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## Lifelines

**Shan Cao**, see *JALCA* **108**(11), 434, 2013

**Yunhang Zeng**, see *JALCA* **109**(6), 207, 2014

**Baozhen Cheng**, see *JALCA* **110**(4), 121, 2015

**Wenhua Zhang**, see *JALCA* **100**(12), 447, 2005

**Bing Liu**, see *JALCA* **108**(11), 434, 2013

**Bhargavi Narayana Reddy Gari**, further information not available.

**Solomon Fessehaye Woldeyohannes** has completed his MSc Chemical Engineering (Leather Technology) from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. At present he is working as leather researcher at Leather Industries Development Institute (LIDI), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He carried out this work at Chemical Laboratory, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute as a part of exchange program under “Twinning Project” between CSIR-CLRI, India and LIDI, Ethiopia.

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

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

**Juliana Tolfo da Fontoura**, see *JALCA* **111**(6), 2016

**Daniel Ody**, see *JALCA* **111**(6), 2016

**Mariliz Gutterres**, see *JALCA* **111**(6), 2016

**Anna Bacardit**, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

**C. Casas**, see *JALCA* **109**(9), 32, 2014

**Jordi J Bou**, PhD, studied Chemistry in the University of Barcelona. After some years working in the industry, he held a pre-doctoral teaching assistantship position in the Polytechnical University of Catalonia, while developing the PhD thesis about polyamide synthesis under the supervision of Professor S Muñoz-Guerra. He has been in Seville and Lyon as pre-doctoral student and visiting professor. From 2000 he has been associate professor in UPC. In spite of his never stopping researching polymers, he became interested in environmental engineering, in particular on plastic biodegradation and bioprocesses. He has published more than 60 articles in books, encyclopedias, web-notes and journals about polymer characterization, biodegradation and fermentation. He has a special interest in innovation, and he usually participates in start-up projects from graduate students about biopolymers, waste treatment, bioreactors and biodegradation.

**Luis Ollé**, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

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# News Release from the IULTCS

April 18, 2016

## Preparations in Place for XXXIV IULTCS Congress in India

The next IULTCS Global Congress will take place from 5-8 February 2017, earlier in the year than usual, as it is timed to take place the week after the Chennai leather fair. The Congress – under the slogan “Science and Technology for Sustainability of Leather” – will be co-hosted by the CSIR-CLRI, one of the biggest leather Training and Research Institutes in the world, and ILTA, the Indian Leather Technologists Association. This event will bring together scientists and leather researchers from all over the world to present the latest ideas, projects, research results, and concepts related to the raw material collagen and the process of leather making. The event will include verbal and visual presentations. IULTCS President Dietrich Tegtmeier said that he is certain the Chennai Congress will be a great success, and he added: *“Although information is easily shared electronically today, nothing can replace the direct interaction that occurs at an event like this. This helps with the sharing of ideas and creates opportunities for networking that helps stimulate those creative ideas critical for industry progress.”*

All chemists and technologists in the field of leather are encouraged to join this event and those thinking about submitting a paper or presentation should keep in mind the rapidly approaching October deadline for submissions. Registration for the event starts in June. More information is available as a link on the IULTCS website – [iultcs.org](http://iultcs.org) and details of the Congress can now be accessed directly at [iultcs2017.org](http://iultcs2017.org).

## End News Release ##

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**– Dietrich Tegtmeier**

# Council Conference Call Minutes

## American Leather Chemists Association

### Spring Council Meeting

#### April 11, 2016

#### 2 pm Eastern/1 pm Central Standard Time

**Present**

Officers: Sarah Drayna, David Peters

Council Members: Mike Bley, Jeff Miller, Gary Rennerfeldt, Andy Rhein, Beat Schelling

Convention Chair Doug Morrison

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

**1. Welcome**

President Sarah Drayna opened the meeting and thanked everyone for joining the call. It was confirmed that a quorum was present. The major topics to be covered are the technical program for the upcoming convention and the Vice President position.

