

LIFELINES

Michaela Barinova, see *JALCA* 104, 177, 2009

Karel Kolomaznik, see *JALCA* 91, 21, 1996

Vladimir Vasek, see *JALCA* 100, 119, 2005

Jan Matyasovsky, information not available.

Peter Jurkovic, see *JALCA* 103, 177, 2008

Swarna V. Kanth, see *JALCA* 101, 435, 2006

P. Ramesh Kannan, see *JALCA* 103, 203, 2008

N. Usha Rani holds a B.Sc degree in Microbiology and a M.Sc degree in Bioinformatics. She is presently a Ph.D scholar at Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India.

G. C. Jayakumar, see *JALCA* 97, 207, 2002

A. Yasothai holds B.Sc degree in chemistry. She is presently, working as project assistant in Centre for Human and Organizational Resources Development at Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India.

B. Chandrasekaran, see *JALCA* 96, 23, 2001

S. Deepa holds M.Sc degree in Biotechnology from Bharathidasan University. She is presently a Ph.D scholar at Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India.

J. Raghava Rao, see *JALCA* 93, 156, 1998

C. S. Gnanasekaren, information not available.

R. Rengasamy, information not available.

OBITUARY

THOMAS H. GOODEMOTE

Thomas H. Goodemote, age 58, of Gloversville, NY, died peacefully Thursday evening, September 17, 2009 at his home. He was born June 14, 1951 in Gloversville, the son of the late Harold and Carol Ettlemeyer Goodemote. He was a 1969 graduate of Mayfield Central School and also graduated from Plattsburgh State College. He was employed at Wood & Hyde Leather Company and later, along with his father and brother, owned and operated Classic Leather Company. He owned Bayview Marine in Mayfield for several years and also was Vice President of Irving Tanning Company in Waterville, ME. He was last employed as the Technical Director at Townsend Leather Company until he retired in 2006.

Tom was a member of Psi Epsilon Chi, the Adirondack Tanners Association and the American Leather Chemists Association from 1977 until his retirement in 2006.

He was married in 1990 to Valorie Smith. Survivors include his partner, Kirsten M. Edwards and her two children, James Gregorio and Amy Davis; his two children, Christopher T. Goodemote (Kimberly) of Gloversville and Kelly M. Smith (Patrick Ilnicki) of Broadalbin; his brother, Allen Goodemote (Donna) of Estes Park, CO and LaQuinta, CA and five grandchildren.



Funeral services were held in Gloversville with interment at the Union Rural Cemetery, Mayfield, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carcinoid Cancer Foundation Inc., 333 Mamaroneck Ave. No. 492, White Plains, NY 10605 or to the Schenectady Cancer Foundation, 112 Avon Road, Schenectady, NY 12308 or to Mountain Valley Hospice, 108 Steele Avenue, Gloversville, NY 12078.

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2010 CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE 106TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

JUNE 10 – 13, 2010

If you have recently completed or will shortly be completing research studies relevant to hide preservation, hide and leather defects, leather manufacturing technology, new product development, tannery equipment development, leather properties and specifications, tannery environmental management, or other related subjects, you are encouraged to present the results of this research at the next annual convention of the Association to be held at the Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI, June 10 – 13, 2010.

Abstracts are preferred via email and must be submitted by **January 31, 2010** to the Chair of the Technical Program:

Mr. Craig Keyser
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Each abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. The name of the speaker should be denoted by an asterisk, and contact information should be provided that includes an email address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words and in the Microsoft Word format. Manuscripts based on the presentation, **in publication-ready form**, are to be sent to the editor in electronic format as an e-mail attachment by **May 15, 2010** (see revised Publication Policy on our website: leatherchemists.org).

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Presentations at the convention will be limited to 25 minutes. In accordance with the Association Bylaws, papers covering such presentations are to be submitted to the *Journal of the American Leather Chemists Association* for publication consideration. Those papers are not to be published elsewhere, other than in abstract form, without permission of the *Journal* Editor, Robert F. White.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION OGLEBAY RESORT, WHEELING, WV

JUNE 18, 2009

Present:

- Officers: Stephen S. Yanek,
David LeBlanc, Craig Keyser
- Councilors: Rob Harvey, Jeff Miller,
Gary Rennerfeldt,
George Stockman
- Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock
- Convention Chair: Doug Morrison
- Convention Vice Chair: Sarah Drayna

1. Welcome – Stephen S. Yanek, President

President Stephen S. Yanek called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Councilors Harold Diephouse and Steve Lange were unable to attend.

March 3 and 17, 2009 conference call minutes were previously approved by email.

Results from the Board of Tellers, Sarah Drayna, Jeff Miller and Jose Gallegos, were announced. Incoming officers will be Andreas Rhein as Vice President Elect, Craig Keyser as Vice President, and Dave LeBlanc as President. New councilors will be Michael Bley and Alex Campbell. Retiring councilors, Rob Harvey and Gary Rennerfeldt, were thanked for their service the past three years. The results of the bylaws revisions were announced. It was reported that 90 votes were cast for the amendment regarding one signature on checks under \$5,000, with 86 in favor and 4 opposed. The amendment regarding email voting had 90 votes cast, with 89 in favor and 1 opposed. Thus both bylaws revisions passed.

2. Old Business – Stephen S. Yanek, President

Life Members

Four candidates for life membership, Colin Albee, Helmut J. Jaeger, Anton K. Mayer, and Howard F. Shrut, were recommended to Council for life membership as they had been a paying member of the Association for forty (40) years. Council unanimously approved their life memberships. Life membership for John Mitchell had previously been approved by Council.

3. Convention Items and Meeting with Hotel Staff – Doug Morrison

The staff of Oglebay came in and introduced themselves and their positions. The schedule for the convention was reviewed. Room nights well exceeded the contract, so there was no attrition.

