
LIFELINES

Maryann M. Taylor, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

Joseph Lee, see *JALCA* **100**, 8, 2005

Lorelie P. Bumanlag, see *JALCA* **104**, 79, 2009

Eduard Hernández Balada, see *JALCA* **104**, 167, 2008

Eleanor M. Brown, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

E. Eser Eke Bayramoglu has been working as an Associate Professor in Ege University, Engineering Faculty Department of Leather Engineering in Turkey since 2007.

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Swarna V. Kanth, see *JALCA* **101**, 445, 2006

B. Chandrasekaran, see *JALCA* **99**, 367, 2004

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

Balachandran Unni Nair, see *JALCA* **93**, 156, 1998

R. Karthikeyan, see *JALCA* **102**, 383, 2007

N. K. Chandra Babu, see *JALCA* **99**, 383, 2004

A. B. Mandal, see *JALCA* **105**, 309, 2010

P.K. Sehgal, see *JALCA* **101**, 51, 2006

PEABODY LEATHERWORKERS MUSEUM — CAN YOU HELP???

The Peabody Leatherworkers Museum opened in July 2009 and is located on Washington Street in Peabody, Massachusetts.

The museum is designed to tell the story concerning the 300 year history of tanning that at one time made Peabody the leather capital of the USA. Over 80 tanneries operated in the city at its peak but this has now been reduced to where only one tannery is left.

Several items and photographs have already been donated to the museum. However, it is hoped that more artifacts could be found and donated that would help to make the museum of even greater interest especially to young people who may have no idea about this unique history.

If you have any photos, documents or artifacts that you could donate and think would be appropriate, please contact the museum curator Merritt Kirkpatrick at MerrittKirkpatrick@gmail.com.

FALL COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 3, 2010 11 AM EASTERN/10 AM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

Participating in Conference Call:

Officers: Craig Keyser, Andy Rhein,
Steve Gilberg

Councilors: Mike Bley, Goetz Hagen,
and George Stockman

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

1. Welcome. President Craig Keyser called the meeting to order. A special welcome was given to new VP Elect, Steve Gilberg, and new councilors, C.K. Liu and Andy Porter, both of whom were unable to participate.

2. Minutes. The minutes of the June 10 and 13, 2010 meetings and 2010 Annual Business Meeting were previously approved via email.

3. Financial Reports – Carol Adcock

2010 Annual Meeting Recap

The Council reviewed the Income and Expenses from the 106th ALCA Annual Meeting. A net profit of \$27,732 was realized. Sarah Drayna, Convention Chair, was commended for the tremendous financial success of the convention. Lee Lehman, 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 along with the attendance numbers and golf recap. Mrs. Adcock reported that Stahl had reimbursed the Association for the Wilson expenses. Council gave a special thanks to Stahl for their continued support of the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the 2010 Annual Meeting Financial Report.

Year to Date Financial Reports

Council reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet through September 30, 2010 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 2011 was handed out and reflected the following:

227 Active, 44 Active Life, 2 Active Life Mutual, 17 Active Life Retired, 22 Active Mutual, 34 Active Retired, 2 Students, and 34 SLTC, for a total of 382 members. Out of the above membership, dues are collected from 251 paying members, excluding the dues that will be collected from the SLTC members. There are 88 subscriptions that have been invoiced for renewal for 2011.

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

A rough draft of the 2011 Convention Budget as well as the Association's 2011 Budget was reviewed. A note from Convention Chair Sarah Drayna was read and discussed. She felt it was important to remember that the convention should be viewed as a venue for the Association to come together and learn about the industry trends, research, market, and also network with colleagues. She felt too view it as the key money making product for the Association was the wrong perspective.

Motion was then made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the 2011 Convention Budget as submitted.

Motion was then made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the 2011 Association Budget as submitted.

4. 2011 Annual Convention Update – Sarah Drayna

Ms. Drayna submitted the following written report regarding the 2011 convention:

1. The Schedule for the 2011 Convention in Red Wing is mostly set. I will be finalizing the details over the next few months and will have a complete schedule by the spring council meeting.

2. I will not have a Sports or Social Coordinator for the 2011 Convention due to the elimination of the "formal" golf outing. I will make arrangements for golf / fishing for Thursday afternoon. Social events will be planned but due to the limited number of guests attending this is easily done by myself. Right now we are looking at a day trip to the Mall of America (transportation provided by the hotel) and another outing in Red Wing.

Technical Program 2011 – Andy Rhein

Discussion was held about the technical program. Mr. Rhein will try to have a tentative schedule with topics to Council by the end of the year so that each council member can help in locating speakers. Council will have another conference call in January to discuss the progress of the technical program.

