
LIFE LINES

Cheng-Kung Liu, see *JALCA* **94**, 158, 199

Nicholas J. Latona, see *JALCA* **100**, 396, 2005

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

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E. Eser Eke Bayramoglu, see *JALCA* **106**, 68, 2011

Ali Yorgancioglu, see *JALCA* **108**, 434, 2013

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Ersin Onem, see *JALCA* **108**, 434, 2013

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Xuepin Liao, see *JALCA* **100**, 447, 2005

Wenhua Zhang, see *JALCA* **100**, 447, 2005

Bi Shi, see *JALCA* **99**, 220, 2004



CALL FOR PAPERS
FOR THE 110TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
GIDEON PUTNAM RESORT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY
JUNE 18-20, 2014

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 Gideon Putnam Resort, Saratoga Springs, NY, June 18-20, 2014.

Abstracts are due by April 1, 2014.
Full Presentations are due by June 1, 2014.

They are to be submitted by e-mail to the ALCA Vice-President and Chair of the Technical Program:

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The Abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. An asterisk should denote the name of the speaker, and contact information should be provided that includes an e-mail address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words, and in the Microsoft Word format.

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COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

November 14, 2013

2 pm Eastern/ 1 pm Central Standard Time

Present

Officers:	Steve Lange, Sarah Drayna, David Peters
Councilors:	Chris Koelblinger, Gary Rennerfeldt, Andreas Rhein
Executive Secretary:	Carol Adcock
Convention Chair	Doug Morrison

1. Welcome

President Steve Lange called the meeting to order. A special welcome was given to new VP Elect, David Peters, and new councilors, Chris Koelblinger and Gary Rennerfeldt. Councilors Goetz Hagen, John Rodden and Susan Steele were unable to participate in the call.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the June 20 and 22, 2013 meetings and 2013 Annual Business Meeting were previously approved via email.

3. Financial Reports – Carol Adcock

2013 Annual Convention Recap

The Council reviewed the Income and Expenses from the 109th ALCA Annual Convention. A net profit of \$13,631 was realized even with the payment of attrition. The Association had to pay attrition in the amount of \$17,141 but was able to pay it out over a year's period without interest. Pinehurst also was willing to let half of the attrition be credited on a return to Pinehurst for the 2015 Annual Convention. Sarah Drayna was commended for her negotiations with Pinehurst on the attrition issue. Lee Lehman, Convention Chair, was commended for the financial success of the convention. Doug Morrison, 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 2013 Annual Meeting Financial Report.

Year to Date Financial Reports

Council reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet through September 30, 2013 as well as a Budget vs. Actual report through the same time period.

The Membership Breakdown as well as a dues and subscriptions breakdown for 2014 was handed out and reflected the following:

192 Active, 44 Active Life, 3 Active Life Mutual, 19 Active Life Retired, 18 Active Mutual, 36 Active Retired, 2 Students, and 36 SLTC along with 8 SLTC Students, for a total of 358 members. There was one pending membership. Out of the above membership that is anticipated for 2014, dues will be collected from 213 paying members, excluding the dues that will be collected from the SLTC members. There are 70 subscriptions that will be invoiced for renewal for 2014. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Financial Reports as submitted.

A rough draft of the Association's 2014 Budget was sent to Council prior to the meeting. Discussion was postponed until the 2014 Convention Budget was discussed. Journal advertising was then discussed. Andy Rhein volunteered to spearhead a committee to solicit potential advertisers both for the journal and convention program. Chris Koelblinger and Gary Rennerfeldt also volunteered to be a part of Mr. Rhein's committee. It was suggested that a financial goal should be set for the committee in the amount of \$10,000.

4. 2014 Update of Annual Convention

Doug Morrison made the following report regarding the 2014 Annual Convention preparations:

The room rate for 2014 will be \$305 for a single and \$210 for a double per person per night which includes service charge and taxes. Meals start with dinner on the date of arrival. Mr. Morrison reviewed the schedule for the 2014 convention which is new. –The golf tournament will begin at 12:02 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18 with golfers teeing off every 9 minutes. A box lunch will be furnished to golfers, the price of which will be included in their fee for the tournament. Registration fees were then discussed. It was felt that there might be several people in the area who will attend just for the day. The day rate registration fee was also discussed.

Mr. Morrison announced that John Rodden had agreed to be the 2014 Sports Coordinator. Mr. Morrison felt there was no need for the Social Coordinator since the convention was a shortened format and only had two nights for activities with

Thursday evening being the banquet. Shuttle service will be available for people who want to go to the casino. The 2014 Convention Budget was then discussed. Since box lunches for the golfers will be included, there were some revisions to the last budget sent to Council. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the 2014 Convention Budget as amended. Council was sent copies of the revised budget after the conference call. Mr. Morrison reported that Khorshed Alam has agreed to be the AV Coordinator for the 2014 Annual Convention.

Donis Bosworth has already been elected the 2014 Convention Vice Chair. The Sponsorship Campaign will be discussed more fully during the next Council Meeting Conference Call in March, 2014.

