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## 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 108<sup>th</sup> American Leather Chemists Annual Meeting Wilson Lecture by Dr. Covington stimulated thinking about the relationships of leather science and leather technology. The technical program offered an excellent mix of very interesting chemistry and technology presentations, including collagen byproducts, novel unhairing research, tanning systems, finishing technology, machinery and engineering innovations. Many of these papers were driven by environmental issues of sustainability and traceability. In the coming months the *Journal* will publish many of these papers.

I want to thank the many people that make this *Journal* possible; available in both print and the electronic (ezine) formats. For the electronic *JALCA* log-on to [alcajournal.com](http://alcajournal.com) or use the link at our website [leatherchemists.org](http://leatherchemists.org).

Your comments and suggestions are strongly encouraged and most welcome — send to [jalcaeditor@prodigy.net](mailto:jalcaeditor@prodigy.net). It is not too early to put next year's Annual Meeting in your calendar, June 20-23, 2013.

**Robert F. White**  
*Journal Editor*

June 2012

## OBITUARY

### RICHARD N. JONES

Richard N. Jones of Wolfeboro, MA, passed away at his home on June 9, 2012, after a short illness. He was surrounded by his family, including his beloved wife and best friend, Amy P. Jones, to whom he was married for 61 years. He was further survived by his adoring children, Robert (Florence) of Dracut, Mass., Melissa Block (Bruce) of Bayside, Wis., and William (Debra) of Scarborough, Maine; and his eight loving grandchildren.

Richard N. Jones was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Lowell, Mass., the son of William E. and Virginia M. Jones. He graduated from Wakefield, Mass., High School and received a degree in chemical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He worked for the A.C. Lawrence Leather Co. in Peabody, Mass., for 26 years, principally in research and development. He served as the superintendent of the Sheepskin Division and as product development manager of the Webster St. Plant. When Lawrence closed, Mr. Jones became a partner and vice-president of National Tanning & Trading Corp. In later years, he was a partner and director of research for Riley Leather Co. Mr. Jones was credited with developing processes for washable and dry-cleanable leathers, and held patents on the manufacturer of fire-resistant leathers.

He was a percussionist who served as the drum major for both his high school and college bands, and was a member of the Great Lakes Navy Band during part of his naval service. He was a founding member of the Linn Village Drum Band of Wakefield, Mass., a colonial group which enjoyed national recognition, and served as the band's snare drum sergeant for 16 years. Mr. Jones was a member of the First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro, serving on various boards and committees. His conservation interests included Levey Park in Alton, where he was chairman of the trustees for many years, and the UNH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program, for which he monitored a site in Alton Bay. In Wolfeboro, he served on the Conservation Commission and was a member of the steering committee that oversaw the construction of Front Bay Park. He was a longtime member of the Water Quality and Science & Research Committees of the N.H. Lakes Association.



Richard N. Jones

At the Back Bay retirement community where he resided, he was that campus's representative to the Taylor Community Resident Forum for several years, and served two terms as the resident trustee of the institution's board of trustees. Mr. Jones was a member of the ALCA since 1954, becoming a retired member in 1989. He was awarded life status in the Association in 1994. He was a member of the Committee to Select Prize Paper for the 1987 IULTCS Congress.

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