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NEW YORK CITY

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REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE

Ordway Hilton

Dr. H.C. Solomon

Albert D. Geborn

John C. Huden

Dr. Jesse L. Garr ✓

George Keenan

Calvert Stein

Lowell S. Selling ✓

A.W. Freireich

V.B. Satterfield

C.M. Wilson

LeMoynes Snyder ✓

A.S. Wiener

Charles Umberger ✓

Max Binkel

Milton Helpern

Sidney Kaye

S. Schatkin

J.W. Holloway

Dr. L.J. Unger

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Dr. H.B.H. Gradwohl

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December 23, 1948

Dr. Lemoyne Snyder
704 American State Bank Bldg.,
Lansing 68, Michigan

My dear Doctor:

You will find below a list of all the committees for the Academy of Forensic Sciences. You will note that I have appointed you a member of the Constitution committee. I hope you will serve.

Constitution

Dr. Alan R. Moritz, Chairman
Harvard University Medical School
Dept. of Legal Medicine
25 Shattuck Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dr. Milton Helporn, 106 East 85th Street, New York 28, N.Y.

Dr. Israel Castellanos, Director, Gabinete Nacional de Identificacion, Havana, Cuba.

Mr. J.W. Holloway, Jr., American Medical Association, 535 North Dear born Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

Dr. Alexander S. Wiener, 64 Rutland Rd. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Clark Sellers, 458 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 13, Calif.

Dr. Lemoyne Snyder, 704 American State Bank Bldg., Lansing 68, Michigan.

Mr. Charles M. Wilson, Supt., State Crime Laboratory, Madison 2, Wisconsin.

Mr. S. Schatkin, New York City, N.Y.

Time, Place and Program

Dr. A.W. Freireich, Toxicologist, Chairman
Office of Chief Medical Examiner
Nassau County, N.Y.

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Committee on Time, Place and Program continued:

Dr. Herbert S. Breyfogle, Chief Medical Examiner, Commonwealth of Virginia, 404 N. 12th St., Richmond Va.

Dr. R.N. Harger, Professor of Biochemistry and Toxicology, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1040-1232 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis 7, Ind.

Dr. C.W. Muehlberger, Michigan Dept. of Health, Lansing 4, Michigan.

Mr. Orville Richardson, 407 N. 8th Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Professor Donald F. McCall, The State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington,

Dr. Val Saterfield, 4500 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri

Membership

Dr. E.J. Umberger, Chairman
400 East 29th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dr. W.J.R. Camp, Professor of Pharmacology and State Toxicologist, University of Illinois, College of Medicine, 1853 W. Polk St., Chicago 12, Ill.

Mr. George W. Keenan, Dept. of Public Safety, Bureau of Police, Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Edward Burke, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. Ray Pinker, Police Crime Lab., Police Dept., Los Angeles, Calif.

Publicity

Professor Ralph Turner, Chairman
Michigan State College
Dept. of Police Administration
East Lansing, Michigan

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Committee on Publicity continued:

Dr. Lowell S. Selling, Director, Mental Health Bldg., Fla.
State Board of Health, Box 210, Jacksonville 1, Fla.

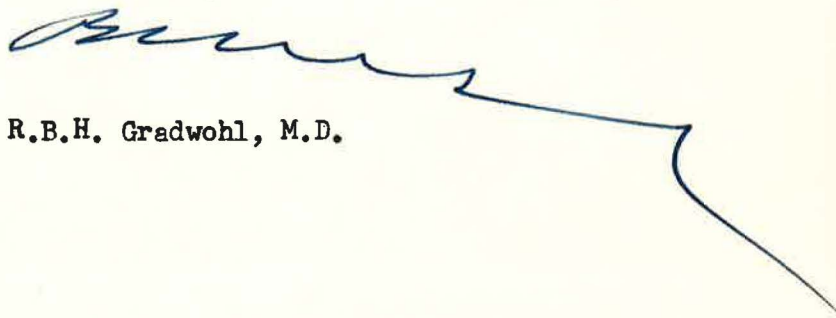
Mr. Sidney Kaye, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, 404-
406 N. 12th Street, Richmond 19, Va.

Dr. E.J. Umberger, 400 East 29th Street, New York, N.Y.

We are looking forward to a very successful organization and a very interesting and worthwhile program for the first meeting. We know you will do everything possible to make this a successful venture. After all, I am depending upon the committees to carry out and consummate our mutual desires.