One of the presenters for Saturday morning indicated that he would be unable to attend. It was decided to delay the start of the technical sessions on Saturday morning to 9 am. Announcements will be made during the day Friday to this effect.

Mr. Morrison introduced Sarah Drayna, the Vice Chair of the Convention Committee. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Drayna, the budget for advertising and sponsorships combined exceeded their goals by \$2,200. She also obtained two new sponsors, Dow Advance Materials and National Beef Leathers. In addition, New England Tanners Club sponsored the golf gift certificates that were given out at the Awards Luncheon. Appreciation was shown for Mrs. Drayna's efforts.

Mr. Morrison further announced that Susan Steele, Social Activities Coordinator, had purchased the gifts for the Monte Carlo Night and the Awards Luncheon. LeRoy Lehman, Sports Activities Coordinator, purchased the trophies for the golf tournament and had made the pairings for the tournament.

4. Editor's Report – Robert F. White

Mr. White submitted the following written report:
Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors: June 5, 2009

New manuscripts submissions during the first 5 months of this year were 25, compared to 19 for the same period of 2008. This seems to be a typical variation over a short window of time. Comparing manuscript activity for the 12 month period June through May:

Received	Rejected	Approved	In process	(or inactive)
2008-2009	58	22	28	8
2007-2008	69	29	32	15

This suggests a softening of initial submissions but they are still at a level of activity that supports our four manuscripts per issue plan. I am now scheduling approved manuscripts for the October 2009 issue of the *Journal*. The time increment from initial receipt of the manuscript to “in print” averages just less than 9 months (ranging from 5 to 14 months).

Through the first five months of 2009 the *Journal* page count was 193 compared to 204 for 2008. However, we are slightly over budget due to unexpected (and unbudgeted) excess time surcharges of about \$1200 related to the time required to convert the escalating number of Excel table to final format. We are presently working with our design/printing resource to mitigate these cost increases with efficiency and technology improvements. I expect a result of this work will be a revised *Journal* Publication Policy offering stricter guidelines for page counts and numbers of figures and tables for manuscript. These actions, along with ever stricter management of page count, should help up improve our performance versus budget this year.

The Editorial Board (EB) continued to provide the essential high quality and timely support of the *Journal* with their insightful reviews. The EB has most recently applied more critical scrutiny to manuscript length and overuse of figures and tables of questionable value. We are in need of one or two more Editorial Board members, and I encourage recommendations from ALCA members. Mr. Jorge Lisnevsky and Mr. David Rabinovich continued to provide timely Spanish translations of the manuscript abstracts.

Our Publisher Link Project (PLP), investigations completed in 2008, resulted in identifying the appropriate outside resource to provide us with an electronic version of *JALCA* as soon as the funding for the initial start-up costs becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. White
Journal Editor

Mr. White was unable to attend this meeting, but he will attend the Sunday morning meeting and discuss the electronic journal project. Discussion followed regarding the journal publication policy. It was suggested that time be taken before making extensive changes to the current policy. It was noted that the Editor’s contract was up for renewal. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the Editor’s contract be renewed for three more years with minor changes to the prior contract.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Editor’s Report as written.

5. Technical Committee Reports – Craig Keyser, Vice President Elect

Mr. Keyser indicated that there are not five individually functioning committees. He recommended that each committee have a home page on the Association’s website. For the Environmental Affairs Committee he viewed it as our liaison with the leather industry and suggested that this committee needs to coordinate with what currently exists in the industry. He recommended Sarah Drayna for Chair of this committee. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that Sarah Drayna be appointed Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee.

Mr. Keyser further reported that a new chair was needed for the Research Liaison Committee. He had contacted several people about this position but was unable to find a new chair.

Mr. Keyser suggested that the Education Committee’s correspondence course be put on the Association’s website. He further suggested that it be translated into other languages. He felt the Association should still pursue getting the course under a university. He then recommended Stephen S. Yanek as Chair of the Education Committee. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that Stephen S. Yanek be appointed Chair of the Education Committee. Mr. Yanek will pursue getting the current assignments graded, updating the course, and seeing if the course needs to be translated into Spanish.

It was suggested that the Uses of Collagen and Its Coproducts Committee might need to rewrite their mission statement.

Mr. Keyser felt strongly that all the technical committees needed to provide a service to the members of the Association. He pledged to work with the new incoming Vice President Elect, Andy Rhein, to make sure this happens.

6. Financial Report – Carol Adcock

The council reviewed the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2009 as well as the Profit and Loss Statement for the same time period.

The Membership and Subscription Report was also reviewed. The ALCA currently has 380 members consisting of 228 active, 41 active life, 2 active life mutual, 13 active life retired, 20 active mutual, 39 active retired, 35 SLTC, and 2 students. A moment of silence was observed for six members and friends, William John Boyko, Kenny Kantola, Robert Edward Merritt, Stuart Miller, William C. Prentiss, and Dennis C. Shelly, who had passed since the last annual meeting.

For 2009, 250 paying members contributed \$34,559, with there still being one unpaid member who is intending to pay. There is outstanding \$673 in dues from the SLTC after subtracting the dues of our mutual members. Subscriptions for 2009 have brought in \$14,434 in fees and \$4,446.83 in postage and handling charges. Discounts have been given in the amount of \$1,267.50, making a total of subscriptions and postage and handling charges minus discounts in the amount of \$17,613.33. Twenty new members have joined ALCA since the last Annual Meeting: fourteen active members and six SLTC. The bylaws state, "Any member whose dues are unpaid on April 1st shall be dropped from membership." Accordingly eleven members were dropped from the membership roles for non-payment of their 2009 dues.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Financial Report as presented.

7. Ways and Means Committee

In the absence of a Chair for the Ways and Means Committee, Mrs. Adcock reported that the current value of the portfolio at the end of the first quarter of 2009 was \$186,377. The first quarter earnings for 2009 were \$2,453.

