

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANDROLOGY HELD ON APRIL 27, 1985**

A meeting of the Executive Council of the American Society of Andrology was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by President Ansbacher in the Adams Room of the Westin Hotel, Copley Square, Boston, Massachusetts. Executive Council members R.P. Amann, C.W. Bardin, J.E. Davis, D.W. Hamilton, R. Horton, F. Naftolin, W.B. Neaves, W.D. Odell, L.E. Reichert, B. Robaire, B.J. Rogers, B.M. Sanborn, A. Steinberger and B.H. Vickery were present; Labrie was absent. Newly elected council member A.P. Hoffer also was present. At the invitation of the President, Committee Chairpersons Ahluwalia, Bartke, Bressler, Fourcroy, Hoffer, Lewis, Nelson, Newton, Rosemberg, Russell, Troen and Turner were present as was the Editor of the Journal of Andrology, Orgebin-Crist. D. Eward was present as the Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1986 Meeting.

President Ansbacher noted that the minutes of the Interim Council Meeting held in Denver had been distributed to all members of the Executive Committee. They had been unanimously approved by the Executive Council mail ballot (dated August 6, 1984) which included 7 items, each of which was approved by Council. The Council was notified of this tally in a letter dated September 11, 1984 from the Secretary to all members of the Executive Council.

President Ansbacher commented on the state of the Society and that both the Society and the Third International Congress of Andrology owed an enormous debt of gratitude to Dr. Robert Newton and Dr. Richard Sherins for their tireless efforts in organizing the combined Annual Meeting/Congress and the postgraduate course. All members of the Executive Council had received, prior to the Meeting, a report from each Committee Chairperson. These reports are attached to the official record.

Secretary Amann presented a report of the activities of his office during the past year. Four mailings were made from his office to all members, plus an additional mailing by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee; a 6th mailing was made to American members of the Society urging them to register at the Westin Hotel. Certificates and an appropriate letter were sent to 105 new members. **The conscientious and timely assistance of the secretarial staff at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburg, and Dr. Phillip Troen, for maintenance of the membership list, was acknowledged.** On behalf of the Society, the Secretary formally accepted the invitation of Dr. Robaire to host the 1989 Meeting in Montreal and that of Dr. Raj to host the 1990 Meeting in New Orleans. Acceptance of the Secretary's report was moved by Vickery and seconded by Robaire; passed unanimously. The Secretary requested Council to authorize publication of a revised membership list to include those individuals to have paid their 1985 dues as of April 30, 1985. Steinberger stated that the listing should be modified so that members would be listed last name first, rather than first name first, and include degrees [it does now] and area of interest. It was pointed out by the Secretary that area of interest was not in the current computerized records. Necessary information could be obtained when the 1986 dues are mailed out. Following brief discussion, a motion authorizing the Secretary to prepare a membership list, similar to last years, was made by Odell and seconded by Horton; passed unanimously.

Treasurer Vickery presented a report on the financial status of the Society. He noted that members Eward and Nelson had continued to contribute to the Endowment

Fund. As of December 31, 1984, the Society had \$64,551.61 cash assets plus \$11,859.00 in the Endowment Fund, interest thereon and life membership. The net increase in unrestricted assets of the Society during the past year was -\$965.67. The Treasurer noted that the loss of approximately \$966 in 1984 as contrasted to an increase in unrestricted assets of approximately \$8,322 in 1983 was entirely a function of payment of bills outstanding at the close of the 1983 year. At the close of 1984, all bills were paid in full. Taking the status of unpaid bills into account, the Society had negative income in 1983 and a positive income of approximately \$10,000 in 1984. Because of expenses associated with the combined Annual Meeting/Third International Congress of Andrology, the budget for 1985 equals about \$170,000. Attendance at the Meeting was unknown. It is impossible to accurately predict the total cost of the 1985 Meeting and whether a profit or loss would be made on the Meeting. The Treasurer recommended that the Executive Council consider increasing the dues in 1986 to insure that the Society maintained an adequate cash reserve. In response to a question, the Treasurer noted that interest accrued from Endowment Funds is apportioned back to that individual endowment and not used for regular Society expenses. Both the Endowment principle and interest are used for the intended purpose stipulated for each Endowment Fund. It also was noted that inclusion of more clinical papers in the Journal might attract more advertisers to the Journal and profit to the Society. In the course of discussion concerning 1986 dues, it was agreed that the Finance Committee Chairman, the Treasurer, and the Membership Committee Chairman will evaluate our finances and the impact of different alternative dues structures and will present a report including specific suggestions for 1986 dues to the Executive Council at the Interim Meeting to be held in July. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Odell and seconded by Horton; it passed unanimously.