With very kind regards, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R.B.H. Gradwohl', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

R.B.H. Gradwohl, M.D.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM*
FIRST AMERICAN
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Under the auspices of the
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS,
St. Louis, Missouri

January 19-21, 1948

Members of the Board of Police Commissioners

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Director, Research Bureau

St. Louis Police Department

DR. ISRAEL CASTELLANOS

Director, National Bureau of Identification

Havana, Cuba

SIDNEY KAYE

Secretary-Treasurer

Toxicologist to State Medical Examiner

Richmond, Virginia

MEETING PLACE

Police Academy, 12th & Spruce Streets

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS

Sheraton-Coronado Hotel

3701 Lindell Blvd.,

St. Louis 8, Missouri

**Final program to be published later.*

Monday, January 19, 1948

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon — Registration

2:00 p.m. — Formal Opening

Address of Welcome by HONORABLE A. P. KAUFMANN, Mayor of St. Louis

Address by Governor or Representative of Governor of Missouri

Address by Colonel H. SAM PRIEST
President, Board of Police Commissioners

Address by Colonel JEREMIAH O'CONNELL
Chief, St. Louis Police Department

1. Outline of Purposes and Suggestions for Organization
R. B. H. GRADWOHL, M.D.
Director, Research Bureau, St. Louis Police Department
2. Standardization and Organization of Police Science Technics
RALPH F. TURNER
Assistant Professor, Department of Police Administration, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan
3. Blood Alcohol — Its Applications and Pitfalls, from Medicolegal Standpoint
DR. I. M. RABINOWITCH
Montreal, Canada
4. The Use of the Intoximeter
DR. LEMOYNE SNYDER
Lansing, Michigan
5. Forensic Psychiatry
DR. LOWELL S. SELLING
Jacksonville, Florida
6. The Psychopathic Personality as a Social and Psychiatric Problem
DOCTORS ALEX J. ARIEFF and DAVID B. ROTMAN
Chicago, Illinois

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 20, 21, 1948

9:00 a.m.

7. The Sex Criminal
DR. VAL SATTERFIELD
Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychiatry Washington University Medical School
Consulting Psychiatrist, St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri
8. Blood Grouping of Blood Stained Evidence in Medicolegal Examination
DR. B. J. WHITE
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

9. The Use of Blood Tests in Cases of Disputed Parentage
DR. ALEXANDER S. WIENER
Serologist, N. Y. Medical Examiner's Office, New York, N. Y.
10. Toxicities and Hazards of the Newer Insecticides and Rodenticides
DR. JOHN R. WOOD
Army Chemical Center, Md.
11. A Rapid Procedure for the Detection and Estimation of Alkaloids in Body Materials with Demonstration of a Simple Tilting Extractor for this Purpose.
R. N. HARGER
Prof. Chemistry, Indiana University Medical School, Indianapolis, Indiana
12. The Barbiturate Problem
W. J. R. CAMP, M.D.
Professor, Pharmacology and State Toxicologist in the University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois
13. The Treatment of Barbiturate Poisoning with Intravenous Amphetamine Sulfate
DR. A. W. FREIREICH
Malverne, New York
14. Use of Polygraph
MR. LEONARDE KEELER
Chicago, Illinois
15. Sudden and Unexpected Natural Death
DR. MILTON HELPERN
Pathologist, Assistant Medical Examiner, New York, N. Y.

7:00 p.m. — Dinner at Hotel Sheraton-Coronado

Wednesday, January 21, 1948

9:00 a.m.

16. Legal Loopholes in Toxicological Investigations
MR. ORVILLE RICHARDSON, A.M., J.D.
St. Louis, Missouri
17. Temperature Variations with Respect to the Specific Gravity of Glass Fragments
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DONALD F. McCALL
Pullman, Washington
18. Firearms
DR. GEORGE W. KEENAN
Rochester, New York

19. Title Unannounced
DR. DELIO GAROIA ROMEU
Havana, Cuba
20. Title Unannounced
DR. NERIO ROJAS
Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina
21. Title Unannounced
DR. JOSE A. DIAZ PADRON
Havana, Cuba
22. Title Unannounced
MR. G. G. SWETT
Post Office Inspector, St. Louis, Mo.
23. Title Unannounced
INSPECTOR TRUSCOTT AND MAJOR BARRETT
Washington, D. C.
24. Title Unannounced
MR. T. P. SULLIVAN
Dept. of Public Safety, Springfield, Illinois
25. Title Unannounced
DR. C. J. UMBERGER
New York, New York
26. Title Unannounced
SIDNEY KAYE
Toxicologist, Medical Examiner's Office, Richmond, Virginia
27. Title Unannounced
DR. ISRAEL CASTELLANOS
Director, National Bureau of Identification, Havana, Cuba
28. The Importance of Subdural Hematoma, from a Medicolegal View-Point
PROF. GUILLERMO URIBE CUALLA
Director, Institute of Legal Medicine, Bogota, Columbia, S. A.
29. Title Unannounced
F. L. KOZELKA
Dept. Pharmacology and Toxicology, Service Memorial Institute, Madison,
Wisconsin

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R. B. H. Gradwohl, 3514 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis 3, Mo.