Discussion followed regarding a Chair for the Committee. This decision will be made at a later date.

8. Future Annual Meetings – Sarah Drayna

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held at the Grand Geneva Resort at Lake Geneva, WI, June 10-13, 2010. Sarah Drayna, 2010 and 2011 Convention Chair, reported that she had not signed the revised the contract with Grand Geneva. They had sent her a new contract, but it had corrections. She gave Council a handout showing four different scenarios for a new contract. Scenario number 4 reduced the room nights to 12 for Wednesday, 60 for Thursday and Friday, and 53 for Saturday with total room nights being 185. The contract allows for 20% attrition which would mean that the actual room nights that must be met would be 148. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to accept scenario number 4 for the 2010 convention.

Mrs. Drayna will have a handout at the registration table advertising the 2010 convention. She also hopes to have a nomination for Convention Vice Chair by the second council meeting on Sunday.

Council will discuss future conventions after 2010 at their next meeting on Sunday.

9. Committee Appointments – Stephen S. Yanek, President

President Yanek announced the following appointments:

2010 Nominating Committee: Rob Harvey (Chair), William N. Marmer, Gary Rennerfeldt

2010 ALSOP Committee: C. K. Liu (Chair), Steve Wren, Pat Ramakrishnan

2009 O'Flaherty Award Committee: Nick Latona (Chair), Goetz Hagen, Tony Khanna

After a brief discussion, motion was made, seconded, and passed individually on each committee that the above appointments be accepted.

The 2010 Wilson Selection Committee was still gathering information on a speaker for 2010. They indicated they needed three more months to have a recommendation ready for Council. In view of this, Council decided to defer the approval of a 2011 Wilson Selection Committee.

10. Other Business – Stephen S. Yanek, President

IULTCS Representative

President Yanek recommended Mainul Haque as the North American IULTCS Representative. He stated that Mr. Haque believes that he will be able to attend the next Congress of the IULTCS in Beijing, China in October. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that Mainul Haque is appointed the North American IULTCS Representative for a term of four (4) years.

10. Adjournment

The next Council meeting will be Sunday, June 21, at 9 am.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
105TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OGLEBAY RESORT, WHEELING, WV

JUNE 20, 2009

President Stephen S. Yanek welcomed Officers, Councilors and Members and called to order the annual business meeting of the 105th annual convention of the American Leather Chemists Association.

1. New Members:

A warm welcome was extended to the 14 new active members who joined the association during the past year along with five new SLTC members. Congratulations were extended to five members, Colin D. Albee, Helmet J. Jaeger, Anton Mayer, John Mitchell, and Howard F. Shrut, who had met the requirements and were approved for life status.

2. Officers and Council

a. Officer Changes:

At the end of the convention, David LeBlanc moves to President, Craig Keyser moves to Vice President and congratulations were extended to Andreas Rhein, who will be the new Vice-President Elect.

b. Council Changes and Presentation of Certificates:

Retiring councilors Rob Harvey and Gary Rennerfeldt were thanked for their service and contributions during the past three years and presented with Certificates of Appreciation. The results of the election were announced and the incoming councilors for 2009-2012 will be Michael Bley and Alex Campbell. The new councilors were congratulated, and appreciation was extended to Tellers Sarah Drayna Jeff Miller and Jose Gallegos and to the Nominating Committee, Nathan Mullinix, Chair, Ricardo Lopez and Doug Morrison, for their service to the Association.

c. Bylaws Revisions:

Two amendments to the bylaws of the Association were sent out for a vote by the membership. One would allow only one signature on checks under \$5,000. Ninety votes were cast with 86 adopting and 4 rejecting. The second amendment would allow email voting on amendments to the bylaws of the Association. Ninety votes were cast with 89 adopting and 1 rejecting. Both amendments passed.

3. Lollar Award:

The Dr. Robert M. Lollar Prize Paper Award was established to honor the memory of Dr. Robert M. Lollar for the extensive fundamental and environmental research he conducted during his distinguished career as well as his lobbying efforts on behalf of the leather industry. The 2009 recipients were George Stockman, Dean Didato, Susan Steele, Chris Black and Ron Allison for their paper "Soaking: Balancing Operational and Quality Issues Using Both Fresh and Brine Cured Hides" which was published in *JALCA* 103(2), 76-85 (2008). Mr. Stockman was presented a plaque for this award and will be presenting the paper at the IULTCS Congress in Beijing, China in October of this year. Thanks was extended to the Lollar Selection Committee consisting of Stephen S. Yanek, Chair, Robert F. White, Nicholas Cory, Pat Ramakrishnan and Steve Wren.

4. Technical Committee Reports:

Vice President Elect, Craig Keyser, gave the following summary of the activity of the technical committees as Technical Committee Chair:

A. Committee on Methods and Specifications, Lori Hyllengren, Co-Chair

The committee continues to work on the conversion of selected methods to ASTM. Most of these methods are related to BeamHouse work.

B. Education Committee

Steve Yanek has been approved as the new chair of the Education Committee. He hopes to organize the records of the correspondence course, define the course requirements, update the course if necessary, investigate the need for a Spanish translation of the course, and move us to the internet.

C. Environmental Affairs Committee

Sarah Drayna has been approved as the new chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee. She will be working on defining the objectives of this committee. Suggestions that have been made are to provide information on Reach and other environmental issues to the membership.

D. Research Liaison Committee, Dean T. Didato, Chair

This committee continues to work on their projects and discuss the major issues the industry has identified. They have been asked to poll the industry in regular intervals and feed this information to the ERRC.

E. Uses of Collagen and Its Coproducts, Renee Latona, Chair

Renee Latona continues to chair this committee. The committee needs to be redefining their purpose and ways to be useful to the leather industry and the Association's membership.

5. New Technical Committee Chairs:

As mentioned above, Stephen S. Yanek was approved by Council as the Chair of the Education Committee with Sarah Drayna being approved as the Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee. A chair is still needed for the Research Liaison Committee as well as the Ways and Means Committee.