Technical Program – Sarah Drayna, Chair

Mrs. Drayna reported that she is in the progress of soliciting papers for the 2014 Annual Convention. She hopes to have a user's panel and possibly one other panel discussion. Mrs. Drayna will be reviewing the survey people completed at the 2013 Annual Convention and try to implement suggestions made in the survey. She encouraged Council members to send her names of possible presenters.

Wilson Lecture – Alex Campbell, Chair

The Wilson Lecture is on track for 2014. Both Mr. Buljan's photo and bio have been posted on the Association's website. Mr. Lange will contact Mr. Buljan about his abstract.

Alsop Award – Nick Latona, Chair

The 2014 Alsop Selection Committee has proposed a nominee for the award. Discussion followed regarding the guidelines for the award and the nominee presented by the committee. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the nominee of the committee.

O'Flaherty Award – George Stockman, Chair

Mr. Stockman reported that he will submit a list of approximately ten potential candidates for the award to his committee. He plans to have a nominee to Council by the end of the year.

2015 Convention Site

Mrs. Drayna was appointed by Council to negotiate with Pinehurst for the attrition from this year's convention. As stated in the recap from the convention, she was able to persuade them to apply half of the attrition to another convention which is to be held at Pinehurst in 2015. She reported that the schedule will be very similar to the 2013 schedule except all meals will be group meals. She is in the process of negotiating the contract and will make sure that both the Executive Secretary as well as the 2015 Convention Chair receives a copy of the contract for review and comments.

Pinehurst has informed Mrs. Drayna that the only date available for the convention is June 10-13, 2015 as all their other dates in June, 2015 are already booked.

5. Editor's written report (Bob White)

November 6, 2013

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

Editor's Report

The following compares new manuscripts submissions and their disposition during the first 10 months of the latest two years:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>In process</u>
10 months 2013	67	22	26	19*
10 months 2012	48	14	24	10

*17 new submissions September/October 2013

This recent surge came just after the resignation of three Editorial Board reviewers, causing a slow down in the processing of manuscripts. However, I am now scheduling approved manuscripts into our February 2014 issue and expect to be able to sustain our commitment to 4 manuscripts per month. I expect *Journal* page count may be slightly higher than last year, due mostly to authors continually growing use of figure and tables. I want to thank the recently retiring EB members Dr. Ken Boni, Dr. Graham Lampard and Dr. Nick Cory for their excellent support over their many years of service. I have, so far, had very limited success in finding replacements for these EB volunteers. I ask Officers and Council to consider joining the EB and/or make suggestions of candidates. I will also step up my effort to invite foreign member researchers to join the EB.

Starting with this November issue, we suspended the Spanish Abstract translations (Resumen) and will assess user response going forward. This shortened the issue processing lead-time by almost one month. I want to especially recognize, with huge thanks, the contributions of Jorge Lisnevsky and David Rabinovich during their 10 years of on-time high quality Spanish abstract translations.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. White
Journal Editor

The Editor's Report was discussed. Mrs. Adcock reported that Mr. White has been contacted about the number of issues on the ezine site. Council will be contacted later about their wishes about how many back issues are kept on the ezine site.

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

6. Ways and Means Committee Report – Andy Rhein

As of November 6, 2013 our Portfolio was valued at \$254,001 incurring a gain of \$10,002 for the third quarter and a gain of \$16,960 for the year.

The following outlines the diversification of the Portfolio in \$ and %:

Equities	\$202,543 or 79.70%
Fixed Income	\$ 46,419 or 18.30%
Cash	\$ 4,814 or 1.90%
Other	\$ 226 or 0.10%
Total	\$254,001 or 100.0%

Equities Sector Allocation

Consumer Discretionary	\$22,995	11.4%
Energy	\$47,055	23.2%
Financials	\$18,010	8.9%
Industrials	\$54,779	27.0%
Materials	\$16,601	8.2%
Utilities	\$10,092	5.0%
Others	\$33,011	16.3%
Total	\$202,543	100.0%

Fixed Income Sector Allocation

Blackrock High Income	\$8,120	17.5%
Unit Inv. Grade Select	\$13,397	28.9%
MFS Charter Income	\$6,788	14.6%
MFS Intermediate Income	\$14,616	31.5%
Unit Guggenheim	\$3,499	7.7%
Total	\$46,420	100.0%
Cash	\$4,814	1.9%

Respectfully Submitted

Andreas Rhein

Mr. Rhein reported that \$12,000 was obtained from the investment account either from cash on hand or through sale of stocks to help defray the attrition expense of the 2013 convention. Discussion followed regarding any restrictions on the Association's investment account in the bylaws. None were noted. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Ways & Means Report as written.

7. Technical Committee Report – David Peters, Chair

Mr. Peters submitted the following reports from the Technical Committees:

Education Committee – Mainul Haque, Chair

Normally ALCA committee meetings take place during the annual convention. Due to non attendance by the committee members, including the committee chair (myself this year), there was no education committee meeting in recent years. We are actively pursuing ALCA members to join the education committee and extend their support for the continuation of only viable education forum in North America through American Leather Chemists Association.