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R.B.H. Gradwohl, M.D.
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Dear Doctor Gradwohl:

Needless to say I am greatly flattered that you should appoint me as Chairman of the Committee on the Constitution for the Academy of Forensic Sciences. After due consideration I have decided to accept this appointment, fully realizing the work and responsibilities involved.

The point you mentioned about the different classes of membership bothers me a good deal. As I get the picture, it is the general desire to take in as many as possible that are in the various branches of forensic science, however, among these people are many who have had no college training and who are graduates of correspondence schools. Just where do these people fit into the picture? I expect to have a meeting in a day or two with Dr. Muehlberger and Ralph Tarter to hash out some of these points. I would, also, like very much to have your thoughts on this subject. At any rate we are going to get to work on this right away and get things started.

My very kindest regards and hopes of seeing you soon.

Sincerely yours,

LeMoyne Snyder, M. D.

LMS/lc

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COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Lemoyne Snyder, M.D., 705 American State Bank Building,
Lansing 68, Michigan
Chairman

January 26, 1949

Dear Members:

I hope you will pardon receiving a carbon copy, but I wish you would consider this as a personal letter, which is what I intend it to be.

To bring you up to date on the Committee on the Constitution, Dr. Gradwohl has appointed me chairman. Alan Moritz had originally been appointed chairman but he has taken on a lot of extra work at Harvard and so unfortunately was unable to assume that extra duty, so consequently here I am and with the help of each of you I think that we can do a good job on preparing this constitution.

Because of the fact that our committee is scattered all the way from Boston to Los Angeles to Havana it does not seem possible that we can all get together for a meeting prior to the next general meeting of the Academy, consequently I wish you would use my office as a clearing house for exchange of ideas on this most important subject. It is up to this committee largely to determine just what sort of an organization the Academy of Forensic Sciences is to be and settle upon important matters and problems.

One of the first questions which arises is that of membership. It seemed to be the general feeling at previous meetings that this organization include all branches of law and science which deal with forensic problems and that anybody who is interested in this field would be eligible to membership. One serious argument against that conception for organization is that if membership is to be put on that basis then there is no particular honor or pride in belonging to any organization if practically anyone can belong to it. On the other hand, if it is to be made an organization with high qualifications for membership many excellent people will be disqualified.

It seems to me that we have to draw the line somewhere, if we are to have an organization which on one hand appeals to highly trained scientists and yet admits others who are excellent men but who may not have had as much scholastic training. The other evening Clarence Kuehlberger, Ralph Turner, Scott and Brandstatter were over to my house and we discussed this subject thoroughly. It was the consensus of opinion of this small group that member-

ship should be limited to three general categories:

1. Members of the bar.
2. Persons who have at least a bachelors degree.
3. Persons without a bachelors degree but who by reason of outstanding work in their field, contributions to the literature etc. would be worthy of membership.

Of course, any candidate for membership would be rigidly scrutinized by the membership committee. What are your thoughts on different kinds of membership? Will you please let me have your ideas on these matters and any other subjects for consideration of this committee. It is hard to discuss these matters by correspondence but it seems to be the only feasible method at present.

Please be assured of my interest and cooperation in this subject and as soon as I have your individual replies I will inform you in another letter what the general feeling was on these matters.

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Dear Dr. Snyder:

I wish to thank you very much for your letter of January 18, 1949 and for having accepted the Chairmanship of the Committee on Constitution for the Academy of Forensic Sciences. I realize that this is a huge job but feel that only a person of your standing and knowledge of this subject would fill the bill.

I am puzzled as to how to suggest anything to you as to qualifications for membership. I think that ought to be discussed by your committee and your suggestions submitted to me. After I have them, I shall be somewhat in a position to give you my judgment or make any additions which may suggest themselves. We are really between the devil and the deep sea trying to get as many people interested in this association as possible and at the same time are skating on thin ice by asking some to join who might be unfit or unworthy for this honor.

Lt. Keenan and Major Edward Burkert both of Rochester, New York. are particularly anxious to have this point settled.