6. Committee Appointments:

The By-Laws state: "The composition of the Nominating Committee shall be reported to the membership at the annual meeting, and shall be subject to ratification by the active members there present." This motion was made at the Business meeting and the following members of the 2010 Nominating Committee were approved:

Robert J. Harvey (Chair), William N. Marmer and Gary Rennerfeldt.

The following committee appointments approved by Council were announced:

2010 O'Flaherty Service Award Committee: Nick Latona (Chair), Goetz Hagen, Tony Khanna

2010 Alsop Award Committee: C. K. Liu (Chair), Steve Wren, Pat Ramakrishnan

2009 – 2013 North American IULTCS Representative: Mainul Haque

Appointments to the 2011 John Arthur Wilson Lecture Committee will be announced at a later date.

7. Editor's Report: Robert F. White

Mr. White gave the following report: Continuing satisfactory author support has enabled us to sustain the monthly publication of *JALCA* with four manuscripts per issues. The manuscript final acceptance rate remains at about 60%. I am now scheduling for the November 2009 issue. I am encouraging all of the presenters at this meeting to provide me with their final edits of their

presentations so we can consider prompt publication in *JALCA*. While most of our published materials are peer reviewed Technical Papers, we also like to publish Technical Notes based on the oral and visual presentations at this meeting.

We are in the process of drafting a revised *Journal* Publication Policy. This revised policy is likely to proscribe stricter guidelines for manuscript formatting, length and use of figures and tables. These changed should help control our budget through publishing process efficiencies and controlling high the production costs, especially those related to due converting Excel generated tables.

With regard to the addition of an *E-Journal*: we have identified an appropriate outside resource ready to host an electronic version of *JALCA* through our website as soon as the funding for the initial start-up costs becomes available. Our present design/printing resource is also assessing the capabilities of our web site to host the addition of an electronic version of our journal.

I want to recognize our *Journal* Editorial Board for their excellent manuscript peer review work this past year. These are the volunteers that make our publication possible: David Bailey, Chris Black, Kenneth Boni, Eleanor Brown, Robert Dudley, Graham Lampard, Cheng-Kung Liu, Edwin Nungesser, David Price, George Stockman, Brandon Yeomans and the special help of Maryann Taylor. I also want to recognize with thanks: Jorge Lisnevsky and David Rabinovich who continued to provide timely Spanish translations of the manuscript abstracts every month.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. White
Journal Editor

Mr. White's editor's contract expired, and he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. A new contract for three years has been signed by the Association and Mr. White.

8. State of the Association:

a. *Membership Review:*

A total membership of 379 members, of whom 251 are paying members, was announced.

b. *Convention Account:*

A bar chart was shown indicating the income and expenses for the annual meetings since 2002. The chart reflected a profit for 2008 of over \$8,000.

c. *Convention Attendees:*

A review of the attendance for 2009 revealed that 12 tanners representing 7 tanning companies, 24 suppliers representing

11 individual chemical companies and 3 individual equipment companies, 11 research scientists representing 6 organizations, and 6 educators representing 3 universities or technical schools were present. Other attendees included 2 ALCA staff, 1 press, 4 consultants/retirees, and 11 guests for a grand total of 71.

d. Investments:

A bar chart was shown reflecting the portfolio performance since 2003. The chart compared first quarter earnings versus the average portfolio value.

The report was included on the slide, which read as follows: As of May 31, 2009, our investments were valued at \$203,981. The year-to-date liquid earnings were \$4,394 (\$879/mo). Note in the graphic for program year 2009 that both our First Quarter Earnings and Overall Portfolio Value follow their respective trends since 2003. We feel our investments, money market and recovered funds are well positioned to endure volatility and earnings pressure as we now see in the market.

President Yanek remarked that the investment account was a buffer for the *Journal* that could help to move to an online journal. It could also help with putting the Education Committee's course online as well as helping with office expenses.

e. Sponsorship: This year's meeting had a three level sponsorship program. They were Gold for a donation of \$1,000, Silver for a donation of \$750, and Bronze for a donation of \$500. There were 8 gold, 2 silver, and 7 bronze donors. A new sponsor was obtained for the golf prizes awarded at the Awards Luncheon. A list of the specific sponsors for each category was shown. The association is very indebted to the generosity of all the sponsors.

In addition there were 2 exhibitors and 3 program advertisers. Appreciation was also extended to these generous supporters.

9. New Business:

a. Website info:

Everyone was reminded to go to the Association's website at www.leatherchemists.org for information about the Association as well as updates on next year's convention.

b. 2010 Annual Meeting:

The Association will host its 106th ALCA Annual Meeting at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in Lake Geneva, WI, June 10-13, 2010.

10. In Memory:

There was a moment of silence observed for those members and leather industry colleagues who passed on during the past year:

William J. Boyko	December 11, 2008
Kenny Kantola	January 29, 2009
Robert E. Merritt	October 24, 2008
Stuart Miller	August 6, 2008
William C. Prentiss	November 15, 2008
Dennis C. Shelly	November 21, 2008

11. Adjournment:

President Stephen S. Yanek called for a motion to adjourn the annual business meeting held at the 105th convention of the American Leather Chemists Association. The motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

OGLEBAY RESORT, WHEELING, WV

JUNE 21, 2009

Present:

Officers: Stephen S. Yanek,
David LeBlanc, Craig Keyser

New Officer: Andreas Rhein

Old Councilors: Rob Harvey, Jeff Miller,
George Stockman

New Councilor: Mike Bley

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

Convention Chair: Doug Morrison

Convention Vice Chair: Sarah Drayna

Editor: Robert F. White

1. Welcome – Stephen S. Yanek, President

President Stephen S. Yanek called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for his/her contributions during his presidency.