The Meeting then continued with Committee reports.

Fourcroy presented the report of the Awards Committee. A number of excellent nominations were received for the 1986 Distinguished Andrologist and the 1985 Young Andrologist Awards. Bruce D. Schanbacher was selected as the recipient of the 1985 Young Andrologist Award. The 1986 Distinguished Andrologist and 1986 Young Andrologist will be announced in 1986. The Student Award proved to be vexing. Response to the essay contest was limited and an award was not made. Since it previously has been decided that the student presentation would not be based on oral presentations this year, there will be no Student Award in 1985. Fourcroy suggested that in the future it might be possible to present the Student Award on the basis of a manuscript published in the Journal of Andrology, but the consensus of the Executive Council was to return to the previous approach of making the award to a presenter of a talk or poster at the Annual Meeting. Discussions turned to the question if the name of the award should be changed to encompass other young members who did not fulfill our strict definition of a Student Member (i.e., postdoctoral, intern or resident not more than 2 years beyond their final degree). It was agreed that the incoming President should appoint an ad hoc committee to include Chairpersons of the Student and Awards Committees and the donor of the Student Award, D. Eward, to consider a possible change in title and propose a descriptive basis for the Award for consideration by the Council at the Interim Meeting. Title and description should separate eligibility for participation in this award from eligibility status for a Student Member. Questions concerning designation of Emeritus Members was deferred until the Old Business. Acceptance of the report was moved by Naftolin and seconded by Robaire; approved unanimously.

Bressler reported on behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He noted that the Chairperson of any Committee has the prerogative of choosing committee members from the membership at large which would include both Regular Members and Student Members. Students can and have served on committees. He noted that utilization of a mail ballot of the Executive Council, such as used this past summer, was consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommended that the Bylaws not be amended to include stipulated criteria or defined grounds to impeach a member of the Executive Council for failure to perform his/her duties in a manner consistent with the goals and aims of the Society. Executive Council accepted this recommendation. In a follow-up to discussions at the Interim Council Meeting of July 1984, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee noted that the Vice President is responsible for planning meetings and has the authority to delegate selected activities to a subordinate who could be responsible for educational activities in a subsequent year when that individual became President of the Society. The Committee suggested that an Education Director not be appointed so the educational activities could be kept under control of an officer, namely the Vice-President/President. The Committee suggested that the Bylaws be amended so that Article VIII (Amendments) be brought into line with Article V of the Constitution. **Odell moved that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee draft such an amendment to be presented to the Executive Council at the Interim Council Meeting for consideration;** if approved, the amendment then could be placed before the full membership. The motion was seconded by Hamilton and passed unanimously. Acceptance of the report was moved by Robaire and seconded by Odell; passed unanimously.

Nelson reported on activities of the Finance Committee. He noted that activities primarily centered on supporting the Chairman for the Annual Meeting/Congress. Contacts with potential exhibitors and sponsors were made. Requests were made for quotations on liability insurance covering the Editor and the Society for errors of content, use, negligence and omission and for similar insurance on the officers and Society. The problem of overlap in the functions of this Committee and several other Committees and officers of the Society was discussed. **It was agreed that better communication was essential to avoid individuals soliciting support from the same organizations. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should include the Chairperson of the Publication Committee, the Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the next Annual Meeting, the President, and possibly the Director of the postgraduate course.** It also was noted that the Society might be at the point in its development where employment of an Executive Secretary might be appropriate. Discussion of this question was deferred until Old Business. Acceptance of the report was moved by Odell and seconded by Steinberger; approved unanimously.