I also wish to inform you that Mr. Sidney Schatkin, Assistant Corporation Counsel, 190-16H 71st Crescent, Flushing, New York has consented to serve on the Constitution Committee.

Please let me hear further from you.

Very truly yours,

R.B.H. Gradwohl, M.D.

RBHG/rms

Enc. Letter from Mr. Schatkin

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SIDNEY B. SCHATKIN
Assistant Corporation Counsel

New York City

190-16H 71st Crescent
Flushing, N.Y.

January 18, 1949

Dear Dr. Gradwohl -

I am happy to serve on the Constitution
Committee of Academy of Forensic Sciences and make what contributions
I can to this worthy and necessary purpose.

With best wishes, and hoping to see you at some future
meeting.

Very sincerely

S.B.Schatkin (Signed)

ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

OFFICE OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT
R. B. H. GRADWOHL, M. D.
3514 LUCAS AVENUE
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January 31, 1949

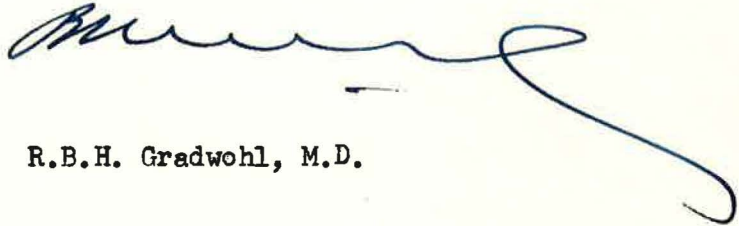
Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
705 American State Bank Building,
Lansing 69, Michigan

Dear Doctor Snyder:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, 1949, copies of which you sent to the members of your committee. I think it is a very good letter and should get the proper reaction.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R.B.H. Gradwohl', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

R.B.H. Gradwohl, M.D.

RBHG/rms

Clark Sellers
458 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California

David A. Black, Associate

Committee on Constitution



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February 8, 1949

LeMoyné Snyder, M. D.
705 American State Bank Building
Lansing 68, Michigan

Dear Doctor:

Your letter of January 26th received relative to work on the Committee on the Constitution of the proposed Academy of Forensic Sciences.

I suggest that a preamble should be written briefly telling of the general aims and objectives of the organization; secondly, a statement of the specific things for which the Academy is organized; thirdly, membership qualifications and responsibilities, ethics and dues.

I suggest for the purposes of discussion that the membership be divided into regular membership, associate membership and honorary membership. The regular membership could be for those who are highly qualified in accordance with the three categories that you mentioned in your letter of January 26th. The associate membership could be for those who do not qualify according to the three categories you have outlined but who do have something to contribute in a particular field covered by the Academy, and the honorary membership would be for "Name" persons who might lend some prestige to the organization.

I suggest a one-sentence theme to be incorporated as part of the Constitution which would be an expression of the main purpose for which we are organized.

I suggest that the Constitution should include a statement of how the membership in the organization can be obtained, that a definite committee should be provided for to pass on qualifications both as to ability and ethics.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Clark

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64 Rutland Road

Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

February 16, 1949

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
705 American State Bank Building
Lansing 68, Michigan

Dear Dr. Snyder:

Thank you for your letter of January 26th with regarding the Constitution of the Academy of Forensic Sciences. It seems to me that the qualifications for membership suggested by you do not conform with the principles expressed at the meeting of the Steering Committee. As I recall the idea was to have different classes of members such as Fellows, Members, Associate Members, Correspondence Members, Honorary Members, etc. Perhaps the following suggestions may be helpful to you.

«There shall be ^{the following} ~~several~~ classes of membership in the Academy; ~~namely,~~ Fellows, Members, Associate Members, Corresponding Members, and Honorary Members.

«Only those applicants shall be eligible to become Fellows who possess an M.D., Ph.D., L.L.D degree or equivalent and who have published original contributions in one or more fields included by the Forensic Sciences. At the discretion of the Membership Committee, any of these qualifications may be waived in special cases.

«Applicants who have an A.B. or B.S. degree or equivalent, and have made contributions to the literature in one or more fields of the Forensic Sciences shall be eligible to admission as Members.

«Individuals not possessing the above qualifications but who are especially interested in the Forensic Sciences are eligible for Associate Membership.

Alexander S. Wiener, M.D.

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“Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Forensic Sciences may be elected to Honorary Membership regardless of their special training or background.

“Individuals not living in the United States who are especially interested in the Forensic Sciences are eligible for corresponding membership.”