Andy Rhein was welcomed as the new Vice President Elect with Mike Bley welcomed as new councilor. New councilor Alex Campbell was unable to attend. Thanks were extended to councilors leaving office, Rob Harvey and Gary Rennerfeldt, for their contribution to the ongoing success of the Association.

2. Comments on Purpose, Function and Issues – Stephen S. Yanek

Vice President/Technical Session Chair

The technical sessions held during the current convention were reviewed. It was felt that the variety of topics was very good.

Vice President Elect/Technical Committees

The Research Liaison Committee and its needs in the future were discussed as well as the needs of the USDA and the ALCA.

Editor

Prior to the meeting, Mr. White submitted a written report to Council that was reviewed. It was felt that the Editor's software was outdated. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the Editor purchase Office 2007 for approximately \$150. He is to submit his invoice for same with his regular office reimbursement items.

Discussion followed about Metapress, EBSCO, and the FTP for KSA&D. Council felt it was not a good idea to give out the password for the Association's website. All questions that KSA&D has about the structure of the Association's website will be given by the locallinux representative, Michael Strong.

The cost per issue of the *Journal* was discussed. It was felt that the subscription rate for *JALCA* was at the edge of what we can charge, and that increases should be minimal, if any.

Executive Secretary

The compensation package for 2010 for the Executive Secretary was discussed. It was felt that an increase in the compensation package should be put in the Association's budget next year.

Ways & Means Committee

The bylaws of the Association regarding the Ways and Means Committee was discussed regarding a two year term alternating on even numbered years. Several suggestions were made for a new chair, and they will be contacted. The Executive Secretary will continue to oversee the investment account until a new chair is found.

Education Committee

An in depth discussion was had regarding the web-based electronic Leather Technology Correspondence Course. The new chair of the Education Committee, Steve Yanek, will pursue this.

2010 Budget

President Yanek reminded the Council that the 2010 budget of the Association needed to be finalized at the next council meeting.

3. Annual Meeting – Doug Morrison

2009 Convention

Mr. Morrison announced that after assessing the income and expenses for this year's convention, he felt that there would be a profit between \$10,000 and \$12,000. He felt everything went well and that the relationship with Oglebay was very good. Mr. Morrison recommended that the Association pay

close attention to the 2010 convention so a similar level of success could be attained, and he suggested that the Council finalize the venue for 2011 by August of 2009.

2010 Convention

Sarah Drayna, Convention Vice Chair for 2010 and 2011, nominated Lee Lehman for Convention Vice Chair for 2010 and 2011. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that Lee Lehman be approved as Convention Vice Chair for 2010 and 2011. Plans are well underway for the 2010 Annual Meeting which will be held at Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI, June 10-13, 2010.

2011 Convention

It was suggested that the 2010 Annual Meeting might be held in the Philadelphia area. It was felt this might help the USDA. Discussion about the 2011 convention followed, with an every other year format being left open. Council will discuss plans for 2011 at their next meeting.

President Yanek then turned the rawhide gavel over to incoming President Dave LeBlanc.

4. New Business

President LeBlanc recommended that Dick Peckham be contacted to serve as a delegate for the membership division of the Ways & Means Committee. Council agreed, and Mr. LeBlanc will contact him.

President LeBlanc wants to review the bylaws of the Association to see if they need updating.

5. Wrap up/Next Council Meeting

The fall Council meeting was tentatively set for the ALCA offices in Lubbock, TX. Final arrangements will be made later.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

PAPPADEAUX SEAFOOD KITCHEN, THE WOODLANDS, TX

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Present:

Officers: David LeBlanc, Craig Glover
Keyser, and Andreas Rhein

Council Members: Mike Bley and George
Stockman

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

2010 Convention Chair: Sarah Drayna

1. Welcome.

President Dave LeBlanc called the meeting to order. A special welcome was given to new VP Elect, Andy Rhein, and new councilor, Mike Bley. New councilor Alex Campbell was unable to attend.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the June 18 and 21, 2009 meetings and 2009 Annual Business Meeting were passed out. Council will be polled by email next week for approval of these minutes.

3. Financial Reports – Carol Adcock

2009 Annual Meeting Recap

The Council reviewed the Income and Expenses from the 105th ALCA Annual Meeting. A net profit of \$17,961 was realized. Doug Morrison, Convention Chair, was commended for the tremendous financial success of the convention. Sarah Drayna, Convention Vice Chair, was also commended for the sponsorship program's success. The attendance as well as a recap of the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture expenses was reviewed.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the 2009 Annual Meeting Financial Report.

Year to Date Financial Reports

Council reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet through September 30, 2009 as well as a Budget vs. Actual report through the same time period.

The Membership Breakdown as of this date as well as a dues and subscriptions breakdown for 2010 was handed out and reflected the following:

224 Active, 44 Active Life, 2 Active Life Mutual, 15 Active Life Retired, 20 Active Mutual, 37 Active Retired, 2 Students, and 34 SLTC, for a total of 378 members. Out of the above membership, dues are collected from 248 paying members, excluding the dues that will be collected from the SLTC members. There are 95 subscriptions that will be invoiced for renewal in 2010.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Financial Reports as submitted.

Discussion followed regarding the computer for the Association's office. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that a new computer be purchased for the office of the Association in Lubbock, TX including software for up to \$1,500.

A rough draft of the 2010 Budget was reviewed. The Executive Secretary was asked to research the amount it would cost the Association to carry health insurance on her. The printing cost of the *Journal* was discussed, and the Executive Secretary was asked to find out if there was still a need to have graphs and charts translated into a format that the printer could easily print to help defray additional costs in that area.

Council discussed several expenses that were not included on the proposed budget. The website expense was increased to accommodate updates to the current website for the technical committees of the Association. Council asked the Executive Secretary to leave the room so her salary could be discussed. Council voted to increase the salary of Mrs. Adcock by \$1,300 for the 2010 calendar year. After revisions to the rough draft of the budget, Council then approved the attached 2010 Budget.

