

Council Meeting Minutes

AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itaca, IL

June 21, 2022

Officers: Mike Bley, Joseph Hoefler
 Councilors: Jose Gallegos, Steve Lange, Lee Lehman and John Rodden
 Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

1. WELCOME – Mike Bley, President

President Mike Bley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. President Bley reported that the Wilson Speaker, Randy Johnson, is leaving prior to the banquet. He therefore suggested that Mr. Johnson be presented the Wilson Scroll after his presentation. Eric Webb will introduce Mr. Johnson as well as give him the scroll after his presentation.

Results from electionbuddy.com were announced. The Association's new Vice President will be John Rodden. New councilors will be Myron Hooks and Roger A. Pinto. Mrs. Adcock announced that 75 votes were cast out of the 202 ballots sent out which is 37%. This was a little lower than the average amount of votes cast in the past.

2. OLD BUSINESS – Mike Bley, President

LIFE MEMBER

There were four candidates for life membership in the Association, namely Boghos Assadourian, Gian Franco Grandi, Visvanathan Prasanna and Blane Shoemake. Bio of Gian Franco Grandi was previously emailed to Council. Mrs. Adcock reported that the Association has no contact information for Mr. Prasanna. In view of being unable to reach him by email, Council decided to put his record in the Association's delete database until such time that contact can be found.

The criteria for life status in the Association is that the member has been a paying member or paying and then retired member of the Association for forty (40) years. Motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed to give Boghos Assadourian, Gian Franco Grandi and Blane Shoemake life status in the Association.

3. CONVENTION ITEMS AND REVIEW OF CONVENTION – Bill Clippinger

Since Mr. Clippinger was unable to attend the convention due to illness, he had asked Sarah Drayna to fill in. She agreed but was also unable to attend due to illness at the last minute. Therefore, Mrs. Adcock reviewed the overall schedule for the convention with Council. Mrs. Adcock said there was one change on the schedule. It was for the start of the Fun Run. The new starting time was to be 5:00 pm in order to give people more time to change before the cocktail reception and dinner. She also reviewed the rooms for each event but did not tour them as most of Council was present at the 2018 convention at Eaglewood and knew where the rooms were located. Since no one from the hotel had shown up for the meeting, Mrs. Adcock emailed the hotel representative, Matt Forsythe, and he then came to the meeting. There as concern over the kitchen closing early on Wednesday night when the group would be at Kegler's. Mr. Forsythe assured Council that the kitchen would stay open until 9 pm and was scheduled to put out hot food at that time. Mrs. Drayna has previously ordered the food for Kegler's as well as reviewed all meals planned for the convention.

4. EDITOR'S REPORT – Steve Lange

Mr. Lange submitted the following written report dated June 12, 2022:

We are on track to publish 50 papers in 2022. Confirmed manuscripts are scheduled through November. I do not have any of the papers intended to be presented at the 2022 Convention (two of the presentations have already been published in the Journal). Four papers have been rejected in 2022.

The online version of the Journal dates to January 2007. The Top Ten Abstract and Article views are summarized on the next page for that time period.

I have been working with UC Press to get older editions of the Journal published online. Based on their suggestion, I am working back from 2007. So far, 2000 to 2006 have been scanned and currently working on the 1990 issues. The older issues are being scanned as searchable PDF files and will, hopefully, be uploaded soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Lange
Journal Editor

Discussion was held regarding the Editor's Report. Mr. Lange said he had not received invoices for printing the Journal since October of 2021. He had asked for them on numerous occasions, but none had been received. He reviewed the JALCA Website Analytics with Council. It was felt that the statistics about how many people were viewing the Journal would be good for getting companies to advertise in the Journal. President Bley reported that Mr. Lange's original contract had expired and he has agreed to renew his contract for a period of five years.

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

JALCA WEBSITE ANALYTICS
January 2007 to June 2022

Table 1 TOP TEN ABSTRACT VIEWS

Article Title	Date Published	Abstract Views
A Future for Leather!	7/1/2019	2102
Comparison of the Sustainability of the Vegetable, Wet-White and Chromium Tanning Processes through the Life Cycle Analysis	3/23/2020	513
Eco-friendly Leather Dyeing using Ultrasound Technique	6/1/2020	505
Country-level Life Cycle Assessment of Carbon Footprint in Processing of Bovine Upper Leather	6/1/2019	471
Machine Vision Inspection System for Detection of Leather Surface Defects	1/1/2019	470
Investigation of the Interaction between Epoxides and Collagen in Epoxy Tanning based on BDDGE Cross-linked Collagen Solution	8/3/2020	451
A Novel Approach for Lightfast Wet-white Leather Manufacture Based on Sulfone Syntan-aluminum Tanning Agent Combination Tannage	6/1/2018	446
The Effect of Palm Oil Sulfatation Time on Fatliquor Quality and Finished Leather Product	5/1/2020	418
Treatment And Valorization of Leather Industry Solid Wastes: A Review	2/1/2009	358
Preparation and Properties of Thermally Expandable Microspheres for Foam Coating	9/7/2021	357