Alsop Selection Committee

The chair of the committee, Dr. Gennaro Maffia, indicated that the committee is reviewing a candidate and will probably have a name to give Council for approval within the next few weeks.

O’Flaherty Selection Committee

Mr. Keyser received an email from the committee’s chair stating that they had a candidate in mind and would contact the candidate to see if they would accept.

Wilson Memorial Lecture

The lecture is on schedule. Publicity will start soon in the Journal.

5. Editor’s written report – Bob White

October 6, 2010

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

Editor’s Report

New manuscripts submissions during the first 9 months of this year were 80 (about 20% higher than recent history) with their status as follows:

| | <u>Received</u> | <u>Rejected</u> | <u>Approved</u> | <u>In process</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 9 months 2010 | 80 | 32 | 26 | 22 |

Our primary contributing authors generally improved the quality and formatting of initial manuscript, probably assisted by our 2009 revised Journal Publication Policy (JPP) guidelines. I am receiving more submissions from PhD students, which are more likely to be rejected. Because we can only publish about 45 manuscripts per year, we have the difficult task of having to make choices. Our Editorial Board continues to be helpful to me as referees for manuscript selections; largely based on compliance with JPP, perceived interest to our global readership and balance (variety) of subject matter throughout the year. We are not able to publish all of the interesting and well-presented manuscripts we now receive.

Nick Cory, Anton Ela'mma and Prasad V. Inaganti joined our Editorial Board mid-year, further strengthening our roster of reviewers' that are well qualified in the variety of technology disciplines embraced by JALCA. Jorge Lisnevsky and David Rabinovich continued to provide timely Spanish translations of the manuscript abstracts.

By now we (KSA&D) should have completed the upload of our October 2010 issue; the first ezine format version of the *Journal* available to our membership (password protected). We will now continue to upload the ezine replica of our print *Journal* every month. On January 1, 2011, our *e-Journal* will be more broadly offered to ALCA Subscribers who have responded to our office with their specific options for ezine and/or print. Our objective is to convert about 100 members to e-only during 2011. The cost savings from elimination about 100 print copies should cover the KSA&D monthly fee for hosting the *e-Journal*.

I expect the *Journal* page count this year to be about the same as last year, but with fewer surcharges for “excess” figures and tables as authors better comply with out JPP.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. White

Journal Editor

Note sent Saturday, October 30, 2010:

Since July 6th I have received 36 new manuscripts and as of today I have rejected 22 of these submissions. This is about a 40% increase in our annual rate of received new manuscripts and a rejection rate of more than 60% (it unusually averaged about 40%).

Some of these rejects are okay to very good papers that would have been published in the past, but I have no choice but to be to “more selective”; especially as I am scheduled with fully approved manuscripts through the April 2011 issue. We don’t want our best authors and to become discouraged by excessively long times to publication. Most rejected authors receive a note similar to the attached.

The good news is that, if this continues, it provides an opportunity to improve the global interest and quality of our publication. This is obviously a heavier workload for this editor. But, the new editor’s high speed MacBook arrived just in time enabling me to go more paperless and keep my head above water. My “free” Office 2004 software is often troublesome for Vista, Office 2007 for PC and some formats I receive from foreign authors, so I would like to ask Council to consider a request for Office for Mac 2011 software (about \$200).

I welcome comments and suggestions.

Bob White

Discussion followed regarding the Editor’s Report and his request for updated software.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the editor purchase the Office for Mac 2011 software and be reimbursed by the Association.

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

6. Ways & Means Report – Andy Rhein

Portfolio Performance

As of November 3, 2010 our Portfolio was valued at \$252,545. For the third quarter of 2010, the Portfolio value increased \$5,625, Year-to-Date the Portfolio gained \$27,034.

Since 1996, the average annual gain of our Portfolio was 6.9%, and for the last 12 month our Portfolio gained 21.7%

The following represents the present Asset Allocation:

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Equities | \$ 177,931 | (70.5%) |
| Fixed Income | \$ 74,509 | (29.5%) |
| Cash & Equivalents | \$ 105 | (- - -) |
| Total | \$ 252,545 | (100.0%) |

The following outlines the diversification of the Portfolio in %:

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Industrials | 22.1 |
| Consumer Staples | 15.7 |
| Materials | 18.6 |
| Consumer Goods | 12.3 |
| Energy | 11.5 |
| Telecommunications | 18.6 |
| Financials | 1.3 |
| <u>Total</u> | 100.0% |

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|-------------------|---------|
| Equities | 70.5% |
| Fixed Income | 29.5% |
| Cash & Equivalent | - - - |
| <u>Total</u> | 100.00% |

Respectfully Submitted, Andreas Rhein

Discussion followed regarding the portfolio's fixed income category. Mr. Rhein anticipates that the value of the portfolio will only get better as winter approaches.

