
LIFELINES

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Haojun Fan

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Manufacture in China, with special interests in incorporating nanotechnology into leather manufacturing. Also see *JALCA* **100**, 29, 2005.

Bi Shi

Professor Bi Shi is the current chairman of International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS), academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, and also serves as the director of National Engineering Laboratory for Clean Technology of Leather Manufacture in China. Also see *JALCA* **99**, 220, 2004.

NOTE FROM THE *JOURNAL* EDITOR

Dear members, subscribers, authors, leather scientists and conference guests;

Following our usual practice, the proceedings of our June Annual Meeting, including the Wilson Lecture, are published in this August issue. The theme for the technical program at this 107th American Leather Chemists Annual Meeting was “Going Green Into the Future”. Under this banner, there was an excellent mix of presentations, including: collagen byproducts research, finishing technology, machinery developments, quality improvement techniques and new testing methods. Many of these technical presentations will be published in *JALCA* during the remaining months of this year.

I have observed that in recent years there has been an increasing number of new manuscripts involving “*nano*”- technologies. I am please to be able offer a Special Review of nano-technologies in this issue. This Review presents a very comprehensive overview of nano-technology development and it’s present and likely future roles in the leather industry.

I want to thank the many people that make this Journal possible; now available in both print and the electronic (ezine) formats. For the ezine *JALCA* log-on to alcajournal.com or sign-up at our website leatherchemists.org.

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome — send to jalcaeditor@prodigy.net

Robert F. White

Journal Editor

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COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION SPRING COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2011 • 11 am Eastern/10 am Central Standard Time

Present

Officers: Craig Keyser, Andy Rhein,
and Steve Gilberg

Council Members: Mike Bley, Goetz Hagen,
C.K. Liu, Andy Porter, and
George Stockman

Convention Chair: Sarah Drayna

Convention Vice Chair: Lee Lehman

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

1. Welcome. President Craig Keyser welcomed everyone to the spring council meeting, called the conference call to order, and thanked everyone for participating. One councilor was unable to participate due to travel. It was confirmed that a quorum was present. November 3, 2010 minutes were previously approved by email.

2. Convention Status Update.

2011 Annual Meeting

Sarah Drayna, Convention Chair, reported that the convention would be held at Treasure Island Resort & Casino in Red Wing, MN, June 9 – 12. The room rate will be \$260 per night for a single and \$215 per person per night for double occupancy. The one deposit for the hotel was made last year, and no other deposits are required. She reported that she felt the current budget for the convention was in line with the income and expenses she hoped to have. Ms. Drayna reviewed the schedule pointing out that there would be a theme for the Thursday evening activities of an Hawaiian Luau with lawn activities. Friday evening there would be bowling after dinner, and Saturday evening will the traditional cocktail party followed by dinner and the Awards Banquet. Treasure Island is not charging any attrition as all rooms left the block will be turned over to the hotel after May 9. Ms. Drayna told Council that the hotel easily sells out every night that the May 9 deadline to get a room should be taken very seriously. The registration fee for those staying at the designated hotel will remain the same as last year except there will not be any charge for guests attending who stay at the designated hotel. The cost for all those staying at another facility will be higher than last year as the per day meal cost at Treasure Island is higher. Since there is no formal golf tournament, Ms. Drayna will reserve tee times that people can use if they wish to play golf. She will also make arrangements for fishing. The hotel will provide free transportation for both golf and fishing. Convention Vice Chair, Lee Lehman, reported that he is ready

to start the financial campaign. It will be the same as last year without golf signs since there is no formal golf tournament. Ms. Drayna will contact Khorshed Alam to see if he can be the AV person for the technical sessions. She reported that a job description had been developed for this position which should help the person know what their responsibilities would be.

Technical Program

Andy Rhein reviewed the schedule for the technical program that was sent out to Council on Monday. The program will have a green theme of reusing, recycling, and reduced consumption. Speakers will be given more time for the presentation and questions and answers. At this point the program is filled unless some times are changed. Mr. Rhein will refine the program and hopes to have it finalized by the end of this week.

Wilson Lecture

The chair for the 2011 and 2012 Wilson Selection Committee, Luis Velez, has submitted his resignation from the committee. One of the other members of the committee will be asked to complete the duties of the chair for this year. Susan Steele was recommended by President Keyser to chair the 2012 Wilson Selection Committee. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that Susan Steele be named Chair of the 2012 Wilson Selection Committee. President Keyser will check to see if she will accept the position. Otherwise the Wilson lecture is on schedule with David Rabinovich being the presenter. The title of his presentation is “Everything You Wanted to Know about Collagen Models—But Were Too Afraid to Ask!”

Alsop Award

The recipient of the award has been notified and has already booked a flight to attend.

O’Flaherty Award

The recipient of the award has been notified, and Mr. Rhein stated that she will attend.

2012 Convention Update:

Lee Lehman, 2012 Hotel Arrangements Chair and Convention Chair, has asked for proposals from three hotels for the 2012 convention. To date he has received one from Skytop Lodge and and Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort. Skytop was considerably less expensive than Nemaocolin. Mr. Lehman

encouraged Council to send him an email if they knew of other places. The possibility of having the convention at an alumni center on a university campus was discussed with the New England Center at the University of New Hampshire and Cornell in Ithaca, New York being named. Mr. Lehman will check into universities as a possible site for future conventions. He was reminded that we really needed to include the American Meal Plan in any quotes. Mr. Lehman's goal is to have a site and contract in place prior to this year's convention. A Convention Vice Chair for 2012 will be needed. Council was asked to submit any nominees they had for the position. President Keyser pointed out the need to involve more volunteers in the organization.