“Only Fellows and Regular Members shall have the right to vote.”

Sincerely yours,

A. Wiener

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL MEDICINE

25 Shattuck Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

February 19, 1949

Dr. LeMoyne Snyder
705 American State Bank Bldg.
Lansing 68, Michigan

Dear LeMoyne:

It was very nice of you to write. The decision to leave Harvard was not an easy one. I think that there are great opportunities at Western Reserve and I know that I shall enjoy both the people and the unparalleled facilities at the Institute of Pathology.

In respect to membership in the Academy of Forensic Sciences I think there should be two classes of members,-- fellows and section members. Doctors of medicine, doctors of philosophy, attorneys and certain other distinguished persons irrespective of their academic titles should be eligible on nomination of the membership committee for election as fellows in the academy. Within the general structure of the academy there should be a section on police science, a section on toxicology, a section on questioned documents and perhaps other sections to which persons may be elected whose qualifications fall short of those of fellows.

Sincerely yours,



Alan R. Moritz, M.D.

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Proposed Constitution

ARTICLE I (NAME)

This society shall be known as the American Medicolegal Society.

ARTICLE II (OBJECTS)

The objects of this Society shall be to promote scientific knowledge of all medicolegal matters through discussions, reports and publications, to stimulate scientific investigations and their applications, to plan, organize and administer projects for the advancement of knowledge in this field, and to improve professional qualifications.

ARTICLE III (MEMBERSHIP)

1. This Society shall consist of Members and Emeritus Members, Corresponding Members, Honorary Members, and Sustaining Members, who shall be nominated for election as provided in Article VI.

2a. Any person interested in the objects of the SOCIETY shall be eligible for election as a Member.

2b. Any Member, in good standing in the SOCIETY for at least 25 consecutive years immediately preceding retirement from remunerative professional work, shall be eligible for election to emeritus status.

3. Any person actively engaged in the promotion of medicolegal matters shall be eligible for election as a Corresponding Member, though not a resident of the United States or Canada.

4. Any eminent investigator, who has contributed to the subject of medicolegal science, shall be eligible for membership as an Honorary Member.

5. Any person or organization, interested in advancing the objects of the SOCIETY, shall be eligible for election as a Sustaining Member.

6. The numbers of all classes of members shall be limited only by eligibility, except that the number of Corresponding Members shall not exceed one-hundred.

7. Corresponding Members, Honorary Members and Emeritus Members shall be exempt from the payment of dues or assessment fees.

8. The members of any class shall be entitled to the privileges of the SOCIETY, except that Sustaining Members shall not be eligible to hold office.

9. Any member against whom charges in writing have been preferred by another member, may be dropped from membership in the SOCIETY by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at any Annual Meeting if the charges have been previously sustained by a three-fourths majority of the members present and voting at any Council meeting, provided that the accused member shall have been advised of the charges, have had opportunity to answer the charges, and that proper investigation, as provided in the By-Laws, shall have been made. Charges may be considered only as to conduct which in any wise tends to injure the SOCIETY, affects its reputation, or is contrary of, or destructive of, the objects of the SOCIETY. 7

ARTICLE IV (OFFICERS AND COUNCIL)

1. The officers of the SOCIETY shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. Each officer shall be

elected for a term beginning with the first day of January and continuing for one year or until a successor shall have been duly chosen.

2. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually pertain to the offices held, and also any other duties that may be assigned by the Council, or prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

3. There shall be an Executive Council composed of the President, the President last retired, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

4. The Executive Council shall constitute the Board of Directors, shall be the legal representative of the SOCIETY and, as such, shall have, hold, and administer all the property, funds and affairs of the SOCIETY in trust for its uses, in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws, and with the Act of Incorporation of the SOCIETY under the statutes of the State of Missouri.

5. The Executive Council may appoint one or more representative of the SOCIETY to serve with any board, committee, council, congress or convocation when the interests of the SOCIETY demand. It may negotiate agreements with institutions, individuals, or other societies, provided that when such agreements are of exceptional importance, as determined by a majority of the Council Policy Committee, they shall be subject to the final decision of the SOCIETY at large.

ARTICLE V (COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS)

1. The President shall appoint such committees as may be necessary to aid in the management of the SOCIETY. Additional committees may be appointed or reappointed at any time. Committees shall serve a term of one year or less and shall end with the close of the Annual Meeting each year, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-Laws. Committees of the SOCIETY shall report through the President to the Executive Council not later than two weeks previous to the Annual Meeting unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Council.