Rosemberg reported on the Future Meetings Committee and noted that the Annual Meetings had been designated and confirmed through 1990. Locations are: 1986, Grand Rapids, Michigan (R.D. Eward); 1987, Denver, Colorado (R.P. Amann); 1988, Houston, Texas (G.R. Cunningham); 1989, Montreal, Canada (B. Robaire); 1990, New Orleans, Louisiana (M.H.G. Raj). It was also noted that H. Nankin recently offered to host the 1991 meeting. It was suggested that the Society should look for sites to hold meetings where the costs would be moderate and transportation was easy. New York City and San Antonio were suggested, although they may not meet the above criteria. In response to a question, Amann noted that the dates for the 1987 Meeting with the postgraduate course on Friday and the main meeting on Saturday, Sunday and Monday forenoon represented the consensus of those responding to a poll of the membership. Acceptance of the report was moved by Robaire and seconded by Steinberger; approved unanimously.

Orgebin-Crist presented the report of the Editor of the Journal of Andrology. In 1984, **89 unsolicited manuscripts were submitted**, a slight increase from the previous year. Based on 74 manuscripts with a final disposition, **49% were rejected**, which is slightly higher than in 1983. Consistent with her stated goal upon becoming Editor, **the mean interval from submission of a manuscript to completion of the first review was 1.6 months and 74% of the authors received results of the first review within 2 months**. The rejection rate for clinically oriented and basic science manuscripts increased slightly over that for previous years. Expenses for the editorial office totaled \$18,762.89 for 1984. The Journal has a slow but steady growth. All authors now must submit a statement that the manuscript has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. The quality of half tone reproductions is constantly monitored and a new printer has been engaged by Lippincott to insure that production quality remains high. **The Editor requested all present to submit their best manuscripts to the Journal of Andrology and to encourage their colleagues to do likewise**. In discussion, it was suggested that presenters of major papers at the Annual Meeting/Congress should be requested individually, by a member of the Council [no individual was designated], to submit their papers to the Journal. It also was suggested that clinical papers might be pulled together in a single section; the Editor noted that alternate issues lead off with all clinical papers or all basic science papers. It was suggested that reviews of clinical topics might be solicited; **the Editor was going to verify that page charges could be waived on such solicited reviews**. It also was pointed out that the Society might pay the page charges for invited reviews. This would be a good example of spending a little money to make more money. It was also suggested that, in most cases, **it might be appropriate for the Distinguished Andrologist to prepare a review highlighting accomplishments in or the status of his area of research**. Bartke complimented the Editor on the rapid turn-around time for manuscripts and the Council showed its appreciation. Acceptance of this report was moved by Odell and seconded by Robaire; unanimously approved.

Hoffer reported for the Publications Committee. Final arrangements had been made with **Dr. Stanley Yates, Department of Special Collections Library, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 50011 (Telephone #515/294-6672)**. Henceforth, **the Department of Special Collections Library at Iowa State will be the official archivist for the Society**. Bartke already has transferred old editorial records to the archivist and Rosenberg will transfer early correspondence and other information in her files, relating to the formation of the Society, to the archivist. Other members having documents relating to the foundation of the Society or other aspects of Society functions should transfer them to Dr. Yates. The Publication Committee surveyed publishers in the Boston area to determine the least expensive way to publish the programs for the Annual Meeting/Congress; Lippincott was awarded these contracts. Acceptance of the report was moved by Steinberger and seconded by Robaire; it was unanimously approved.

Newton presented a status report on the Annual Meeting/Congress. Approximately 475 abstracts were submitted and most were selected for presentation by poster. The supplement to the Journal containing the abstracts was scheduled for distribution on April 1, but was slow reaching some members. All attendees at the postgraduate course or the Meeting will receive program booklets for the postgraduate course or symposia, abstracts, respectively. It was suggested that all members of the Society should receive the symposium abstracts. It was agreed that **the Secretary should include a notice in the next mailing to members stating that copies of the symposia abstracts are available to those who request them from the Secretary**. There were a total of 452 individuals preregistered for the Annual

Meeting/Congress and 23 technical exhibits will be displayed. It was suggested that a committee might be established to solicit technical exhibits for future meetings, although it also was pointed out that this may be hard unless more clinical members become active. A tentative list of income and expenses for the Annual Meeting/Congress was distributed. **Depending upon registration and other factors, expenses for the Meeting/Congress probably will range between \$105,000 and \$125,000. Anticipated income probably will be between \$80,000 and \$110,000. Better estimates will be provided to the President as they become available and a final report will be made to the Council at the Interim Meeting.** On behalf of the Society and ISA, Ansbacher thanked Dr. Newton for his herculean efforts in organizing the Annual Meeting/ Congress. Acceptance of the report was moved by Horton and seconded by Vickery; unanimously approved.