Currently, in our Leather Technology Correspondence Course, five students enrolled. There are two students who are very active and progressing well. The Leather Technology Correspondence Course is an independent study course to be completed at work or at home. The intention of the course is to provide people who are working in the leather and allied industries and eager to learn this with a basic understanding of the principles of leather manufacture. It also could be used by more experienced individuals for a review of leather science and to promote technical discourse within the tannery or workplace. The Education Committee has been sponsoring presenter at the ALCA Convention for the last two years.

Environmental Affairs Committee – Mila Ramos, Chair

So far, no dramatic actions have taken place as far as activities are concerned. Forwarded some environmental and safety issues regarding tanneries and The FDA and industry clamping down on antibiotic usage (to reduce incidence of antimicrobial resistance) to the committee members. And I prepared then submitted a letter of support to the EU environmentally friendly initiative care of COTANCE. The importance of this letter was noted by Mr. Peters.

Methods and Specifications Committee – Lori**Hyllengren and Nicholas Latona, Co-Chairs**

The ASTM D31 committee met October 15 for the Wet blue subcommittee and October 16 for the main committee meeting at ASTM headquarters in Conshohocken, PA. Again it was decided that no further ALCA methods will be converted into ASTM format unless there is a need or specific request. The D31 committee is working on numerous projects, of which some include an Atomic Absorption method for total chrome that was balloted at the subcommittee level, an HPLC method to determine fungicide in leather, round robin testing to add to the precision and bias statements of oil and grease, pH, and chromic oxide content of wet blue, a whole boot breathability method, a stretch and set method, a vertical flame test, and a lightfastness accelerated aging test. Our next meeting will be April 23 at the USDA's ERRC in Wyndmoor, PA.

Research Liaison Committee – Lori Hyllengren and Eleanor Brown, Co-Chairs

The only thing to report at this point is the intent to change the schedule for the 2014 spring meeting at ERRC. The new schedule will have the RLC meeting all day on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, to be followed by the ASTM meeting on Wednesday April 23. Previously these meetings have stretched over three days with the RLC running Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning with the ASTM meeting on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. We feel this more compact schedule will be of benefit to all. Motion was made, seconded and passed to unanimously approve the Technical Committee Reports.

Assignment of Coordinators for each Technical Committee

Since the position of Vice President Elect is being eliminated, councilors were asked to volunteer to coordinate the activities of a Technical Committee. Chris Koelblinger volunteered to be the coordinator of the Education Committee. Gary Rennerfeldt volunteered to be the coordinator of the Environmental Affairs Committee. Mr. Lange will ask Susan Steele to be the coordinator of the Methods and Specifications Committee and Goetz Hagen to be the coordinator of the Research Liaison Committee.

8. Nominating Committee Report – Steve Gilberg, Chair

Mr. Gilberg and his committee are working on the Slate of Candidates for 2014 and will hopefully have a list to Council by the end of the year.

9. Old Business

Council reviewed the ballots to amend the Bylaws of the Association regarding retirement age, voting procedures now being done electronically, and removal of the Vice President Elect position plus lengthening the term of officers. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adopt such amendments and present them to the membership for approval.

The Executive Secretary was asked to leave the call for a few minutes. Upon her return, Council voted to increase the salary of Mrs. Adcock by 4% for the 2014 calendar year. The 2014 Association's Budget will be revised for this expense as well as the changes to the 2014 Convention Budget and then sent to Council, which was done after the call. Council then approved the 2014 Association Budget via email, a copy of which is attached.

10. New Business

No new business was brought to the attention of Council.

11. Location and Date of Next Council Meeting

It was suggested that the next council meeting should also be a conference call, to be held early March, 2014. Everyone will be polled after the first of the year to set a date.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

**THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
2014 BUDGET
APPROVED NOVEMBER 15, 2013**

Income:

Advertising	\$19,500.00
Copyright Income	1,000.00
Correspondence Course	1,625.00
Dues	39,500.00
Postage & Handling	5,500.00
Reprints/Articles	500.00
Subscriptions	14,000.00
Registration	19,500.00
Sponsors, Advertising & Exhibitors	23,500.00
Interest	600.00
Dividend	14,000.00

Total Income **\$139,225.00**

Expenses:

Bank Wire fee	200.00
Bank Service Charges	50.00
Copyright	420.00
Communication Expenses	
Website	1,000.00
Fax	700.00
Telephone	750.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	4,500.00
Discounts Given	2,700.00
Dues & Subscriptions	720.00
Ezine Journal Monthly Fee	7,140.00
Insurance Expense	
Businessowners Coverage	501.00
Employee Dishonesty	191.00
Worker's Compensation	304.00

License, Fees, and Permits	25.00
Office Expenses: Supplies	1,500.00
Office Expenses: Postage	5,000.00
Office Expenses: Printing & Reproduction	32,500.00
Office Expenses: Rent	8,100.00
Payroll Expenses	
Gross Wages	45,898.00
FICA	2,845.68
Medicare	665.52
Professional Fees	
Accounting	1,500.00
Editor	13,200.00
Membership Development	20,000.00
Rowles Scholarship Fund	500.00
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