2. There shall be a Nominating Committee which shall be appointed by the President during the first week in January. This committee shall be composed of three or more members not officers as defined in Article IV, Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall make the nominations specified in Article VI, Section 4, and such other nominations as shall be ordered by the Executive Council.

3. There shall be a Membership Committee consisting of three or more members of the SOCIETY to be appointed by the President. This committee shall advise the Executive Council on the eligibility of candidates applying for election as Members or Sustaining Members of the SOCIETY.

4. There shall be an Archives Committee with an Archivist as its Chairman. This Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Council for a term of five years. The committee shall collect

and preserve historical materials relating to the SOCIETY and to the science of bacteriology, and it shall aid and foster appropriate historical projects by and for the SOCIETY.

5. There shall be a Program Committee as provided in Article VIII, Section 4, and a Publication Board as provided in Article IX, Section 2.

ARTICLE VI (NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS)

1a. Any person, who shall have been nominated in writing in due form by two Members of the SOCIETY, who shall have paid the first year's membership dues and who shall have been endorsed by a majority of the Membership Committee, shall be certified to the Executive Council as a candidate for ordinary membership; and if the nomination is approved by a majority of the Executive Council, the candidate shall be declared elected a Member of the SOCIETY.

1b. Any Member, who has made application and whose qualifications for emeritus status shall have been certified by the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be considered so nominated, and if the nomination is approved by a majority of the Executive Council, such Member shall be declared elected an Emeritus Member of the SOCIETY.

2. Any candidate for sustaining membership, who shall have applied in due form and paid the first year's sustaining dues, and whose application shall have been endorsed by a majority of the Membership Committee, shall be certified to the Executive Council

as nominated for sustaining membership; and if the nomination is approved by a majority of the Council, the candidate shall be declared elected a Sustaining Member of the SOCIETY.

3. Nominations, if any, for corresponding or for honorary membership shall be proposed in writing to the Executive Council by at least ten members of the SOCIETY. A duly proposed candidate for corresponding membership, upon receiving the endorsement of two-thirds of the Council voting, shall be declared nominated. A duly proposed candidate for honorary membership, upon receiving the endorsement of four-fifths of the Executive Council voting, shall be declared nominated. The candidates thus nominated shall be voted upon by the SOCIETY as hereinafter provided.

4. The Nominating Committee shall make one or more nominations each for President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. On or before the first day of July following its appointment, the Nominating Committee shall certify these nominations to the Secretary-Treasurer who shall announce them to the members of the SOCIETY on or before the next succeeding first day of September. Additional nominations for office may be made, but such nominations shall be valid only if presented in a petition form over the signatures of at least ten members in good standing, and if received by the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the fifteenth day of October.

5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send, not later than the first day of November, a final ballot bearing all nominations for office (whether made by the Nominating Committee or by petition) to all members of the SOCIETY. The ballot shall also include nominations, if any, certified by the Executive Council for honorary or corresponding membership.

6. Each member shall mark his vote for or against each of the candidates on the ballot, and, shall transmit it properly sealed for secrecy to the Secretary-Treasurer. In order to be counted, a ballot must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the next succeeding first day of December.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall check off on the membership list of the SOCIETY the names of all members voting, shall reject ballots from members who are in arrears one year or more in payment of dues, shall deliver all valid sealed ballots to Tellers appointed by the President to take charge of the election, and shall report to the Council upon ballots rejected. The Tellers shall count the ballots and report to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall announce the results promptly.

8. The candidates who receive the highest number of votes for the offices of president, of vice-president, and of secretary-treasurer, respectively, shall be declared elected. The two candidates for councilor-at-large who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, a majority of the Executive Council shall decide between the candidates who are tied. A candidate for corresponding or honorary membership shall be declared elected if affirmed by four-fifths of the votes cast.

9. Vacancies between elections occurring in any office shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the Executive Council voting.

ARTICLE VII (FINANCES)

1. Subject to instruction from the SOCIETY, the Executive Council shall fix the annual dues and assessments of Members and sustaining dues of Sustaining Members, and may provide for the payment of a stated sum which will entitle a Member to membership for life without further payment of dues; it shall determine the salaries, if any, to be paid to officials of the SOCIETY or to assistants, but no member of the Executive Council may vote on any question involving a salary to be paid to him; it shall determine the amounts of money which may be used by the Secretary-Treasurer for the routine expenses of the SOCIETY; it shall order an annual audit of the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer; and it shall require adequate accountings of any funds received from the treasury of the SOCIETY by officials and committees. The Executive Council shall contract for the fulfillment of any purpose, determined by the SOCIETY, if consistent with the Act of Incorporation of the SOCIETY and the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII (MEETINGS AND QUORUMS)

1. Once each year, there shall be a general meeting of the SOCIETY for the presentation of scientific papers, exhibits, etc., and for the transaction of business. This shall be known as the Annual Meeting. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Council. In the event of very grave emergency, the Executive Council may suspend such an Annual Meeting and the SOCIETY may transact the necessary business by mail as hereinafter provided.