Eward reported for the 1986 Annual Meeting Committee. **The general theme is "Toxic, Nutritional and Immunological Aspects of Pituitary-Testicular Function".** The Serolecture will be given by Dr. R. Swerdloff. A lecture on toxicology and spermatogenesis will be given by Dr. S. Fabro and a lecture on nutrition and reproduction probably will be given by Dr. L.S. Hurley. A draft program was presented which includes 9 scientific sessions, a round-table luncheon, posters on display throughout the meeting, and both basic and clinical science workshops. **The ASA Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 1986.** The postgraduate course will be on Sunday, April 20 and the Annual Meeting will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon April 21 through April 23, 1986. The Chairperson of the Clinical Workshop will be K. Smith and C.A. Paulson will chair the basic science workshop. Hotel rooms are anticipated to cost approximately \$60 per room (either single or double occupancy). Coffee will be served in the poster area to minimize noise in the area where oral presentations are being made. Following considerable discussion, it was moved by Hamilton and seconded by Odell that **registration costs for the 1986 Annual Meeting be \$60 for a Regular Member, \$25 for a Student Member and \$75 for a non-member. There will be an additional fee of \$15 for individuals who register after the deadline for preregistration of March 28 or who register at the Annual Meeting. This late registration fee will apply to both non-members and members of the Society.** This motion was unanimously approved. Acceptance of the report was moved by Steinberger and seconded by Rogers; unanimously approved.

Russell reported for the Membership Committee that 107 individuals have joined the Society since the last meeting. Of these, 76 were Regular Members and 31 were Student Members. The rolls currently list 627 members, which includes approximately 45 individuals who have not yet paid their 1985 dues (they will be deleted from membership if dues are not paid by July 1). All Council members were encouraged to solicit attendees at the Congress to join our Society. It was noted that a special mailing to over 900 urologists in the New England area had an extremely low response rate, but may impact on attendance at the Boston meeting. This mailing included a cover letter, application form and a flyer on the Boston meeting. A mailing to over 100 non-member attendees at the Los Angeles meeting resulted in a good return rate and **a similar mailing should be undertaken following the Boston meeting.** A mailing to reproductive toxicologists also was considered successful. A questionnaire sent to 40 individuals who did not rejoin the Society in 1985 was returned by 12 former members. There was a wide variety of reasons for allowing their membership to lapse, but several individuals indicated they would pay their dues and become current. **A continuation of aggressive approaches to soliciting members should continue to insure the growth of the Society.** Acceptance of the report was moved by Hamilton and seconded by Neaves; unanimously accepted.

Troen reported on behalf of the International Affairs Committee that there had been several conferences, including Ansbacher, Newton, Nieschlag, Sherins and Troen, to work out details of the Annual Meeting/Congress. Close cooperation between ASA and ISA was evident and both Societies are pleased with progress. ISA has continued to grow and now consists of 16 member Societies with 2722 members (including the Polish Andrology Society). In addition, there are 129 individual members of ISA. At the general assembly of ISA, major agenda items will be a proposed revision of the Bylaws, election of officers, and selection of a site for the 1989 Fourth International Congress of Andrology. Acceptance of the report was moved by Hamilton and seconded by Naftolin; unanimously approved.

Turner reported for the Student Affairs Committee that all Student members of the Society who had not renewed their dues were asked to do so. Success of this endeavor was not stated. The 1985 Student Colloquium will feature Dr. S.S. Howards addressing the topic "The Value of Interaction Between Basic and Clinical Scientists". The Committee also is sponsoring a small reception prior to the main reception opening the Congress and a job placement service developed by B. Hinton. **The Committee suggested that the Student Affairs Committee be made a standing committee of the Society since it had demonstrated its effectiveness and usefulness during 4 years of service on an ad hoc basis.** A motion was made by Sanborn, and seconded by Naftolin, to make the Student Affairs Committee a regular standing committee of the Society. **The Constitution and Bylaws Committee was directed to draft the necessary amendments for presentation to the Interim Council Meeting.** The motion was unanimously approved. Acceptance of the report was moved by Reichert and seconded by Robaire; unanimously approved.

