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The Annual Business Meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council was called to order at 8:45 AM at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, with President George Frick presiding.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the June 27, 1973 Annual Meeting at Morgantown, West Virginia were approved as printed in the Journal. The Treasurer's Report as of June 19, 1974 indicates a balance of \$1,188.38 and was approved as read.

Auditor's Report

Was not read due to absence of auditors, but it was moved to tentatively accept the yearly Treasurer's Report and require that the Auditor's Report be printed in the Journal.

Membership Report

As of June 17, 1974 the total membership for 1974 was 287. The breakdown is as follows: Student Members, 30; Regular Members, 243; Distinguished Life Members, 14. A total of 49 members in 1973 have as yet not paid their 1974 dues.

AAEA Report

Lee Day reported that several problems have developed with the student debate section of the AAEA at the Annual Meeting, and a committee has been directed to show cause why the debates should be continued.

Dr. Day also reported that the library search program for the AAEA is in operation and current discussion centers on the best way to finance the operation. Present thinking seems to favor a page charge for each page of the Journal.

In 1976, the AAEA will hold joint meetings with the NAEC at Pennsylvania State University. Rather than extend the joint meeting for five days, most seem to favor a few sessions of the AAEA devoted to NAEC matters.

Editor's Report

Outgoing Editor Robert L. Christensen reported that Volume III, Number 1, May, 1974 copy of the Journal has been mailed to most members. The Journal copy is approximately 125 pages and cost about \$400.00.

President Frick discussed the problem of increased Journal cost due mainly to increases in paper costs. He reported that the Executive Committee voted to initiate a page charge of \$3.00 per page for articles accepted for publication and asked for a vote of confidence from the membership. (Most agreed that a page charge provided the flexibility needed to meet publication costs.)

President Frick also announced that Wallace Dunham from Maine had been elected as the Journal's Editor for a three-year appointment.

Resolution Committee Report

In preliminary comments, Arthur Dewey stated as follows:

"The resolutions, at least as I have written them, are but the tip of the iceberg and refer to much more work and effort than you hear and see. As with any organization, a few people shoulder major responsibilities and it is these people we acknowledge with our resolutions."

Arthur suggested that the Council adopt the following salutary resolutions:

Be it resolved that the Council extends its sincere appreciations to the University of Rhode Island for its warm and well-organized hospitality. We are particularly appreciative for the planning done by the staff of the Department of Resource Economics and especially for the personal contributions made by Ron Cummings, Joe Farrell, and the wives of staff members.

We appreciate the efforts of our retiring President George Frick; of President-Elect Ken McIntosh who master-minded this year's program; of the Executive Committee that master-minds the activities of the Council; and the sub-committee of the Executive Committee that master-minded the BYLAWS changes.

Last year at West Virginia we expressed our appreciation to Robert Christensen for his pioneering efforts as Editor-In-Chief of our Journal. Yesterday, he was given a well-deserved citation. Half of his job is to get the Annual Meeting papers together in presentable Journal form. The other, and much more arduous part of his work, is to solicit, review, accept, reject, and publish papers for the spring issue of the Journal. Our appreciation goes to Bob, certainly, but we acknowledge also the seventeen reviewers whose work was essential to the highly professional Journal issues of contributed papers.

Finally, we acknowledge with great appreciation the new Malcom Bevins of the Council, Daymon Thatch. A continuing Secretary-Treasurer provides the linkage between administrations. The Council is dependent on how its Secretary-Treasurer handles details of updating mailing and membership lists, collecting dues, paying bills on time, responding to inquiries and responding to important self-appointed tasks. The most recent task completed was getting the IRS to give non-profit tax-exempt status to the Council. This was the culmination of a year and a half's correspondence primarily with an equivocating IBM computer that finally, in despair, let him speak to a human being who could have said "no" but who did say "yes."

Stanley Seaver moved that the Council adopt the resolutions as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

1975 Annual Meeting

Kenneth Wing extended a formal invitation to all members and their families to come to the summer meeting of the NAEC at Orono, Maine on June 23, 24, and 25, 1975. All arrangements have been made and he was pleased to extend an "invitation to Heaven."

Constitution-BYLAW Changes

President Frick moved that the changes in the BYLAWS as previously distributed to the members be adopted. The motion was seconded and opened for discussion. In the discussion that followed, one minor editorial change was made on the wording of the membership of the Canadian Maritime Provinces. Hearing no objection, the question was called and the motion passed.

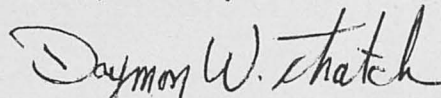
Nominations Committee Report

The Nomination Committee for the selection of candidates for President-Elect consisted of William Bellows, Wallace Dunham, and Earl Partenheimer. Dunham, speaking for the group, placed in nomination the names of Fred Sargent, Vt. and Don Marion, Mass. President Frick called for nominations from the floor, hearing none, it was moved that nominations be closed. In a secret ballot, Fred Sargent was selected as President-Elect.

In his final task as President, George Frick thanked the Executive Committee and the members of the Council for giving him the opportunity to serve.

In his first official act as the new President, Kenneth McIntosh thanked all of those who had worked so hard on the program at Rhode Island. He specifically asked the section chairman: Dean Jansma, Raymond Krofta, and Sidney Ishee to stand to be recognized and to pay acknowledgement to their readers. Finally he thanked all member participants and those people at Rhode Island for helping to make the meetings a success. Having no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Daymon W. Thatch
Secretary-Treasurer