**2. Convention Status Update**

2016 Annual Meeting

***Update and Overall Schedule***

Doug Morrison, Convention Chair, reported that the convention would be held at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, WV, June 22-25, 2016. Plans for the convention are well underway. There will be three room rates this year depending on whether you want a intermediate, deluxe or premium room. Rates are as follows:

Rate for the nights of June 22, 23 and 24

Intermediate      Single: \$302.25 per person  
                             Double: \$216 per person, per night

Deluxe                Single: \$326.27 per person  
                             Double: \$228 per person, per night

Premium            Single: \$358.26 per person  
                             Double: \$244 per person, per night

Rates include service charge and taxes; meals included in the package start with lunch on June 22.

The deposit of \$5,000 has already been sent to them last year.

The registration fee for those staying at the designated hotel will remain the same as last year. The cost for all those staying at another facility will be the regular registration fee plus the meal plan for the three days of the convention. Accompanying guests not staying at the designated hotel will have to pay a fee for joining the group for meals. Our website, [www.leatherchemists.org](http://www.leatherchemists.org), has been updated with all details for the convention including the convention brochure.

Mr. Morrison reviewed the overall schedule for the convention that had previously been emailed to Council. A Casino Night will be held Thursday evening with 7 different games. Entertainment Unlimited has already been contracted to do the event and paid a deposit of \$1300, with the balance of \$835 due by June 13.

He reported that they are holding 40 tee times for golfers for the tournament. He also reported that this would be the last Fun Run that Jim Haggerty would be organizing as he has retired. Saturday morning Mr. Morrison and Carol Adcock will review the bill with the hotel staff.

***Technical Program***

David Peters reported that the technical program was virtually complete. He has had good global participation.

***Wilson Lecture***

The Wilson lecture is on schedule with Rachel Garwood, Director of the Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (ICLT) in the UK, giving the presentation. The title of her presentation is "Leather Education – Preserving the Past... Investing in the Future." Her bio and photo as well as a description of her presentation are on our website and were published in the April issue of the Journal.

***Financial Campaign***

Lee Lehman, Convention Vice Chair, has the campaign well underway. To date he has commitments for 7 gold sponsors, 6 silver sponsors, and 7 bronze sponsors. He will continue to solicit sponsors for the convention.

**Alsop Award**

The recipient of the award was previously approved by Council and will be notified to seek attendance at the convention.

**O'Flaherty Award**

The recipient of the award was previously approved by Council and will be notified to seek attendance at the convention.

**AV Coordinator**

Nick Latona has agreed to be the AV Coordinator for the convention and will use Mr. Peter's computer.

**2017 Convention Update:**

Doug Morrison reported that the 2017 site will be Pinehurst Resort, June 13-16. One deposit of \$5,000 was due in March which has already been sent to Pinehurst. The rates at the Carolina will be as follows:

Single \$427.09 per night

Double \$283.43 per person per night

The schedule for the 2017 convention will be similar to the last time at Pinehurst which was in 2015. The plans for the convention are well underway.

**3. Financial Reports**

Council had previously been emailed the financial statements for 2015 and the Performance vs. 2015 Budget report. The reports showed a loss for the year 2015 of \$59,108 which was higher than the anticipated loss of \$18,455 reflected on the approved 2015 budget. Income in most areas was a little lower than anticipated, however the main reason for the loss was attributable to the investment account which reflected a loss of \$39,516. After review of all financials for 2015, it was felt that the Association is in sound financial position. A financial analysis was performed on the 2015 books and is attached to these minutes.

Motion was made and carried to accept the 2015 financial reports.

Executive Secretary Carol Adcock reviewed the Membership Report and Breakdown as of April 1. There are a total of 321 members at the present time including SLTC members participating in the Journal exchange.

Ms. Adcock also reported that final notices for dues and subscriptions have gone out. A list of unpaid dues was also reviewed. All will be dropped from the Association per the by-laws as of April 1.

Mrs. Adcock reported that 8 advertisers committed for 2016 journal advertising, with all being paid.