2. At any meeting of the SOCIETY, twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the transaction of business by mail, fifty of the members of the Society shall constitute a quorum, provided that a reasonable time is allowed for the participation of the members in the business under consideration.

3. The time and place of each Annual Meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Council, at least one year but not more than two years in advance, and notice of the same shall be sent to each member of the Society at least three weeks previous to the date of said meeting.

4. There shall be a Program Committee composed of a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman (neither of whom shall be a Division Chairman), and the chairmen of the Divisions of the SOCIETY. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Program Committee shall be appointed by the President for a term of three years. The Program Committee shall maintain general supervision of the meetings of the SOCIETY, shall arrange the programs of the general, divisional and sectional sessions, and shall administer the By-Laws and the rules promulgated by the Executive Council in respect to exhibits, demonstrations, scientific papers and gatherings to be included in the program of any meeting of the SOCIETY.

5. The Executive Council shall hold at least one meeting annually. Three-fifths of the total voting membership of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Council for the transaction of business in assembly. When, at the discretion of the President, the Executive Council transacts business by mail, three-fifths of total voting membership of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum, provided that a reasonable time is allowed for the participation of the Executive Councilors in the business under consideration.

ARTICLE IX
(PUBLICATIONS, PUBLICATION BOARD, EDITORS)

1. The SOCIETY may publish one or more periodical publications and one or more series of monographs. Each such periodical publication or monograph series shall be under the direction of an Editor-in-Chief who shall be elected by the Executive Council for a term of five years, or until his successor shall have been duly chosen. An Editor-in-Chief may appoint his own associates.

2. There shall be a Publication Board of the SOCIETY composed of the said Editors-in-Chief, the President and the Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Council shall elect one of the Editors-in-Chief as Chairman of the Editorial Board for a term of five years, or until his successor shall have been duly chosen. The Publication Board shall coordinate the editorial policies of all publications

of the SOCIETY, and shall advise the Council on matters relating to publication policy.

3. The SOCIETY may publish books, or sponsor their publication, provided that each such book shall have been approved by the Publication Board and authorized by the Executive Council.

4. Any committee of the SOCIETY may publish a report or series of reports, provided that such publication shall have been approved by the Publication Board and authorized by the Executive Council.

5. The publications of the SOCIETY, shall be made available to the members under such conditions as the By-Laws provide.

ARTICLE X (BY LAWS)

1. The Executive Council or any ten members of the SOCIETY shall propose such By-Laws, not in conflict with the Constitution, as may be necessary for the proper government of the SOCIETY. Such By-Laws shall become operative if and when confirmed by the SOCIETY at an Annual Meeting.

2. Any proposed change in the By-Laws, or addition thereto, shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Council present and voting at a meeting, or of a majority of the Executive Council voting by mail. If approved by the Executive Council, any such change or addition shall become operative if and when confirmed by a majority vote of the SOCIETY.

ARTICLE XI (AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION)

1. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution, not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation of the SOCIETY, may be presented in writing by any five members of the Executive Council, or by at least twenty-five members, at any Annual Meeting of the SOCIETY. If approved by a majority of the members present and voting, such Amendment shall be promptly printed and sent to all members of the SOCIETY, together with a letter ballot. The Secretary-Treasurer shall canvass the ballots returned to him within thirty days from the date of mailing the letter ballot, and the proposed amendment shall be considered adopted if it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members voting. The result of the vote shall be announced at once by the Secretary-Treasurer to all members of the SOCIETY.