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

Discussion followed about the progress on the new vision for the composition of the committee regarding membership. The officers will have a conference call in mid December to work on updating the current flyer and trying to implement a membership drive.

7. Technical Committee Report – Steve Gilberg

Methods and Specifications – written report submitted by Lori Hyllengren and Nick Latona, Co-Chairs

The ALCA Committee on Methods and Specifications will meet again at the 2011 ALCA convention in Redwing, MN.

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- Suzanne Piispanen, ISO Relations- Nick Cory.

There are 45 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 on April 27-28, 2011, 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 on October 20, 2010, in Cincinnati, OH at the LIA Research Laboratory. The following draft methods were reviewed:

Standard Test method for the enumeration of halophilic and proteolytic bacteria in raceway brine

Standard Test Method for the enumeration of yeast and mold in raceway brine

Standard Test Method for the enumeration of yeast and mold on fresh (uncured) hides and skins

Standard Test Method for the enumeration of proteolytic bacteria in fresh (uncured) hides and skins

We are still looking for a single HPLC method to test for the following fungicides: TCMTB, AMICAL, PCMC, ITZ, OIT.

Methods for AA analysis of total Chrome and Unfixed Chrome will be discussed once another Round Robin analysis is repeated.

We will consider the possibility of developing a practice for Hexavalent Chromium based on ion chromatography. This method eliminates the possibility of false positives that can occur with the IUC-18 method.

Specifications for Wet Blue are tabled until all necessary methods are in place.

The main D31 committee meeting was held the following day, October 21, 2010, with 7 members in attendance. Topics of discussion were:

AAS Total Chrome: Repeat Round Robin. Those who can perform AA method should use Nitrous Oxide if possible. Use both the chrome standard in the draft method and also a commercial chrome standard to determine if there is a difference in results. Anyone able to perform the perchloric acid method for chrome should participate also.

A vertical flame resistance method is being developed into ASTM format based on the ALCA E-50 method entitled, "Standard Test Method for Flame Resistance of Leather (12/60 second Vertical Burn Test)." We reviewed a rough draft of the document which will be revised by the next meeting.

Also a first draft of "Standard Test Method for Resistance of Finish to Heat Aging (Finish Stability) was reviewed. Suggested changes will be incorporated.

Other new methods to consider for ASTM development are Martindale Abrasion, Light Fastness, Puncture Resistance, Soil Resistance, Oil Resistance, Aqueous Resistance, and Barnyard (manure) Resistance.

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.

2010 ISO Tag has been paid. The TAG gives D31 voting rights on 4 committees: Rawhide, Skins, and Pickled Pelts, Tanned Leather, Leather Products, and the TC-120 Leather committee. Nick Cory has been doing an excellent job keeping current with ballots and informing us on voting issues.

The next meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA at USDA.
April 27- Wet Blue Sub-Committee Meeting
April 28- D31 Main Committee Meeting

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

Environmental Committee Update -- written report submitted by Sarah Drayna, Chair

October 2010

Review of Survey Results

The convention survey revealed that the Environmental Panel was a great success. We are already starting to work on another version of this for the 2011 Convention. Members are going to assemble speaker / topic ideas and we will report to Andy Rhein what we might be interested in presenting.

ALCA Website

We are ready to start loading information on our website. We are just starting so it might take some time to get the format perfect, but we need to start somewhere. I have contacted Carol about how we should proceed in posting documents and such.

The committee members will forward items my way for posting. These could be reference documents, websites, contact lists, restriction lists ...

I think we need to protect ourselves on this and would like to have some type of disclaimer posted on both the page we post items on and on the technical forum portion of the website. I would like advice from council on how to handle this.

Potential Committee Activities

The committee is going to brainstorm on possible tasks for our group. I have requested that team members send me suggestions and then we will either phone conference or perhaps try to schedule an in-person meeting to create an action plan.

Finally - we are always looking for new members - if you know anyone that might have something to offer our committee / the members of the ALCA please forward their contact info my way and I will invite them to join our group.

Best Regards,
Sarah Drayna
Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
(414) 559-1104

Discussion followed about a disclaimer for the Association's website. Mr. Gilberg will try to get wording for the disclaimer and send it to Council for their approval.

Education Committee

No report submitted, however, Mrs. Adcock reported that 5 students have enrolled during 2010. She also reported that the Education Committee had purchased 100 Leather Facts from the New England Tanners Club. The certification program of the IULTCS was again discussed with the hope that our Correspondence Course will be added to their program. It was requested that Chair of the Education Committee, Steve Yanek, contact the IULTCS and see if this can be arranged.

