and progress in the preparation of CLINICAL CHEMISTRY will be detailed as it develops.

This new publication will be in regular journal format and all the features of the present publication will be continued. A professional section, to retain the name of THE CLINICAL CHEMIST, will contain local section news, Executive Committee proceedings, national meetings, and other items of interest. Literature abstracts shall be included. The bulk of editorial material will of course consist of original articles pertaining to clinical chemistry, and will be accepted from members and non-members alike.

Manuscripts for Volume 1 are now being reviewed and should be sent to the address of THE CLINICAL CHEMIST.

Subscriptions to CLINICAL CHEMISTRY have been set at \$8.00 per year. Members will be obligated to subscribe at a cost of \$3.50 per year, which amount shall be added to the present dues beginning with the calendar year 1955. The success of this, your journal, will of course depend on the cooperation by the members of the AACC. The project has been gradually developed by past administrations, but it is to the Executive Committee of 1953-54 that we must credit its final culmination.

There are two immediate ways, among others, that the membership could be of assistance in the launching of this publication. Submit now to your own journal any manuscripts you may feel are appropriate to CLINICAL CHEMISTRY. We might well expect that the first volume will be critically examined by the scientific world and we should certainly put our best foot forward. Secondly, it is imperative for us to obtain a reasonable number of non-member subscriptions between now and publication time to avoid any delay. Every member is strongly urged to encourage prepublication subscriptions from his laboratory or library. We must bear in mind that copies of the members at reduced price are for personal use.

The need for such a periodical is obvious. With the publication of CLINICAL CHEMISTRY we may well feel that our specialty has come of age.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING September 13 - 16

The sixth annual meeting of the AACC will be held in New York City in conjunction with the 126th national meeting of the American Chemical Society. The scientific program for clinical chemistry will be announced in the August 9th issue of Chemical and Engineering News. It will contain, among other features, a symposium on Lipid Metabolism which has been arranged by Dr. Arthur Knudson in cooperation with the Division of Biological Chemistry of the ACS. There will also be the annual dinner at which the Ernst Bischoff Award will be presented, as well as the membership meeting.

FREEMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

Lt. Col. Monroe E. Freeman, Assistant Chief of the Medical Service Corps of the Department of the Army, has been elected President of the Association for 1954-55. Colonel Freeman has served as Vice-President of the AACC for the past year and is also the United States representative to the International Federation of Clinical Chemists. The other elected officers are Vice-President, Otto Schales of the Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans; National Secretary, Max M. Friedman of Lebanon Hospital, New York; National Treasurer, Louis B. Dotti of St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

The Executive Committee will consist of Hugh J. McDonald of Loyola University, Chicago; Robert M. Hill of University of Colorado, Denver; Marschelle H. Power of Mayo Clinic, Rochester; Miriam Reiner of D.C. Hospital, Washington, D.C.; and Albert B. Sample of Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The Nominating Committee elected for 1954 consists of John G. Reinhold, chairman; Harry Sobotka, Joseph I. Routh, Warren M. Sperry, Samuel Natelson, Oliver H. Gaebler, and Joseph Benotti.

PROGRAM FOR SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

Activities of the AACC have been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Sept. 16 and 17 of the week long meeting of the ACS in New York City. Thursday will feature a symposium on LIPIDS, sponsored jointly with the Division of Biochemistry and Friday will be devoted to scientific papers on Clinical Chemistry. The Annual Meeting will take place Thursday afternoon following the symposium. The Annual Dinner will take place Thursday evening. The full program will be published in the August issue of The Clinical Chemist and the August 9th issue of Chemical and Engineering News.

CLINICAL CHEMISTRY

With the announcement that the AACC will sponsor a new journal "Clinical Chemistry" to begin publication January 1954, papers on original research

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 14, 1954

The National Executive Committee met at the Hotel Jefferson in Atlantic City on Wednesday, April 14, 1954 at 9:00 P.M. Those present included Hugh J. McDonald, President; Max M. Friedman, National Secretary; Louis B. Dotti, National Treasurer; Robert M. Hill, Arthur Knudson, Cecelia Riegel, Joseph I. Routh, Albert E. Sobel, Harold D. Appleton (by invitation), Marschelle H. Power (by invitation), Miriam Reiner (by invitation), Otto Schales (by invitation), Harry Sobotka (by invitation), Ellenmae Viergiver (by invitation).

The main part of the evening was devoted to the discussion of a journal for the Association. Mr. Paul B. Hoeber of the Medical Book Department of Harper & Brothers was present for these discussions. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously that the American Association of Clinical Chemists shall enter into a contract with Paul B. Hoeber, Inc. for a journal with the following conditions:

1. The publisher shall undertake the financial risks pertaining to this journal, with a five year contract.
2. The publisher shall undertake full responsibility for printing, distribution, and advertising.
3. The Association shall maintain complete control of editorial and advertising policy.
4. There shall be a minimum of 430 pages of editorial text per year, issued bimonthly, and expanded as material and advertising permits.
5. The subscription shall be \$8.00 per year and each member shall be obliged to subscribe at a considerably reduced rate.
6. When the circulation reaches 1500 (including member subscriptions) the Association shall receive a royalty on the paid subscriptions (not including member subscriptions) and from advertising.
7. The name of the journal shall be CLINICAL CHEMISTRY, OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTS, INC. with a professional section to be called THE CLINICAL CHEMIST to carry on newsletter material.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that all appointments to CLINICAL CHEMISTRY shall be made by the Executive Committee.

It was moved, seconded and approved that there be appointed a Board of Editors to consist of eight individuals, including a chairman, and each individual is to serve for a term of four years. No member of the editorial board may immediately succeed himself, but could be reappointed for

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