Since the restaurant was closing, the rest of the agenda was tabled until the next day. Council adjourned until the next morning at the TFL Corporate Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

2010 BUDGET

APPROVED 09/30/09

Income:

Advertising	\$28,000.00	
Copyright Income	3,500.00	
Correspondence Course	1,500.00	
Dues	35,000.00	
Postage & Handling	5,500.00	
Reprints/Articles	500.00	
Subscriptions	16,500.00	
Registration	19,725.00	
Sponsor	13,200.00	
Interest	5,600.00	
Dividend	<u>7,000.00</u>	
Total Income		\$136,025.00

Expenses:

Bank Wire fee	500.00	
Bank Service Charges	100.00	
Copyright	420.00	
Communication Expenses		
Website	4,000.00	
Fax	650.00	
Telephone	700.00	
Credit Card Processing Fees	2,000.00	
Discounts Given	2,700.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	690.00	
Insurance Expense		
Businessowners Coverage	509.00	
Employee Dishonesty	306.00	
Worker's Compensation	289.00	
License, Fees, and Permits	25.00	
Office Expenses: Supplies	1,500.00	
Office Expenses: Postage	11,000.00	
Office Expenses: Printing & Reproduction	38,000.00	
Office Expenses: Rent	8,100.00	
Payroll Expenses		
Gross Wages	40,000.00	
FICA	2,480.00	
Medicare	580.00	
Professional Fees		
Accounting	4,000.00	
Editor	13,200.00	
Meetings	2,000.00	
Membership Development	23,650.00	
Rowles Scholarship Fund	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$157,899.00
 NET INCOME/LOSS		 (\$ 21,874.00)

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

TFL CORPORATE OFFICES, THE WOODLANDS, TX

OCTOBER 1, 2009

Present:

Officers: David LeBlanc, Craig Glover
Keyser, and Andreas Rhein

Council Members: Mike Bley and
George Stockman

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

2010 Convention Chair: Sarah Drayna

1. Welcome.

President Dave LeBlanc called the meeting to order. Tabled items from the agenda for the previous night's meeting were then addressed.

Editor's Report – Bob White submitted the following written report dated August 29, 2009:

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

New manuscripts submissions have slowed somewhat during the 2nd quarter, reducing our scheduling lead-time by about 1.5 months. Approved manuscripts are now being scheduled for the January 2010 issue of the *Journal*.

We started this year with a carryover of 26 manuscripts (11 now approved, 6 rejected and 9 still in process). This carryover was less than last year when we had the surge of Technical Notes from the XXIX Congress. Here are the YTD Manuscript comparisons:

	2008 (Sept.)	2009 (Aug.)
Received	47	40
Rejected	12	11
Approved	14	13
In process	21	16 (11 with Editorial Board)

Even with careful attention to page count, management of excessive figures and tables and intensive work with KSA&D on cost reductions, staying within budget remains challenging.

KSA&D, our design and printing resource, has provided me a sample of how our *Journal* may look and perform as an Ezine (electronic magazine) on a redesigned website. I saw

an “on-line” sample of our September 2009 issue which could be searched, read as a page turning magazine with many seemingly friendly options such as click to a options full page for printing. There are many questions yet to be addressed before we can decide if this is an appropriate way to provide an e-*Journal* for our members. In the coming weeks KSA&D will develop a more complete Ezine beta for our review and a strategy proposal that considers:

- Improved search-ability (greater web exposure)
- Value added for advertisers(eventually “banner ads)
- Added value for members
- Opportunities to grow of our member/subscriber base, and
- Longer term prospects for a primarily e-based *Journal*!

This should facilitate our development of a specific short and intermediate ALCA e-*Journal* strategic plan. I believe that our plan will need to embrace carefully structured price increases for all of our *Journal* purchase options (eventually including e-*Journal*). I suggest the 2010 budget include some up-front start-up money for our e-*Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. White
Journal Editor

Discussion followed regarding having an e-journal. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to form a subcommittee chaired by George Stockman to help the Editor with this issue. Mr. Stockman will find other members for the subcommittee.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Editor's Report.

Ways & Means Committee Report

Carol Adcock gave the following report:

1. Investments

As of August 31, 2009 our portfolio value was \$221,936. Income since January 1, 2009 was \$7,361, which puts our monthly income at about \$920. No stocks or bonds were sold or bought since the last report (June 2009). Our portfolio value is a little more than \$11,000 less than in August 2009. The value has been steadily increasing since February of this year.

2. Advertising

Advertisers for the 2009 Membership Directory will be contacted in the upcoming weeks. Journal advertisers will be contacted after the directory campaign is over.

Council discussed the investment account. It was felt that Greg Cannon of Smith Barney should be contacted prior to each council meeting so he could provide charts and graphs for the account. The bylaws regarding the Ways and Means Committee were reviewed. After some discussion about the composition of the Ways and Means Committee, motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to appoint Andy Rhein as the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Rhein will try to organize the committee into three subcommittees, namely, Membership, Advertising and the Investment Account. Dick Peckham is already working on Membership.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Ways & Means Committee Report.

2. Annual Meetings

2010 Annual Meeting Update – Sarah Drayna reviewed the schedule for the next Annual Meeting at the Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI, June 10-13, 2010. The renovations on the Grand Geneva have been completed. According to the contract with the Grand Geneva, we have to attain 185 room nights, but there is a 20% reduction clause. No attrition is anticipated at this time. The deadline for reservations will be May 10, 2010.

The schedule for the convention was reviewed. It is the basic same format at 2009. There will be an outdoor reception and bonfire on Thursday evening to kick off the convention. For those arriving early, the rate for Wednesday night will be \$189 with no meals.

Entertainment for the convention was discussed. On Friday evening there will be a two hour boat cruise. We will need to rent a trolley to get people to the boat.