Offering the course to small regional groups at a discount was also discussed. Mr. Gilbert will discuss this with Mr. Yanek.

Research Liaison Committee

No official report, but the date of their next meeting was contained the report submitted for the Methods and Specifications Committee that is above. It will be at the USDA in Philadelphia on April 27-28, 2011. If interested in attending this meeting, please contact Lori Hyllengren at lori.hyllengren@sbfoot.com.

Uses on Collagen Sub-Committee

The Collagen Committee would like to report that the 2011 Wilson Lecture talk will be on collagen. We are in the process of looking for speakers to talk about their collagen research at the 2011 meeting. It should be noted that the Uses of Collagen and its Co-products Committee is now a sub-committee of the Environmental Affairs Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Latona
Chair of Uses of Collagen and Its Co-products

Discussion followed about the technical committees and their benefit to the membership as well as their need for more members on each committee. It is hoped that each technical committee chair will use the new space on the Association's website to communicate what they are doing and keep in touch with the members of their committees through the online discussion forums.

Mr. Gilberg will continue to promote and establish a liaison from each technical committee with the appropriate IULTCS committee. The officers will have a conference call with Elton Hurlow to discuss their vision for this project.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to unanimously approve the Technical Committee Reports as submitted.

8. Nominating Committee Report – Steven Yanek

No slate of candidates was proposed at this time. The committee hopes to have their candidates by the end of the year.

9. Old Business

The updating of the convention committee job descriptions has been accomplished along with writing a job description for the audio visual coordinator. All have been emailed to Council. Also, the officers' job descriptions have been updated and sent to Council.

Health insurance for the Executive Secretary that had been approved in 2009 was discussed. It was felt that Mrs. Adcock

should get bids from several sources so that Council can determine how to proceed on this issue.

10. New Business

The Executive Secretary has received a request for the release of the Association's Hide Powder formula. It was reported that the BLC and a school in Germany are still making and selling hide powder. After discussion it was felt that the Association should not release the formula, however, Mr. Rhein volunteered to help the person requesting the formula to obtain some hide powder.

11. Location and Date of Next Council Meeting

It was suggested that the next council meeting should also be conference calls, to be held March 2 and 3. Everyone was asked to check their calendars for these dates.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

2011 BUDGET

APPROVED NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Income:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Advertising | \$24,500.00 | |
| Copyright Income | 3,500.00 | |
| Correspondence Course | 1,500.00 | |
| Dues | 35,900.00 | |
| Postage & Handling | 4,500.00 | |
| Reprints/Articles | 500.00 | |
| Subscriptions | 15,575.00 | |
| Registration | 26,000.00 | |
| Sponsors, Advertising & Exhibitors | 20,650.00 | |
| Interest | 3,000.00 | |
| Dividend | <u>9,000.00</u> | |
| Total Income | | \$144,625.00 |

Expenses:

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| Bank Wire fee | 250.00 | |
| Bank Service Charges | 180.00 | |
| Copyright 420.00 | | |
| Communication Expenses | | |
| Website | 2,000.00 | |
| Fax | 700.00 | |
| Telephone | 750.00 | |
| Credit Card Processing Fees | 3,400.00 | |
| Discounts Given | 2,700.00 | |
| Dues & Subscriptions | 690.00 | |
| Ezine Journal Monthly Fee | 7,140.00 | |
| Insurance Expense | | |
| Businessowners Coverage | 534.00 | |
| Employee Dishonesty | 306.00 | |
| Worker's Compensation | 298.00 | |
| License, Fees, and Permits | 25.00 | |
| Lollar Prize Paper Award | 1,000.00 | |
| Office Expenses: Supplies | 1,500.00 | |
| Office Expenses: Postage | 8,500.00 | |
| Office Expenses: Printing & Reproduction | 34,900.00 | |
| Office Expenses: Rent | 8,100.00 | |
| Payroll Expenses | | |
| Gross Wages | 41,200.00 | |
| FICA | 2,554.40 | |
| Medicare | 597.40 | |
| Professional Fees | | |
| Accounting | 4,000.00 | |
| Editor | 13,200.00 | |
| Meetings 2,000.00 | | |
| Membership Development | 20,500.00 | |
| Rowles Scholarship Fund | <u>500.00</u> | |
| Total Expenses | | \$157,944.80 |
| NET INCOME/LOSS | | (\$13,319.80) |

2011 CALL FOR PAPERS
FOR THE 107TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
RED WING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 9–12, 2011

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 Treasure Island Resort, Red Wing, MN, June 9–12, 2011.

Abstracts are preferred via email and must be submitted by **February 28, 2011** to the Chair of the Technical Program:

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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, 2011** (see revised Publication Policy on our website: leatherchemists.org).

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