2. Any amendment that has been adopted shall go into effect at once.

BY-LAWS

1. Members

a. Each regular Member who has paid his annual dues shall be entitled to receive whatever publication is decided upon as part of his membership-privileges.

b. Each Honorary Member, when duly elected, shall be provided with an engrossed certificate of his election, and shall be entitled to receive any or all of the three said publications as he may elect.

c. Each Sustaining Member shall have all the privileges of membership except that of holding office, and shall have the privilege of being represented at any meeting of the SOCIETY by one delegate appointed by the Sustaining Member. Such a delegate, if himself a Member of the SOCIETY and in good standing, shall not be debarred from holding office.

d1. Any charges involving the dropping of any person from membership in the SOCIETY shall be submitted first in confidence to the President of the SOCIETY with a full statement of the prima facie evidence on which the charges are based. The Council Policy Committee shall constitute a committee with full power to decide whether the charges shall be dropped without further action and without report to the Executive Council; whether the accused Member shall be allowed to resign without report to the Executive Council; or whether the charges shall be referred to the Executive Council with recommendation for action.

d2. The Executive Council, on receiving the recommendation for action, shall give the accused member an opportunity for answering the charges within thirty days after notification. If three-fourths of the Executive Council present and voting considers the charges sustained, the Secretary-Treasurer shall be instructed to propose to the SOCIETY the expulsion of the accused member; and if two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting shall, by secret ballot, vote for expulsion, the accused shall cease to be a member of the SOCIETY.

2. Dues

a. Regular membership dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per year. The annual sustaining membership dues shall be fifty dollars (\$50).

b. Any member in arrears for dues for two months shall not thereafter receive the journals of the SOCIETY until all arrears shall have been paid.

c. Any person in arrears for dues for one year shall cease to be a Member of the SOCIETY until his arrears shall have been paid, when he may be reinstated by the procedure for the election of new Members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send a written notice of their delinquency, together with a copy of the By-Laws, pertaining to the subject, to all persons in arrears, at least two weeks before any further action in the matter shall be taken.

3. Program Committee and Meetings.

a. The Program Committee may appoint one or more additional members as needed to aid in the planning and conduct of meetings provided in Article VIII. The chairmen of the Divisions of the SOCIETY shall serve on the Program Committee during the term for which they shall have been elected or appointed as provided in Art. X.

b. At the Annual Meeting of the SOCIETY, the order of business, subject to revision by the Program Committee, shall be:

1. Reading of minutes
2. Reports of officers and officials of the SOCIETY
3. Reports of standing committees
4. Presentation and discussion of papers at general, divisional and sectional sessions, and at symposia
5. Reports of temporary committees
6. Miscellaneous, and new business
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

c. At the Annual Meeting, the time, place, and program of all meetings of divisions and sections, and of symposia and round-table discussions shall be arranged by, or be subject to the approval of, the Program Committee.

d. Titles of all papers intended for presentation at the Annual Meeting shall be accompanied by an abstract and shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Program Committee at least 60 days before the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer of the SOCIETY shall announce, at least 45 days in advance, the date of the last day on which a title may be accepted by the Chairman of the Program Committee.

e. No title shall be submitted unless the author or one of the authors thereof is a member of the SOCIETY, except that a title by a non-member may be submitted and placed on the program when such a paper has been invited by the Program Committee. The number of titles which a member, alone or as joint author, may submit normally shall be limited to one, except that an invited paper shall be excluded from this limitation.

f. No title shall be submitted unless the author or co-author thereof has a bona-fide intention of presenting it in person.

7 g. Titles considered unsuitable for the program by a majority of the Program Committee shall be rejected. The accepted titles shall be placed on the printed program and shall be allocated, according to the best judgment of the Program Committee, to the appropriate sessions, symposia and round-tables, except that the titles which are in excess of those that can be reasonably accommodated within the available time and facilities, shall be read by title and listed as such on the Printed Program. A title submitted merely to be read by title shall not be accepted. The Chairman of the Program Committee shall notify, without undue delay, all authors of the disposition of their titles on the program.

h. The SOCIETY is not responsible for statements and opinions advanced by individuals in papers or discussions at its meetings.

i. Any paper, although announced in the final program, may be excluded at any time prior to delivery by order of the President of the SOCIETY.

j. The time normally allowed for the presentation of a paper 7 at the Annual Meeting shall be fifteen minutes. Under special circumstances and if facilities permit, the Program Committee may allot a longer period.

k. Attendance at meetings of the SOCIETY shall normally be limited to registered persons. Meetings shall normally be open to all registrants, but any session may be closed to non-members of the SOCIETY by order of the President.

1. For each Annual Meeting, there shall be a Publicity Committee Composed of the Vice-Chairman of the Program Committee as Chairman and the Chairmen of the Divisions and Sections of the SOCIETY as members. This committee shall handle exclusively all publicity relating to the scientific papers and other events connected with the meeting.

4. Rules of Order.

The rules contained in POCKET MANUAL OF RULES OF ORDER, by Henry M. Robert, shall determine the parliamentary practice of the SOCIETY in all cases to which they apply, and when they are not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-Laws of the SOCIETY.

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