Ahluwalia reported for the Public Relations Committee concerning the battle between the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress concerning the funding of NIH and similar agencies. Together with representatives of other Societies, he attended a meeting on April 23 with Senator Weicker; they were encouraged to solicit telegrams to Senator Weicker and others supporting S-773, the Biomedical Research Bill. In discussion, it was pointed out that a vote may occur on this question as early as April 26, and probably before May 1, and that a telegram would be essential. Attention also was directed to the Animal Research Bill about which many scientists have some concern; letters to congressmen concerning this bill also would be appropriate. Acceptance of the report was moved by Naftolin and seconded by Hamilton; unanimously approved.

Lewis reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. It was noted that the response to requests (enclosed in the general mailing) for nominations was extremely sparse and that perhaps a separate mailing of the request for nominations would be in order. Council agreed and the Secretary was asked to do so in the future. A list of nominations for officers and Executive Council members was prepared and, together with biographical information, was mailed to the members (by Dr. Lewis) in late January. A total of 343 ballots were returned by the deadline of which 9 were disqualified because of lack of a signature. Based on tabulations of 334 ballots, **newly elected officers are: Vice President, W.D. Odell; Executive Council Members, B.F. Cameron, A.F. Hoffer, J.L. Marmar, and K.D. Smith.** Acceptance of the report was moved by Robaire and seconded by Sanborn; unanimously approved.

Bartke reported on behalf of the Past Presidents Committee. Activities of this committee were limited to individual recruitment and public relations efforts. Acceptance of the report was moved by Naftolin and seconded by Robaire; unanimously approved.

The Meeting then turned to consideration of **Old Business**.

The Secretary will mail a list of deadlines for receipt of information for mailings to all officers, Council Members and Committee Chairpersons. Adherence to these deadlines is essential to minimize costs of mailings for the Society. These deadlines will be established by the Secretary following consultation with the Chairpersons of the Nominating and Awards Committees.

It was considered if the Young Andrologist should be designated for a period of one year, as is true for Distinguished Andrologist. Following considerable discussion, there was a consensus of Council that the system for the two awards should be modified so that both awards were given in a synchronous fashion. As incoming President, Steinberger was asked to implement such a scheme.

There was discussion if ASA should sponsor or publish books or bulletins in the area of andrology as a public service and to increase income to the Society. The Publication Committee had discussed this issue and unanimously concluded that it was a great idea but it would be very difficult to implement and complete. Their recommendation was not to undertake such an endeavor at this time.

There was discussion concerning if the state-of-the-art lectures should be published in the Journal and, if so, if peer review would be waived. It was rapidly agreed that in most instances the state-of-the-art lecturer should be invited to prepare a manuscript for publication. Unless the presenter requested otherwise, it was agreed that publication of state-of-the-art manuscripts would be without peer review. A footnote stating that the paper had not been peer reviewed would be attached to the title of the paper.

Following brief discussion, it was agreed to defer any consideration of disposition of profits from the Annual Meeting/Congress until the Interim Council Meeting. This action was considered to be prudent since the financial status of the Meeting is unknown. The sentiment also was expressed that future ISA meetings might be truly international in scope and organization by having them not as closely controlled by the host organization as was true for the meeting in Boston. This is considered both appropriate and feasible since ISA now is a viable and maturing organization, in contrast to its embryonic and neonatal status several years ago when planning for the 1985 meeting was initiated.

The President reminded the Council that all mailings to overseas members were now by Air Mail and, consistent with a decision at the Interim Council Meeting, members not residing in North America are assessed a \$5.00 surcharge to defray the cost of Air Mail.

A brief discussion of the question of attendance of Council Members at Council Meetings was aborted when the President called the Council's attention to the fact that this question had been resolved at the Interim Council Meeting held in Denver on July 23, 1984. Parenthetically, the Secretary might comment that if all members of Council, and Committee Chairpersons, reviewed the minutes of the last Interim Meeting and the last Council Meeting, prior to attendance at a given meeting, considerable rediscussion of similar topics might be eliminated.