**4. Technical Committee Report**

Beat Schelling, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, reported that the RLC will be meeting on April 20 at the USDA in Wyndmoor, PA. The Education Subcommittee has put in a request for more members. Mr. Schelling will pursue how the merger of the leather technology course with the University of Cincinnati is going with Steve Lange.

The Methods and Specifications Subcommittee has been advertising in the *Journal* about the Randall Rowles Memorial Scholarship. Applications are due by May 1, with one already being turned in.

**5. Editor's Report**

Robert White submitted the following written report:

April 6, 2016

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

**Editor's Report**

Comparative manuscripts activity during the most recent 12-month period (April through March) was:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>In process</u>
2015/16	95	48	35	12
2014/15	88	48	39	0

Manuscript submissions continued to increase and I was also pleased to receive new submissions from laboratories that have not published in *JALCA*. I am now scheduling approved manuscripts into our September 2016 issue. This February I welcomed Dr. Xue-pin Liao, Sichuan University, China, to our Editorial Board. *Journal* page count this year to date is 45 more than same period last year, due a 5<sup>th</sup> manuscript in January and a more lengthy February special review. I initiated a style review with our publishing resource, KSA&D, which will result in some modest formatting changes (inside, not cover) to give us a more contemporary feel.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert F. White**

*Journal Editor*

Council reviewed the Editor's report. 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:

As of March 31, 2016 our Portfolio was valued at \$186,035. The Portfolio value has increased by \$1,695 since December 31, 2015.

The following represents the present Asset Allocation:

Cash	\$4,063	2.20%
Fixed Income	\$95,548	51.40%
Equities	\$76,856	41.30%
Alternative	\$9,568	5.10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$186,035</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Respectfully submitted,

**Andreas Rhein**

Motion was made and carried to accept the Ways and Means Committee Report.

### *Nominating Committee*

The 2016 Nominating Committee submitted the following names to run for Councilor:

- Shawn Brown, Quaker Color
- Joseph Hoefler, Dow Chemical Company
- John Rodden, Union Specialties
- Katie Thudium, Eagle Ottawa - Lear

The committee has been unable to find a candidate for the office of Vice President. They will continue to search for someone. Discussion was held on how to help the incoming Vice President prepare a technical program for two continuous years. Mr. Peters said he was more than willing to help the new Vice President with such task. The 2016 Nominating Committee chaired by Steve Lange with Jeff Miller and Nathan Mullinix were thanked for their services. The election will commence as soon as a candidate for Vice President is obtained using electionbuddy.com.

## 7. Old Business

There was no old business to come before Council.

## 8. New Business

The IULTCS Merit Award guidelines were reviewed by Council. The deadline to submit a nomination for it is the end of May. It was noted that Mr. Rhein's term as our representative to the IULTCS will expire in June of this year. President Drayna will ask him if he is willing to serve another three years.

## 9. Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 22, at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center at 9:00 am. The meeting will include the hotel staff at the beginning of the meeting. Council was reminded that they would probably need to arrive on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June in order to participate in the meeting. The old and new Council will meet on Friday, June 24, at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center for a breakfast meeting from 8 – 8:45 am to introduce the new members of Council and briefly discuss the convention.

Ms. Drayna reminded Council that the hotel deadline to get a reservation was May 21. It was noted that the closest major airport to Oglebay was Pittsburgh, PA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carol Adcock**

*Executive Secretary*



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

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I have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by American Leather Chemists Association (ALCA), solely to assist you in evaluating the revenue and expense transactions of the Organization for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. ALCA's management is responsible for the presentation of the revenue and expense transactions. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

I examined the detailed general ledger and a representative sample of the revenue and expense transactions and the related underlying supporting documentation for the organization for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 for the purpose of determining whether the documentation presented properly supported the revenue and expense transactions and were properly categorized within the financial records. I found no significant exceptions within the revenue and expense transactions tested.

I was not engaged to conduct, and did not conduct, an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the financial statements of the Organization. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of by the directors and management of American Leather Chemists Association and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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