Table 2 TOP TEN WHOLE ARTICLE VIEWS

Article Title	Date Published	Total PDF Views
Enzymes in the Leather Industry, a special review paper	4/1/2013	960
Chemistry of Syntans and Their Influence on Leather Quality	11/1/2015	924
Nanotechnologies for Leather Manufacturing: A Review	8/1/2011	739
Short-term Preservation of Hide and Skins Using Peracetic Acid	1/1/2016	709
Preparation of Formaldehyde-free Melamine Resin using Furfural as Condensation Agent and its Retanning Performances Investigation	6/1/2018	621
Damage of Pickled Hides, Wet-blue Leather and Vegetable Tanned Leather Due to Biodeterioration	5/1/2015	554
Sodium Chloride Substitute for Lower Salt Goat Skin Preservation: A Novel Approach	8/1/2017	495
Collagen Hydrolysate Extraction from Chromed Leather Waste for Polymeric Film Production	1/1/2016	458
Reaction of Protein and Carbohydrates with EDC for Making Unique Biomaterials	4/1/2016	426
Anaerobic Digestion of Leather Industry Wastes - An Alternate Source of Energy	2/1/2017	393

5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Carol Adcock

The Council was sent the first quarter 2022 financials including the Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual prior to the meeting.

The Membership and Subscription Report was also reviewed. The ALCA currently has 278 members consisting of 122 active, 43 active life, 4 active life mutual, 21 active life retired, 14 active mutual, 42 active retired, 28 SLTC, 3 SLTC students, and 1 ALCA student. It was noted that The Association had been notified that 16 members and/or friends of the leather industry had passed away since the last ALCA Annual Convention in 2019. A moment of silence will be held for all of them at the Annual Business Meeting. It was also noted that four members, Kadir Donmez, Richard Evans, Cheng-Kung Liu and Constantin Rosu, had been given retired status with the Association. Three members, Juan Hernandez, Timothy Howes, and John S. Moore, were given life status in the Association.

For 2022, 135 paying members contributed \$26,211. There is outstanding approximately \$1,399 in dues from the SLTC after subtracting the dues of our mutual members. Subscriptions for 2022 have brought in \$8,815 in fees and \$2,520 in postage and handling charges. Discounts have been given in the amount of \$604.50, making a total of subscriptions and postage and handling charges minus discounts in the amount of \$10,730.50. Twenty-six new members have joined ALCA since the last Annual Convention: twenty-one active members, two SLTC student members, and three SLTC members.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Financial Report as presented.

Mrs. Adcock reported that the Association's Financial Analysis had been completed and is attached to these minutes. She also told Council that she had originally wanted to retire at the end of 2022 but has decided to continue at least through another convention in view of the fact that the Association would be celebrating its 120th anniversary.

6. WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – Shawn Brown and Steve Schroeder, Jr., Co-Chairs

Shawn Brown, Co-Chair for the Ways and Means Committee, submitted a written report for the Annual Business Meeting. Mrs. Adcock gave the following numbers on the investment account:

First Quarter 2022 earnings - \$573.43 compared to first quarter of 2021 of \$757.24; have not received any dividend checks from the company this year;

Value of Portfolio as of March 31, 2022 - \$179,830.68; was \$208,559.95 end of March 2021;

Withdrawals in 2021 were \$24,000 received on 8/10/2021 and \$20,000 received on 9/10/2021.

The term of the Co-Chairs had expired. Both have agreed to serve another two years.

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

7. ANNUAL CONVENTION

2023 Annual Convention

Council discussed the fact that the Association would be 120 year old next year. It was felt that the 117th Annual ALCA Convention should celebrate that fact. It was felt that as many past presidents in attendance would be a nice way to celebrate. Discussions had been held previously regarding the inclusion of the Leather and Hide Council of America (LHCA) within the Association's 117th Annual Meeting. Council called Mrs. Drayna for her input. She was asked to pursue sites for the 2023 convention and to visit with Stephen Sothmann of the LHCA to see if there was a way to incorporate their meeting with the Association's convention. She agreed to pursue these matters.

8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS– Mike Bley, President

President Bley announced his recommendations for the following appointments:

2023 Nominating Committee: Mike Bley (Chair), Steve Lange, John Rodden

2023 ALSOP Committee: Joseph Hoefler (Chair), Mike Bley, Luis Zugno

2023 O’Flaherty Award Committee: Sarah Drayna (Chair), Mike Bley, John Rodden

2024 Wilson Selection Committee: Jeff Miller (Chair), Eric Webb, Katie Kutskill

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the appointments as presented.

9. NEW BUSINESS– Mike Bley, President

New business to come before Council was the retirement of Mrs. Adcock, Executive Secretary. Mrs. Adcock said she felt it might be best to do something similar to what happened when she took the position and ask the Council as well as the membership if there was a company willing to house the Association’s business office. Another idea would be a member of the Association taking over the position. Council will be working on this during the company year. Mrs. Adcock was asked to prepare a job description which she will do.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, June 23, at 8 am in the Hickory Board Room. It will be a short meeting before the technical sessions begin for the day including the current Council as well as the new members of Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary



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

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We 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, 2021. 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, we 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.

We 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, 2021 for the purpose of determining whether the documentation presented properly supported the revenue and expense transactions and were properly categorized within the financial records. We found no significant exceptions within the revenue and expense transactions tested.

We were 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, we do not express such an opinion. Had we 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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