A handout was reviewed for the sponsorship program for 2010. There will be the three levels of sponsorship, gold for \$1,000, silver for \$750, and bronze for \$500. Since we have been able to reduce the cost of printing the technical program by using Texas Tech University, the price for advertising in the Technical Program will be reduced with a half page ad being added. Lee Lehman will be in charge of the sponsorship campaign as Convention Vice Chair.

Ms. Drayna then recommended Jim Ignatowski as the Sports Coordinator. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to appoint Jim Ignatowski as Sports Coordinator for

the 2010 Annual Meeting. Ms. Drayna felt there was no need to appoint a Social Activities Coordinator as she will organize any events that may be needed.

Council then reviewed the proposed 2010 Annual Meeting Budget. Discussion followed regarding the registration cost for attendees with guests. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the registration fee for those attending alone will be \$325 and \$375 for those attending with one guest.

The line item for hotel fees for officials in the proposed convention budget was then discussed. It was agreed that the hotel fees for the President, Vice President, Editor, Executive Secretary, and Convention Chair would be for that person only. Spouses are not included. Ms. Drayna had received a quote for the AV rental. Thanks were expressed for the help given by Khorshed Alam in running the AV equipment for the 2009 convention. Ms. Drayna will contact him to see if he will be able to run the AV equipment next year. Motion was then made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the 2010 proposed convention budget.

Technical Program – Craig Keyser

Mr. Keyser reported that plans are well underway for the 2010 technical program. He is planning to have the ERRC give a report on what they do and their key issues. He would like to see the technical committees of the Association have a prominent part in the technical program so that members can understand the role of each committee. He suggested that a survey be given to members to determine areas that the technical committees could help. Mr. Keyser is seeking presentations from the ASTM, Nike, and many others. Suggestion was made to have the technical program on the front of the brochure to entice people to attend. Council agreed.

Discussion followed regarding an actual team to assist the Vice President with the technical program. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the technical program team for each convention would be the Council. The Vice President will continue to be the chair of the technical program team.

Wilson Lecture

Council reviewed the recommendation of the 2010 Wilson Lecture Selection Committee presented by its chair, George Stockman. Prof. Jose M. Adzet, Research Director of the AIICA in Igualada (Barcelona) Spain, was nominated. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept Prof. Adzet as the 2010 Wilson lecturer. Mr. Stockman will contact him to see if he is willing to accept.

Alsop Award

There was no report from the Alsop Selection Committee. Mr. LeBlanc will contact its chair, C. K. Liu, to see if the committee has a nominee.

O'Flaherty Award

The O'Flaherty Selection Committee, chaired by Nick Latona, had previously submitted their nominee. Council approved their nominee prior to the meeting via email.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee did not have a report at this time. Mr. LeBlanc will contact them on their progress for the 2010 election.

2011 Annual Meeting Plans – Council discussed possible sites for the 2011 convention. A spreadsheet comparing convention attendance, income, expenses, and profit since 2000 was reviewed. Suggestions were made of the Twin City area, Philadelphia area and Detroit. Ms. Drayna will research several possible sites and try to have something to Council before the end of this year.

Discussion followed on how to make the convention more attractive to a wider audience and increase attendance. It was suggested that the end users of leather should be invited to attend and that we try to focus on four main areas, namely, automotive, furniture, shoes, and apparel. Some of the ideas discussed will try to be implemented in the 2010 convention with more being added in 2011.

The website of the Association has the current information on the convention and will be updated as more details are confirmed.

3. Technical Committee Reports – Andy Rhein

Mr. Rhein contacted all technical committee chairs since he became VP Elect for the Association. He gave the following oral report:

Methods Committee: Lori Hyllengren, Nicholas Latona – Co-Chairs

Mr. Rhein summarized the following report from the Methods and Specifications Committee:

The ALCA Committee on Methods and Specifications met June 19 at Oglebay Resort in West Virginia. Of the 12 rostered members, Steven Wren and Lori Hyllengren were in attendance, although it is noted that other committee members were present but attending alternate technical committee meetings which take place simultaneously.

The purpose of this committee is to act as a liaison between the ALCA and the ASTM D31 Committee on Leather. As a brief overview of D31, the committee consists of 11 sub-

committees. The executive sub-committee is comprised of Nick Latona- Secretary, Okey Abara- Vice Chair, Lori Hyllengren- Chair. The remaining sub-committees and their chairs are: Vegetable Leather- Kadir Donmez, Wet Blue- Okey Abara, Footwear- Ed Fortuna, Apparel- Mike O'Keefe, Upholstery- Kadir Donmez, Chemical- Janice Barnes, Physical- Steve Lange, Fats & Oils- Rodica Daringa, Administrative- Fred Hartmann, ISO Relations- Nick Cory. There are 40 voting members on the ASTM committee, with approximately 12 that actively participate in methods and specifications development. As our industry changes, new methods are needed to measure desired performance characteristics. I would greatly encourage all of you to consider having your respective organizations represented on the ASTM D31 Committee. Meetings are held twice per year. The spring meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Research Liaison Committee meeting at the USDA in Philadelphia, and the fall meeting is hosted by one of our members. If anyone is interested, please contact Lori Hyllengren, lori.hyllengren@sbfoot.com.

A summary of the last ASTM meeting is as follows:

The wet blue subcommittee D31.02 met the afternoon of April 29, 2009 at ERRC. The main committee D31 met the following day, April 30, 2009 at ERRC with 9 members. Several items were discussed and much was accomplished in the day and a half meetings.

The following items were balloted and approved since the last meeting; D4777-08, Standard Test Method for Determining the Area Stability of Wet Blue, and D7476-08, New Brine Saturation Value of Cured (Salt Preserved) Hides and Skins

Data was reviewed from a method that measures proteolytic bacteria, halophilic bacteria, as well as yeast and mold. The subcommittee agreed the test method was valid and the next step will be to evaluate this method for non-halophilic bacteria on fresh (non cured) hides. If feasible, labs will perform in-house testing and report via web conference. A method to determine proteolytic enzyme activity indicating bacterial damage on fresh hides prior unhairing is also being pursued.

