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I. REMARKS OF RETIRING PRESIDENT

H. Trendley Dean, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md.

The remarks of the retiring President should be brief, limited largely to a report of the general activities of the Association during the year together with such suggestions that might seem pertinent to the welfare of the Association.

The first nine months of the Association year passed uneventfully. Pursuant to the wishes expressed in a resolution passed by the Council during the 22nd General Meeting, an Advisory Council on Dental Research was appointed from the Association membership. Serving at present on this committee are: Doctors Philip Jay, Thomas J. Hill, J. L. T. Appleton, Wilmer Souder and Harold C. Hodge.

Cancellation of General Meeting: On January 5, 1945 the Director of War Mobilization, acting to curtail non-essential railroad travel, requested that conventions or meetings involving more than fifty out-of-town persons and not specifically connected with the war effort be cancelled. The Council acted promptly and voted that our 23rd General Meeting scheduled to be held at Kansas City, Mo., March 17-18, 1945 be called off.

For the purpose of meeting the constitutional provision of Article VI, e.g., that the Association meet at least once annually, plans were made to hold a *Curtailed War-Time Annual Meeting*. In order that Association business might

¹ This "curtailed war-time meeting," held in collaboration with a special meeting of the Chicago Section, was attended by 39 members from 11 sections.

² The General Secretary of the Association, E. H. Hatton, rendered invaluable assistance in compiling these proceedings.

be legally transacted, it was essential that a quorum (30 members with representatives of at least 3 Sections included in this number) be present.

The place where a Curtailed War-Time Annual Meeting might be held was thus limited to one of several cities, e.g., places where the Section membership was sufficiently large to permit calling upon local members in numbers sufficient to make up a quorum when combined with such of the general officers, members of the Council and of the Board of Editors who might be able to attend the meeting. As the roll is called this afternoon it is apparent that more than the number required to meet the constitutional provisions for an annual meeting are present. The loyal members of the Chicago Section and the tireless efforts of the General Secretary have made possible the preservation of the continuity of an annual meeting. This 1945 Curtailed War-Time Annual Meeting therefore convenes today in Chicago for the purpose of:

1. Conducting the annual executive proceedings of the Association,
2. Declaring formally that all addresses and papers listed on the official program be declared read by title, and
3. Installing the new general officers.

Business Administration: The slow steady growth of membership in the Association—as of December 1st, 1944, the total membership was 628—is gradually developing and will continue to develop new administrative problems. Recent changes in tax laws require that non-profit organizations such as ours file an income return with the Collector of Internal Revenue. The suggestion is made that consideration be given to an evaluation of the manner of handling the business affairs of the Association. A relatively complete balance sheet of all Association and Journal financial matters should appear annually in the JOURNAL.

To implement this proposal it is suggested that a standing committee of three members responsible to the Council and known as the Committee on Finance and Business Administration be constituted. In order that this committee be represented of the various activities of the Association, it is further suggested that one member be from the Board of Trustees, one from the Council, and one from the Board of Editors, each member to be picked by the group they represent, e.g., the Trustee representative to be elected by the Board of Trustees, the Council representative by the Council, and the member from the Board of Editor's to be elected by that body.

Each member elected should hold office for a term of three years, except that (1) a member elected to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term for which his predecessor was elected shall be elected for the remainder of such term, and (2) the terms of office of the members first elected will specify whether for a one, two, or three years term of office. When a member, furthermore, has served a full term of three he should not be eligible for reelection until after the lapse of one Association year.

This committee might report annually to the Council on the state of the accounts and records of the Association, including the JOURNAL. In initiating

their work the Council should authorize the committee to engage an individual or firm skilled in business administration and accounting for the purpose of examining into and recommending, if necessary, such labor saving devices as would facilitate the handling of the Association's business and for the design and installation of such specialized accounting system as the business of the Association and the JOURNAL might require.

On or about November 1st of each year the Committee on Finance and Business Administration shall recommend to the Council for their approval a certified public accountant or comparably qualified person or persons who shall audit the accounts of the Association, including the JOURNAL, before March 1st of the following year and who shall report the results of the audit promptly to the Committee. The committee in turn will submit their report to the Council through the Secretary.

If in the reorganization of the business affairs of the Association, it is recommended and approved that an officer, or officers, shall be bonded for the proper care and disposition of Association or JOURNAL funds and/or property the expense of such bonds shall be paid for by the Association.

Certificate of Membership: It is recommended that consideration be given to designing a certificate of membership suitable for framing upon which may be inscribed the member's name, the date of his election to membership and such other data as would seem appropriate.

Committee on Necrology: In order that the necrological items conform closely to a given pattern from year to year, it is suggested that a standing Committee on Necrology be authorized.

General: One would be remiss in both duty and gratitude if they failed to pause for a moment as the Association year passes to an end and express their appreciation to the General Secretary. With little clerical assistance and a volume of work increasing with each succeeding year, he has carried on cheerfully and earnestly. This burden should be lightened by providing such assistance as may be required.

In closing, permit me to again thank the Association for according me the privilege and honor of being elected to serve you during the past year.

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