The President noted that the Department of Special Collections, at the Iowa State University Library, has been designated as the official Archivist for the

**American Society of Andrology. The address for submission of archival material is: Dr. Stanley Yates, Department of Special Collections Library, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 50011 (Telephone #515/294-6672).**

Discussion concerning the possible employment of an Executive Secretary for the Society was deferred, but the **Finance Committee was requested to study this issue and report.**

Two foreign national andrological Societies have requested a discount subscription to the American Journal of Andrology. It appeared that the Society cannot make such a discount offer under terms of the present contract. However, **the Chairperson of the Publications Committee was requested to discuss this matter with the Lippincott Company.** It was pointed out that an amendment of the current contract to allow a discount rate to members of foreign andrological Societies would be beneficial as a source of income to our Society and also as an additional source of income to the Lippincott Company. The consensus of Council was that if such a modification of our contract with Lippincott was possible, it would be desirable to enter into such an agreement.

The question of **Emeritus Membership** in the Society was discussed in terms of what criteria, if any, should be used in deciding if an individual should become an Emeritus Member, should such an individual receive the Journal, and should such an individual pay dues. It was moved by Naftolin, seconded by Neaves, that the Awards Committee should develop guidelines for awarding Emeritus Membership and initiate plans to implement the guidelines developed. **The motion was unanimously approved and the Awards Committee should develop such guidelines on the premise that an Emeritus Member would not receive the Journal or pay annual dues, but would receive all mailings to members.** Furthermore, if a member wanted to continue to receive the Journal, it was agreed that he/she should retain regular membership. It also was noted that **the bylaws designate the task of making recommendations concerning each individual applicant for emeritus membership to the Awards Committee.**

There being no additional Old Business, discussion turned to **New Business.**

The President directed the attention of the Council members to the Third International Forum of Andrology to be held in Paris, France on June 16 and 17, 1985.

The question of how to fill a vacancy in the Executive Council was broached and discussed. It was agreed that the Nominating Committee should try to avoid selecting individuals for office who currently serve on Executive Council. **The Constitution and Bylaws Committee was directed to draft a flexible procedure for replacement of Council Members which could be presented to the Council and membership for their approval and incorporation into the bylaws.**

Davis proposed that the Society adopt a positive role in the area of public health with respect to areas in which we have unique expertise and could address or deal with questions concerning policy statements, questions concerning environmental reforms, etc. He suggested the Society establish a Public Health Committee. It was agreed that the idea was excellent and **the incoming President was requested to establish an ad hoc Public Health Committee to be chaired by J. Davis; after several years of activity, usefulness of this committee could be evaluated.**

The question of an Executive Secretary for the Society was once again discussed. It became evident that the first step in reaching a decision on this issue was to prepare a job description. Consequently, the **incoming President was requested to appoint an ad hoc committee, consisting of the new Past President (Chairman), the Treasurer, the Finance Committee Chairman, and the Secretary to write a job description.**

Incoming President Anna Steinberger announced her selections for the Committee Chairpersons for 1985-86 and requested Council approval of her nominees. **The Committee Chairpersons for 1985-86 are:** Awards, E. Rosenberg; Constitution and Bylaws, A.V. Boccabella; Finance, A.M. Belker; Future Meetings, L.J. Rodriguez-Rigau; Membership, L.D. Russell; Liaison, B. Ahluwalia; Nominating, L.J.D. Zaneveld; Postgraduate (Educational) Policy, R.S. Swerdloff; Publication, D.D. Hamilton; Student Affairs, B.T. Hinton; 1986 Local Committee, R.D. Eward; 1987 Local Committee, R.P. Amann. Acceptance of the report and approval of the nominees was moved by Naftolin and seconded by Horton; unanimously approved.

Council suggested that efforts be continued to have incoming Council Members and Incoming Committee Chairpersons attend the Executive Council Meeting for informational input. Steinberger suggested that **the incoming Vice President might pick the Committee Chairpersons in spring each year and have the nominees approved at the Interim Council Meeting.** This would allow them to be officially designated prior to the Annual Council Meeting and would facilitate their attendance.

Hamilton suggested that all Committee reports and other items on the Presidential agenda be distributed to all Council members sufficiently prior to an Executive Council Meeting (either annual or interim) and that detailed reports by the Committee members **not** be presented orally at the Meeting. This would allow Council to direct its attention to consideration of important items of management and philosophy, rather than an oral presentation of a written report containing committee actions. Reports could be accepted in groups and only items requiring official action or affirmative votes of the Council would have to be addressed individually.

Bartke noted that the Society owed a debt of gratitude to the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for their diligent efforts during the past year. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rupert P. Amann  
Secretary