3. Financial Reports. This section of the agenda was tabled until the 2010 audit is complete. The auditor is currently working on it and has not encountered any problems to date.

4. Technical Committee Reports. Technical Committee Coordinator, Steve Gilberg, gave the following report:

He has emailed all technical committee chairs but only heard back from a couple. He will get in contact with Elton Hurlow about possible liaisons with IULTCS committees and how that partnering could be accomplished. Mr. Gilberg gave the following information from the chairs that submitted a report to him:

Education Committee

Mr. Gilberg had a discussion with the Chair of the Education Committee, Steve Yanek, to talk about a liaison with the IULTCS as well as the state of the Leather Technology Course. Mr. Yanek reported that there had been no new students since September of last year. He has received a few answers to the midterm test, but interest seems to be lacking currently.

Environment Affairs Committee

Chair of the Committee, Sarah Drayna, had polled her committee about topics for the upcoming convention with very little response.

Research Liaison Committee

The RLC's next meeting will be on April 26 and 27. An invitation will be published in the March and April issues of *JALCA*. Email invitations have already been sent out, with a response required in order to obtain entrance into the ERRC-USDA facility.

Discussion followed regarding the technical committee meetings during the convention. It was felt that members needed an opportunity to attend more than one meeting as some people belonged to more than one committee. It was also felt that a lunch meeting did not give enough time to

sufficiently conduct the business of the committees. A different time and format that will fit into the convention schedule will be reviewed by the officers and hopefully implemented this year. Motion was made and carried to accept the Technical Committee Report.

5. Editor's Report – Robert White submitted the following written report:

March 7, 2011

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

Editor's Report

Manuscripts activity during the most recent 6-month period was:

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| Received | Rejected | Approved | In process |
| 39 | 21 | 6 | 12 |

This rate of new submissions gives us the opportunity to select high quality manuscripts that provide readers with a diverse roster of subjects. This rejection rate, at about 54%, is slightly higher than recent experience. I am now scheduling approved manuscripts for our September 2011 issue. Our Editorial Board has recently been especially helpful to me in identifying submissions that had seriously flawed experimental work and/or erroneous analysis of results. Jorge Lisnevsky and David Rabinovich continued to provide timely Spanish translations of all the manuscript abstracts. A recent opportunity to meet with Jorge Lisnevsky and discuss translations in detail revealed that certain intensely technical manuscripts are difficult and very time consuming for our translators – requiring much Google research. The long awaited introduction of the *e-Journal* in ezine format on January 1st proceeded flawlessly, thanks to the thorough planning by KSA&D and Carol Adcock. We are meeting our goal of uploading the *e-Journal* on the first day of the month. The feasibility of e-color for ads and manuscript offers a potentially enhancement for the *e-Journal*. We are in the process on determining the incremental added costs and pricing for the color options. Carol Adcock has separately provided you with the initial data on conversions to e-only and preliminary financial impact. The *Journal* page count YTD is about the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. White
Journal Editor

Council reviewed the Editor's report and discussed the rejection rate.

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

6. Other Committee Report

Ways and Means Committee

Chair of the committee, Andy Rhein, submitted the following written report:

Portfolio Performance

As of March 8, 2011 our Portfolio was valued at \$ 71,005. For the year 2010, the Portfolio value increased \$42,229 or 15.9%. Quarter to date, the portfolio gained \$8,113.

Since 1996, the average annual gain of our portfolio was 7.2%.

The following represents the present **Asset Allocation**

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| Equities | \$ 194,365 | (71.7%) |
| Fixed Income | \$ 73,102 | (27.0%) |
| Cash&Equi. | \$ 3,629 | (1.3%) |
| | \$ 271,005 | (100.0%) |

The following outlines the diversification of the portfolio in %:

| Industry Sector | - Equities |
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| Industrials | 24.8 |
| Consumer Staples | 14.4 |
| Materials | 19.3 |
| Consumer Goods | 13.2 |
| Energy | 11.8 |
| Telecommunications | 15.2 |
| Financials | <u>1.3</u> |
| Total | 100.0% |

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Equities | 71.7% |
| Fixed Income | 27.0% |
| Cash & Equivalent | 1.3% |
| Total | 100% |

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Rhein

Discussion followed regarding the increase in value for 2010, which was very good. Mr. Rhein told the Council that his communications with the account manager, Greg Cannon, were very helpful and that his recommendations had been very helpful. Motion was made and carried to accept the Ways and Means Committee Report.

Nominating Committee

The 2011 Nominating Committee has not submitted a slate of candidates. President Keyser will email them to determine their progress. Candidates will need to be approved before the convention mailer can be sent out.

7. Old Business

Rowles Scholarship

The Rowles Scholarship guidelines were discussed. Motion was made, seconded and carried to change the deadline for applications to be submitted to May 1, and changing the date of the selection will made to June 1.

8. New Business

No new business came before Council.

9. Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be on Thursday, June 9 at Treasure Island Resort & Casino at 8 am including the hotel staff. The old and new Council will meet on Sunday, June 12, at Treasure Island at 9 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Adcock
Executive Secretary