ASTM D2868-07 Standard Test Method for Nitrogen Content (Kjeldahl) and Hide Substance Content of Leather will be revised for wet blue/wet white. Results from the round robin were presented on a moisture free basis for the Kjeldahl and Kjeltech apparatus. For the three sample sizes 0.5, 1, and 0.05 grams, the 0.05 gram sample data set show a higher content than the larger size samples. Therefore, for samples less than 0.5 grams, five replicates must be performed for validity. The method will be revised and submitted for ballot.

The work item for Hexane/ Ether Extraction in Wet Blue was discussed and it was decided to include Wet White in the method. There will be 5 pre-conditioning options. Whatever option is used should be included in the report. Glass wool will be an alternative to fat-free cotton used in the thimbles. Both hexane and pet ether are acceptable solvents. This method will be submitted for ballot and approval.

We are still looking for a single HPLC method to test for the following fungicides: TCMTB, AMICAL, PCMC, ITZ, OIT. Discussions were tabled for AA analysis of total Chrome and unfixed chrome.

The balance of the Wet Blue meeting was spent reviewing a work item for the Standard Test Method for Evaluating the Resistance of the Surface of Wet Blue to the Growth of Fungi in an Environmental Chamber. There were many editorial changes made and we have since held 2 virtual web meetings (a new concept for ASTM), to discuss and further edit the method. The final version will soon be ready for ballot as an official method.

At the D31 Main Committee meeting , reports of the other subcommittees were given. Topics of discussion were:

Taber Industries has built a new version of the Torsion Wire tester (Torsional Stiffness Apparatus 108) for ASTM method D2821, used routinely for testing glove leather. Alan Jaenecke presented data in a memo dated April 30, 2009, on the new Taber tester and the results matched the Fulton Apparatus very well. Editorial changes will need to be made to D2821 on the supplier (sole source) of the instrument along with new photos; the edited method will then be rebalotted.

A replacement soap for method D6013 Determination of Area Stability of Leather to Laundering needs to be investigated as it is no longer available. We are in the process of characterizing different soaps for comparison to the soap currently specified in the method.

A vertical flame resistance method is being developed in ASTM format from the ALCA E-50 method. D4966 Martindale Abrasion Method for textiles will be rewritten for use on leather. Other methods to be considered for development are Soil Resistance, Oil Resistance, Aqueous Resistance, and Barnyard (manure) resistance.

The next meeting will be held in Nashville, TN at Precision Testing Laboratories.

October 14- Wet Blue Sub-Committee Meeting and Tour of Precision Labs

October 15- D31 Main Committee Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Nick Latona and Lori Hyllengren, Co-chairs

Education Committee: Steve Yanek – Chair

Mr. Rhein reported that the new chair for the Education Committee, Steve Yanek, has been busy organizing the records for the course and grading. Discussion followed about the need for translating the course into Spanish. Research had been done on this several years ago, and it was determined that there is not sufficient need to warrant having the course translated. The main need identified was to get the course online as well as the grading for the course. The Committee will pursue this.

Environmental Committee: Sarah Drayna – Chair

Ms. Drayna reported that she is ready to post information about the committee on the Association's website. A special section on technical committees with a discussion forum will be developed in the upcoming months on the Association's website. Additional funds were put into the 2010 budget for this purpose. It will be in the members' only area of the website.

Ms. Drayna solicited names from Council for a list of experts in the environmental field. She hopes to make this list part of her committee's information on the Association's website.

Research Liaison Committee: Dean Didato – Chair

Mr. Rhein reported that Dean Didato had submitted his written resignation as chair of the committee due to his being out of the leather industry. Mr. Didato was thanked for his service as chair of this committee. The action plan for the committee included Mr. Rhein identifying the actual members of the committee and finding a new chair. Possible chairs were identified and will be contacted by Mr. Rhein.

Uses of Collagen and Its Coproducts Committee:

Renee Latona – Chair

The main purpose of this committee is to find speakers for the convention, which they have been doing.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Technical Committee Report.

4. New Business

New Member

The application of a new member was passed around. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the application of Baatai Dawit Tesfagiorgis for membership in the Association.

Resignation of Councilor

It was reported that Councilor Harold Diephouse had sent in his written resignation. Per the Association's bylaws, Council is to appoint his replacement. Names were identified, and Mr. LeBlanc will contact these persons to see if either of them are willing to serve.

Membership Recruitment

As reported earlier, Dick Peckham has volunteered to help with membership recruitment. He will conduct a survey of various companies to ascertain their level of involvement in the Association. Mr. LeBlanc will make a list of companies for this purpose, and Mr. Keyser will draft a questionnaire for Mr. Peckham to use.

Bylaw Changes

Suggestions were made regarding the organization of the Association. Council reviewed the number of officers, their term, the election of officers and councilors, the composition of the Nominating Committee, and criteria for holding an office on the Council. No changes were made at this time. These items will be reviewed again at a later date.

Guideline Changes

Guidelines changes were also suggested. These included the job descriptions for officers, councilors, Nominating Committee, Education Committee, Environmental Committee, and Council Committees (Alsop, O'Flaherty, and Wilson). These will be reviewed in more detail and discussed at a later date.

Communications with Members

It was suggested that members of the Association be emailed the minutes from each council meeting. Although the minutes are published in the *Journal*, it was felt that members might like a recap of actions of Council. A quarterly newsletter was again discussed. Mr. LeBlanc will work on this.

It was suggested that the next meeting of Council be held March 3 and 4, 2010 at the Association's offices in Lubbock, TX. Plans will be formalized in the upcoming months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

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